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1996 Have-A-Heart, Buy-A-Heart Headed for Success!

By HHBHTF

The Masonic family is already doing itself proud for this year's Have-A-Heart, Buy-A-Heart Campaign. Every Lodge in the two Monroe Districts has signed up for a time at one of the Malls, most for whole day shifts. Our Eastern Star Chapters are starting to respond and our Brothers and Sisters from Wayne, Livingston and Ontario/Seneca/Yates are making commitments as well. This year's Campaign promises to be well staffed with enthusiastic workers whom, we know, will do an outstanding job!

The Task Force met on December 10th at the Ronald McDonald House with the professional staff who administer the "House that Love Built", the Home Away From Home. They offered us many good suggestions that we will utilize this year and in the future.

A surge of pride went through us all when we saw the Masonic Cornerstone and were greeted in the vestibule with that beautiful plaque commemorating our love and caring when the house was being built. Every member of the Masonic Family should see it and the house you helped build.

While we were at the house the "why" of what we were doing came through, loud and clear. We were there at dinner time and watched the volunteers serve a delicious smelling pasta meal to the families. Watching the diverse families eat together and share stories of their days with their children was touching, to say the least.

Any and all organizations who sign up to work will be communicated with by mid-January and they will be supplied with a set of instructions for operation.

We thank you again from the bottom of our hearts on behalf of the families and children who benefit from the Ronald McDonald House.

Fact Sheet

RMH Programs Nationwide:

- 170 Houses are now open and operating in the U.S. and in 12 foreign countries.
- 1st House opened in 1974 in Philadelphia, PA; the 150th

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opened in Paris, France, Sept. 1991.

• 6 Houses operate in New York: Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany, Manhattan and Long Island.

7 Monroe County hospitals served by the House:

Primarily Strong Memorial, Highland, Park Ridge, Genesee, and St. Mary's. Also, any medical facility that serves children on an out-patient basis. Facilities such as St. Joseph's Villa and Hillside Children's Center provide in-house psychiatric care.

Strong Children's Medical Center:

The vast majority of families have children receiving treatment at SCMC and other divisions of Strong Memorial Hospital such as the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit. 35,000 children are seen annually at Strong. In-patient stays average 6 days...but some last as long as 90 days.

Who Stays at the House?

Families of children being cared for at any Rochester Hospital, children undergoing out-patient treatment in any medical facility, and children in organ transplant programs. There is no geographic restriction. Families of adult patients are able to stay if room is available.

Primary NYS Counties Served:

Monroe, Livingston, Wayne, Ontario, Allegany, Steuben, Yates, Schuyler, Chemung, Genesee, and Orleans, however, all counties of New York State have been represented.

Referrals:

Through the social services department of the local hospitals, physicians and office staff, and families who have a child scheduled for treatment.

Night Fees:

\$10.00 per night per family, to be reduced or waived if unable to pay. Forty percent of all families do not pay full fee.

Description of the Rochester Ronald McDonald House:

15,000 square feet, 20 bedrooms which accommodate up to 4 people; 15 baths; 2 1/2 story living room; 3 station kitchen, dining room; library, playroom; volunteer room; recreation room; family room; deck; garden; manager's apartment; a day

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Best Wishes for a Happy and Joyous New Year



from
the Times Staff!

Don & Jean Bragger-Frank Bazoett-Barb Goodrich
Met Gingold-Bob Ogden-Bob Pettit

Scholarship Programs Available Now!

The Masonic Service Bureau has received many calls over the last few months from people anxious about scholarships. There are many available both through the Bureau and other Masonic organizations. The Bureau scholarships are described below and the Scottish Rite scholarship is described in their section. Many Lodges in the area offer scholarships to children and grandchildren of their members. Scholarships are also available through Grand Lodge, check with your DDGM or Master of your Lodge.

Monroe County Youth Scholarships

The Masonic Service Bureau's Scholarship Committee announces that its County Scholarship Program will begin accepting applications after February 1, 1996. The program is designed to assist graduating Monroe County high school seniors who are seeking financial assistance for their freshman year in college.

It is the plan of the Bureau to award a number of \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors based on specific rules and decisions, determined by the Scholarship Committee. Only graduates who attend Monroe County schools are eligible.

The following rules will be used to govern the winners:

1. Must be a high school senior who will be attending a school or course of study on a full-time basis in 1996.
2. Application is to be completed by the student in his/her own handwriting and be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from their school guidance counselor.

Brothers of Oatka Lodge No. 759 Turn Out to Help Family in Need



Larry Blazey, Carmen Valeri, Chuck Crevison, Gary Trescott, John Pascucci and Bart Bracaglia working in the attic of Number 10 Maple Street. (Photos by Don Tubman)

By SW Donald A. Tubman, Jr.
Help

On Saturday, November 11th, at exactly 8:00 a.m., members of Oatka Lodge No. 759 in Scottsville, descended on the home of Jean and Charles Webb armed with crowbars and hammers. They cleaned and repaired

the 2nd floor of their home that was damaged in a fire on November 5th. The Webbs were both surprised and delighted by the Masons act of benevolence.

Brother Webb is Past Master of Oatka Lodge and Jean is Past Matron of Oatka Chapter 320, OES.

"This is what it is all about!"

3. Submission of proof of acceptance or a letter of intent at an accredited school or in a course of study for the ensuing year.

4. All parts of the application must be completed in the student's own handwriting and should be accompanied with a personal letter containing the following information:

a. A description of the student's background, including involvement in extra-curricular activities such as Masonic or other youth organizations, church activities, community service groups, volunteer services, school organizations and work related experiences.

b. A very brief description of why you are in need of monetary assistance. Be sure to include a copy of the FAF (Financial Aid Form) or a copy of the most recently completed family Federal Income Tax form.

The Guidance Departments of our Monroe County schools screen students who are interested in applying for our scholarship and then recommend one student per school to our committee. We suggest that all interested high school seniors contact their guidance counselor after February 1, 1996.

If for any reason your guidance counselor is unaware of our

program, please contact our committee at (716) 889-9134.

We, the committee, wish all high school seniors the best of luck in the pursuit of their educational goals.

Masonic Youth Scholarships

The Bureau's Scholarship Committee announces that applications for the 1996 Masonic Youth Scholarship Award Program will be available February 1st. It is the plan of the Bureau to award a number of \$500.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors based on specific rules and decisions of the Scholarship Committee. Graduates who belong to a Masonic Youth Organization or are sponsored by a member of a Masonic or related Body are eligible.

The following rules will govern the winners:

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♥ 1996 Widows' Luncheon ♥

10th Anniversary

Saturday

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Editor's Corner

Don Brugger

Listen up

When I was in the U.S. Air Force, we had a Sergeant whose name was DeGenova. He was just a bit taller than my belt buckle and had an irritating demeanor, at least I thought so at that time. When he really wanted to get our attention he would begin with OK, "Listen Up". Well, OK, "Listen Up"! It's been a pet peeve of mine since becoming Editor that people continually refer to the *Times* as the "Monroe Masonic News". It's probably a small thing and it should not bother me, but, I would like them to use the right name.

There are, within the Western and Central regions of the State of New York, several Masonic Publications with similar titles. The "Masonic News" of the 1st and 2nd Erie Districts, the "Masonic News" of the Chautauqua District, the "Masonic News" of the Niagara/Orleans District and the "Southern Tier Masonic News" of the Chemung/Schuyler/Tioga and Broome/Chenango Districts. The publication, which you are now reading, is called the *Masonic Times* and has been that since September of 1991. Some habits are hard to break, but please, when referring to this publication, try to use the proper title. Thank you.

Dear authors

I hate to seem negative, yes, I really try not to be, but I wish some of you would proofread your copy. Hastily written passages lead to ambiguous or unclear meanings. As I have cautioned in the past, please read your copy. Is it really what you want to say?

A small caveat

Just in case you are tempted to use the new buzz-word:

"Ca-ve-at (ka've-at), n. [Latin, 'let him beware.'] A legal notice to some officer to suspend a certain proceeding until the notifier is given a hearing; in general, a warning or caution." It's used mostly in patent law.

Missing

I don't know how many of you notice the listing of Lodges who do not send in copy. I would like to draw your attention to this, because 25% (8) of the Lodges were late or failed to submit copy this month. (See page 18)

Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc.

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By Vernon L. Goodrich

Future of the Bureau

Often persons and companies project the future. Sometimes by psychics, but generally based on historical and current information. In a recent church sermon, the minister reminded us that only God knows the future, but that does not mean we should not plan for it. Granted, sometimes we have to take the first step based on faith. This brings us to the basis of Freemasonry.

Faith, Hope and Charity are the foundations and building blocks of Masonry. Faith begins at the end of vision or point beyond hearing range. Faith does not get you around trouble, it gets you through it. It is only through Faith that we have Hope for the future, and only through Charity (love) can we solidify that same hope for the future.

In good hands

The Bureau depends upon your love for its very existence. The Service Bureau's progress over the years is a commendation to each and every one of you. Truly, the foundation of Masonry has been exemplified by your generous support (both in volunteer hours and money) of your Masonic Service Bureau. The future of the Bureau is in good hands-YOURS.

Focus on Friendship

A great person once said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear

itself." When faced with a potential medical problem, there is fear generated in most of us, not of the known, but of the unknown. Once we know and are no longer in the dark, our Faith and inner strength allow us to meet those problems with a better understanding of life.

Yes, changes may occur in our outlook-we may take the time to smell the roses. We all have rivers to cross during our lifetime, but Faith will allow each of us to take that first step in crossing. When at last we near the end of our toilsome journey, and may even select the Hospice Program, will you be there to help? Come, join me and be a volunteer for Hospice. Call today.

Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

The Friends of Strong Memorial Hospital is an organization of volunteers that advances the mission of Strong Memorial Hospital. They provide services to the patients, families, and visitors, promoting the hospital in the community, raising money to support patient needs, and community outreach.

On Friday, December 8th, six volunteers representing the Masonic Service Bureau in particular, and the Masons of Monroe County in general, participated in the annual sale of Paper Dove Decorations to raise funds for the year round charitable activities for the hospital. The event was held at Marketplace Mall, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Our volunteers were: Tom and Cora Paglia, Gary Burke, Mary Wright, Sylvia Bollotin and myself.

The Directors and Staff of this organization are fully aware that we represent the Masonic Community, and they are very much appreciative of our participation.

On behalf of the Bureau and myself, the cooperation of the volunteers is greatly appreciated, and grateful thanks are extended to them for an excellent job.



Regulars: (left) Paul Robertson, Doris Robertson and June Moon (right) Sylvia Bollotin and Cora Paglia.



Canandaigua Veteran's Medical Center Gift Wrap Volunteers: (front) Doris Robertson, June Moon, Charlotte Meier, Winnie McDill, Cora Paglia and Sylvia Bollotin. (back) Tom Paglia, Rod Meier, Don McDill, Leon VanHuben, Harold Bollotin, and Paul Robertson.

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The Auditorium at the Veterans Medical Center crowded with volunteers. (Photos courtesy Harold Bollotin)

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Equipment	On loan	Canes	88
Bathtub equip.	43	Commodos	89
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		Wheelchairs	130
		Miscellaneous	11
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R..W.. Chester W. MacRae



Grasp the Opportunity

District Deputy Grand Master For the Genesee-Wyoming District

Fact

Of the 783 Brothers raised between January 1, 1995 and September, 1995, the age distribution was:

- 142 were 21-19 years old
- 242 were 30-39 years old
- 204 were 40-49 years old
- 133 were 50-59 years old
- 47 were 60-69 years old
- 15 were 70-79 years old

This reflects my thoughts, which I have mentioned many times before, that the "Boomer" group and the "Yuppies" are coming of age. They were trained to think for themselves. They marched for many causes, they rumbled through college, raised their kids to be teenagers, now they are ready to be influential joiners. What better group to join, other than the church of their choice, is our great Masonic Fraternity? The total of 446 from 30-49 years of age testifies to this fact. Brothers of the Genesee/Wyoming District, keep up the good work by raising more and more members to prove that our District is alive, active and growing.

Table Lodge

I can remember when the German Lodges in the Eries had annual "Table Meetings". We called them "German Table Lodges". I suppose they were modeled after the Old European German Lodges, having a joyous repast and using very heavy glass "Thunder Mugs" that would make a bang when they struck the table and didn't break from such hard usage.

Triluminal and Oakland Lodges held a joint "Table Lodge" a couple of years ago. The first one in the District was great. With such enthusiasm generated, several Lodges are planning more of these "meetings". See the notices under the respective Lodges for further details. I urge you "old timers" to participate in one or more of these "German Table Lodges". Viva-viva-viva.

Thank you

It is heartwarming to read about the Lodges of the District.

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With the Masters contributing, the District activities are becoming noticed by all our membership. I know it sometimes becomes difficult to get an article in the paper on time. The old "saw", I don't have anything to write about, is hardly an excuse. You do have activities each month, let's hear about them. There were only three Lodges without an article in the latest *Times*. For those who made it, I salute you!

Trivia

Recipe Puzzle by Linda Adams

- 1 clothes pin
- 2 pieces of 1 loaf per person
- Yellow spread
- Sliced off white stinky stuff
- Thin sliced cry baby veggie
- Black and white sprinkles
- Put together, sit back and enjoy with a
- Yellow bubbly
- What am I?

Holiday

I was remiss in not including greetings in the last issue, but this publication can convey my best wishes for a prosperous and active 1996.

God bless you all. □

PI & A

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

As I write this I can look out my kitchen window and see the snow falling and covering the ground. It's beautiful. It makes me think how lucky I am, how lucky most of us are. We have warm homes and food to eat; most of us.

Some people out there are not so lucky. There are many homeless people out there. I hope you have thought of them this holiday season, maybe you made a small donation to a soup kitchen.

I don't want, however, to get too far from my intended subject. I just don't want to forget that there are still many among us who need our help. Not only the homeless, but those afflicted with drug and alcohol abuse habits.

I have attached something to this column which was given to me at one of my programs and which I've used ever since. It may make you stop and think about the problem as it did me.

The Top 7 School Problems in the:

- 1940's
- 1. Talking in Class

- 2. Chewing Gum
- 3. Making Noise
- 4. Running in the halls
- 5. Cutting in line
- 6. Dress code violations
- 7. Littering

1990's

- 1. Drug/Alcohol abuse
- 2. AIDS
- 3. Pregnancy
- 4. Suicide
- 5. Rape
- 6. Robbery
- 7. Assault

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless you all. □

Purple Apron Club
~
Genesee-Wyoming District

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By R..W.. John S. Stockholm

A new calendar year is upon us and we still have some improving to do. Many Lodges in our District are raising new Brothers and their attendance is improving. It is our hope that Masters realize the Purple Apron Club members are here and ready to help them in any Degree.

Interesting evening

Nine of our members attended the reception held for Grand Master, M..W.. Earle J. Hino, Jr. This was one of the nicest receptions I have attended. The guests and speakers were interesting, and as always, our Grand Master gave us a very interesting resume as to what he has done and what he expects Masons in New York State to do in the future.

Best wishes

One of our members, R..W.. Merle Webster, received a 50 Year Pin and Certificate on November 27th at Mt. Vernon Lodge in Java. Our Grand Master made the presentation and offered his congratulations. Three Grand Lodge Officers also attended. Best wishes, Merle.

Committees

In the next issue I hope to have some committees listed. We have only four months left in this Masonic year, and with a little extra effort, our District Deputy will have an excellent report for Grand Lodge in May. □

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities

R..W.. Robert Seils, Pres.
Bro. George Springett, Sec.

By George Springett

The Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities has scheduled a meeting for 2:00 p.m. on January 21st at the Warsaw Temple.

Best wishes

One of the necessities of this meeting will be the election of officers, especially the replacement of retiring Treasurer, W.. Robert A. Forbes. We wish to express our sincere thanks for all the years of good work he has done for the Council. We hope and pray that he has many more years of healthy travels.

Directions

Attendance at this meeting may be of great importance to you, particularly if your influence may change the directions and successes of the Council. As a sitting Master of one of the District Lodges, you are a member of the Executive Board of the Council and are the official representative of your Lodge.

As the snowbirds may sometimes hear, "See ya there". □

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

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R..W.. Robert Nicoll, Master
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1st & 3rd Wed.

By R..W.. Robert Nicoll

Last month Leone and I did not return from Arizona in time to file an article for the *Masonic Times*.

Busy times

As I write today, (December 4th), I think of all the opportunities we have to contribute our time and talent during the holidays. Leone prepared all the Christmas music for church, we helped the VA Hospital in Batavia, and the new State Facility at the VA, and there were neighbor churches and organizations here in LeRoy we helped with their Christmas parties. We hope one and all had a Merry Christmas and will have a happy New Year!

"istory

While in Arizona I called Jim Baldwin, and we had a great afternoon together. We joined Leone's brother and sister-in-law for an afternoon picnic. Jim gave me some articles for the archives; a copy of Olive Branch's By-Laws and Rules of Order, dated 1855; a copy of "The Custom of Bible Presentation to Newly Made Masons"; and a booklet, "Conditions Governing All Awards of the Grand Master's Medal and the Grand Lodge Fifty-Year Service Medal". All these booklets were in an Olive Branch Lodge return envelope with a 3 cent postage stamp embossed on the envelope.

Jim also gave me Walt Davis' membership book with the dates the members were raised. Jim, every day was busy, and we were on our way back to LeRoy before I had a chance to call you back. It was great being with you, and Leone and I send our best personal regards.

Essay book

As I had reported, we are planning to make a book of Rev. Rainer's essays, as printed in the *Masonic Times*. Anyone interested in purchasing a copy, let me know. The projected cost of the book is \$15.00.

Thanks

I thank our Senior Warden, Michael Smith, for taking over the duties of the East while we were in Arizona.

There was a new exterior door installed in the kitchen. Paul Smith and Clayton Dimick did the carpentry work and the door is "Square, Plumb, and Level". After all these years the old door was half rotted away. So thanks, Paul and Clayton.

George Hartwick has dutifully pointed the brickwork on the front of our building, and cemented in all loose bricks. Thanks, George, you did a beautiful job.

Join us

For those of you who haven't been to Lodge lately, come out and renew your association with the Brothers. See the changes to the building, and remember communication begins at 7:30 p.m. the 3rd Wednesdays of January, February and March. We need new members, so talk Masonry to your friends.

Blue Lodge recruits men and makes Masons! □

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

R..W.. Leonard Mason, Master
492-1813
2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Charles R. Newman
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Main Street
Arcade, New York 14009

By R..W.. Leonard W. Mason

During November we raised two new Brothers with the assistance of Oakland Lodge No. 379.

We also lost Brothers Edward Sixt, Ronald Cudworth and Robert White.

Set an example

1996 looks like a bright New Year. We need to keep working to promote Masonry, and the only way is for each to set an example to his peers. Most Masons are already doing this and take it for granted, but we need to figure out how to help those observing from the sidelines realize what Masonry is.

Many members ask, "What am I getting out of Masonry?", or "Why am I staying in Masonry?". Masonry is the relationship you have between friends or family. You aren't always putting on a dinner, conducting a fundraiser, or taking part in an event, but you are always a Mason and in the public's view.

If this sounds too much like motherhood and apple pie, let me know.


Reminders

Dues notices have been sent, along with the solicitation for the Brotherhood Fund. We have achieved 100% participation for the last few years, so let's keep up the good work.

Communicate

Stop and think when you were in Arcade the last time and when you last were in contact with the Lodge. I would like to request a brief note from you that could be reprinted in a future publication. This will let your Brothers know what you are doing and where you are doing it. Hope you take a minute to drop a note. □

HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837



W. Theodore Paine,
Master
548-7136

1st and
3rd
Thursday

W. John Specht
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12 South Lake Ave.
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By W. Ted Paine
Success

The 20-20 party was a success with nearly 300 in attendance. It was also the setting for a birthday celebration for one of the "Twilight" band members. The band is led by Brother Mark Phillips.

Thanks

I thank my Junior Warden, Joseph Chimino, chairman, officers, Brothers and their wives who pitched in to make this one of the best in recent memory, nearly doubling last year's successful party. A wonderful time was had by everyone.

3rd Degree

On December 7th Hesperus Lodge raised three new Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. I welcome Brothers Harold Chartraw, Donald Mattice, and David Squires to Hesperus Lodge.

Table Lodge

The day is January 4th, the time is 8:00 p.m. and the place, Hesperus Lodge. The menu for dinner is Ham and Scalloped Potatoes. Reservations must be made in advance because of limited space. Call Joe Chimino, 494-2422, George Springett, 247-3557 or me, 548-7136 for reservations.

Brotherhood Fund

We have received Brotherhood Fund contributions from 30 Brothers. This is only 36% participation. Let's hear from more of you.


Membership

As of this writing, only 47 of our 98 members have remitted their dues. That's 48%, less than half. Your Master would like to report a 100% remittance by January 31st. How about it? Let's start out the New Year right.

Reminders

January 18th - Visit of R. W. Robert G. Seils, Assistant Grand Lecturer. This will be at 7:30 p.m. At 8:30 p.m., Mr. Dennis Kirst, Byron/Bergen District Superintendent will speak.

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



W. Norman Steinbaugh,
Master
591-2073

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

R. W. Donald Van Son,
Secretary 591-1390

39 Main Street
Attica, N. Y. 14011

By W. Norman Steinbaugh
Grand Lecturer's Convention
Attica Lodge Officers were all present at the Convention on November 14th to qualify for the

Howard Potts Award. This is the second year in a row that Attica Lodge has qualified. Congratulations and thanks to Attica's Officers for their work and attendance at the Convention to make this possible.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brother Charles Lapp on receiving the York Rite Sovereign College of North America Gold Honor Award for service to his Lodge. The Award was presented by R. W. Kenneth Kohlhaugen and R. W. Jerold Brade, following a program on the York Rite Sovereign College by R. W. John Stockholm at the December 6th Attica Lodge Communication.

1st Degree

We have a candidate waiting and have scheduled a 1st Degree for January 17th. We can also use some help, so please come and give us a hand.


Molly

The Attica Molly Rescue Team traveled to Hesperus Lodge on December 7th for a 3rd Degree. We received a good welcome, but also had a disappointment as we were not able to rescue Molly. We were one Brother short! All is not lost as we promised to return with the missing Brother!

Communication

If you move, please send the Lodge your new address. Dues notices and Brotherhood Fund information have recently been sent out and some were returned for incorrect addresses. Please check that yours is correct, so that you continue to receive the *Masonic Times* and Lodge mailings.

CONSTELLATION
Lodge No. 404



W. Cletis E. Shoup, Master
237-2988

1st & 3rd
Thursdays

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

By W. Cletis Shoup

I wish all of you a prosperous and happy New Year.

January events

There will be a Euchre Night on Thursday evening, January 4th. All Brothers and friends are invited.

On Saturday, January 13th, there will be a Table Lodge at the Perry Temple. Details will be sent to all local Masters the first week in January.

We will hold a mock (first section only) 1st Degree on January 18th.

Reminder

Do not forget our Masonic Brotherhood Fund. Send in your contribution!

Congratulations

Secretary Charles Myers and SW Paul Stickley went to Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263 on November 27th to see M. W. Earle J. Hino, Jr., present a 50 Year Pin and Certificate to R. W. Merle Webster. It was a most delightful evening with a very inspiring talk by our Grand Master, who really put his message across about the future of Masonry in the world.

Blue doors!
I hope you all are reacting positively to the paint job on our Temple doors done by W. John Cook. Now our Blue Lodge will be easier to locate. R. W. Robert G. Seils, AGL, commented about the blue paint when he visited us on November 16th.

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



W. Steve Sharman,
Master
786-2745

1st & 3rd
Mondays

R. W. Kenneth E. Kohlhaugen,
Secretary 591-9598

2473 Route 20A
Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

By W. Steve Sharman

Brethren

At our December 4th Communication, we conferred a 1st Degree. W. Glenn Cramer filled in as Master to give the obligation, the Apron Presentation was done by W. Paul Baetzold, the Bible was presented to the candidate by W. John Stockholm, and W. Bill Geitner gave the Working Tools and the Charge. W. Merle Robinson and I exchanged the Questions and Answers. The Degree went well and the visiting Brethren and our own members made for a well filled Lodge room.

Sickness and distress

It was reported that Brother Bob Hyman was laid up the week of November 27th with a bad back, and that he is now up and making some progress.


Repair time

It was reported by Brother Mel Parmerter that the Lodge roof has been leaking. We are hoping that the weather will cooperate with us to accomplish these much needed repairs.

Reminders

Your dues notices for the year have been sent out by the Secretary, and if you have not paid yet, please make plans to do so to help in keeping his records straight. It is a good time to give to the Brotherhood Fund. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Contact W. Carl Parmerter at (716) 535-7472.

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



W. L. John Herman
493-5916

1st and 3rd
Tuesdays

W. Allen L. Capwell, Secretary
786-8989

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

By W. L. John Herman
We again mourn the passing of Brothers to the Grand East. Brother Carl Winkelblech, who was raised in 1948, died October 30th. He and his wife have resided in Ithaca for many years.

We just learned that former Warsaw Police Chief and Brother Al Bartlett died in Florida. He was 94 years old and has been a Mason for 72 years.

January meetings

On January 2nd and the 16th

there will be business meetings and Euchre. During the cold months, in an effort to save fuel costs, most meetings are held in the kitchen.

Plan now on an informational program about the Knights Templar at the second communication in March.

District Deputy
Grand
High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitulat District
Rt. Exc.

Gary C. Thompson
392-7546

I hope everyone has had very enjoyable holidays.

New Representative

At the November 13th Awards Night held at Arcade Chapter in Pike, NY, it was announced that James L. Pickering was appointed R. E. Grand Representative of the State of New Mexico. R. E. Ruel R. Lovett and I attended the public Awards Night along with several other Companions of the District and their ladies.

Festival

The 29th District Festival will be held Saturday, January 20th at Wyoming Chapter No. 181, Warsaw, NY. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 8:00 a.m. and the Degrees begin at 9:00 a.m. If you wish to participate, please tell the High Priest of your Chapter.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The 1996 Grand Lecturer's Convention will be Friday, March 19th at Western Star Chapter No. 35 in Batavia. More information will come later. The Friday date is necessary to accommodate R. E. Hobie Cook's schedule.

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

Ill. Ruel R. Lovett
Master
494-2546

Ill. Robert F. Dagen
Recorder
548-7148

West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14482

By Ill. Ruel R. Lovett
Happy New Year

Companions, as we start the new year, we extend greetings to all of those who live away from our immediate area. We know you can't attend our meetings, but we hope that you think of us from time to time. Write to us and let us know where you are and what you are doing. Don't let us forget you. Absent shouldn't mean "gone".

Thank you

Thanks to the Companions who are helping with the Chapter and Council meeting experiment. The back to back meetings have met with limited success. Only time will tell if this is a good idea. In the meantime, let's give it our best shot.

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Robert J. Micoli, President




Contributions

Rt. Ill. Layton Vogel will be glad to take your charity contributions. I assure you, he will be talking to you, either in person or by mail. Let's make it easier for him as he represents a very worthy cause.

Thank you

Thanks and a tip of the hat to Ill. Companion Everett Norris for volunteering to fill in for the rest of the year. The vacancy was not expected. We will miss the departing Companion and wish him good luck. We hope he will be with us again in the future.

Happy New Year and God bless us all.

Batavia Commandery
No. 34
Knights Templar



Meets
2nd & 4th
Thursdays

SK Ruel R. Lovett
Commander 494-2546

SK Allen L. Capwell
Recorder 786-3897

Masonic Temple
200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

By SK Ruel R. Lovett
Christmas Toast

SK Harry Brown was in Florida enjoying the fun and sun, but had to come home to lead the Christmas Toast on December 14th as Excellent Prelate. It was a much better trip than last year when he had hip replacement surgery.

Thanks

Many thanks to SK Ken Kohlhaugen who supplied the program. SK Ken is a good resource person for material; Batavia Commandery is rich in such resources.

Send a card

SK Robert Dagen recently spent some time with SK Donald Clattenburg. They had a pleasant day, with SK Don returning to the Veterans Hospital afterwards. If you have some free time, visit Don or send a card.

Regional Seminar

On January 13th the Regional Seminar for the 11th, 12th and 13th Zones will take place at Batavia Lodge. Registration, with coffee and doughnuts, will be at 8:30 a.m. The Seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. All officers, from Senior Warden and above, are requested to attend, all others are welcome. If there are any changes, you will be updated by phone or mail.

Happy New Year

I wish each and everyone the best ever in the coming year. May God bless you and keep you.

Genesee/Wyoming
Masters & Wardens

We wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year!

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District Deputy Grand Masters of the Monroes

R. W. Richard C. Friedman
1st Monroe



R. W. Terry W. Wihlen
2nd Monroe

Feel the Power of Freemasonry

Freemasonry has the potential to provide the experience of positive POWER to the average Brother. Often we think of power as having a negative connotation. Power and powerful experiences mark the Mason's life.

Witnessing the 3rd Degree is a powerful experience. Watching so many men of varying backgrounds, ages and interests pull together to portray the drama of Hiram Abiff can be an incredible experience. Feeling the message of integrity and trust to the fidelity that we share with one another is a powerful feeling. Hearing the clarion call to responsibility, moral functioning and accountability that the Degree contains can and does change your life in some very significant ways.

Talking to many of the newly raised Masons in the District underscores how powerful the Craft is and how too often we as more veteran members, take it for granted. In many cases over the last month these words were said to us by new Masons about Masonry:

• "I feel closer to God from taking the Degrees".

• "The Degrees have reminded me of the good things my family taught me that were in the background of my life".

• "I was not sure if I would find a lot in the Fraternity, but its spirituality and fellowship are awesome".

• "I keep hearing some of the messages in the Degrees while I am at work and they do improve my performance".

• "Coming to Lodge is making me more comfortable in meeting people and making friends".

Those are some pretty powerful words and feelings coming from men who are fresh to the experience of the Craft.

Remembering others

Visiting sick and shut-in Brethren and widows during the holiday season is a powerful experience. In several instances, this visit was the last to a Brother before his death. It is a powerful feeling to know that our Brethren have left us really knowing that their Brethren cared for them and loved them. Place yourself in the position of a Brother who was

once active and vibrant as a man and Mason who is now incapacitated by illness or age. Feel the power that Brotherly love could exert to you in that position!

Volunteer

Helping anyone is a powerful feeling. Those who have volunteered for the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign next month are about to experience it. Those who will be working at the Shrine Circus in March will feel it. Those who come to the VA visitations will feel it. The power that a smile brings to a needy person can change the world for just a moment.

Leadership

Self improvement, the journey from the rough to perfect ashlar, is a powerful feeling. Having now been extremely active in the Craft for a decade, we can see the differences in many of the Brethren around us. We can see Brethren come forward to lead whom we remember as scared and kind of shy newly raised Brothers. We can see the difference in bearing, public speaking, decisiveness, and social skills that these men have achieved in large part through Masonry.

Feeling your feelings is in and of itself a powerful feeling. Seeing 50 year members, regardless of level of activity in the Craft, receiving their recognition is a great example of this power. We have rarely seen a "blase" 50 year member on his big night. Unfortunately, we have seen some presenters who were less than conscious of how important a feeling this is to our veteran members.

Take the time to imagine what it must be like to be standing in the East in a Lodge room, for many of our Brethren this is the only time that they have done so, and look out on a group of men who are standing and giving you Grand Honors. Feel the confirming power that you have done the right thing by staying with the Craft when it might have been easier not to.

Opportunities

Freemasonry offers the opportunity to good men to feel positive power. The hundreds of ways that the Craft provides this golden key are just there for the taking. Masonry stands for that which is good and true in man. It stands for that which is spiritual, that which is honest, that which is emotional and that which is giving.

Freemasonry asks you to challenge yourself and go beyond doing the minimum for your God, country, family, community and for your own self.

These emblems of the operative Mason's art indicate the labors he is to perform, the dangers he is to encounter, and the prepa-

Grand Lodge Staff Officers of the Monroes

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



R. W. D. Scott Seltzer
Grand Sword Bearer

Continued support

We hope you had a joyous Holiday Season and are ready to get through the boredom of the worst three months of the year (January, February, March). Our mission for the first half of the year is to continue with vigor to offer and support the training and educational programs.

The first one is the Grand Lodge Leadership Development Course, and we encourage you to urge all your line officers to attend. The class will have some of the potential Grand Lodge Officers in it, as it is a requirement. The Bureau of Masonic Education will be conducting this class in a one day session on January 20, 1996. Details can be found elsewhere in this publication.

Planning Seminar

The next program offered will be for Senior Wardens, but ultimately anyone could benefit from it. The program is a Trestleboard Planning Seminar and it will be held on January 27, 1996 at the Downtown Temple. Registration will be at 8:00 a.m., and coffee and donuts will be provided by your Staff Officers. We will take you through an actual Trestleboard and fill in all the blanks.

The potential Grand Lodge Officers will also be in attendance at this seminar to support you and allow you to plan your Lodge Official Visit in your year as Master. This program was started last year and the feedback was very positive.

Share your good fortune

Some Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights have already been scheduled for January. We urge you to bring someone you care about to share with them your good fortune in becoming a Freemason. The Monroes have been doing a great job with this program and results, petitions, attest to that. As the saying goes, "Practice makes perfect."

Task Force

As you have seen in this publication, a Task Force has been formed to better organize this year's Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign. As a part of the Task Force, your Mall Chairmen, R. W. Bruce at Irondequoit, and R. W. Scott at Eastview, look forward to working with you in what we hope will be a very successful effort. This is an ideal program for both Freemasons and the Ronald McDonald House. It allows us as Brothers and Sisters to work together to make, in the uprearing of that spiritual fabric wherein his soul shall find rest forever, and forevermore.

Embrace Freemasonry with your heart and feel the power! See you in the Quarries. □

gether toward a common goal, while providing a small share of the almost \$400,000.00 necessary to operate the House annually. This year the District Deputies will consider granting dispensations to any Lodge that would like its members to wear their Aprons while at the Malls. We encourage you to bring your families and any friends. Please make every effort to help support this great cause. □

1st. Monroe District



W. Robert Franzen, Master
H346-3997 - W 235-1782
Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.

W. Robert C. Green, Sec.
H 223-5953 F 425-7054
Webster Masonic Temple
30 Orchard St.,
Webster, N.Y. 14580

By W. Robert Franzen Brethren

Once again I have had the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of our Canadian Brethren on the occasion of the Installation of Brother Brian Aubrey as Master of St. Andrew's Lodge. As always, I received a warm welcome. The Brothers of St. Andrew's send their regards to all of you.

While there I had the opportunity to read the DDGM's message. His theme for the Fall of 1995 was participation by the Brethren in all of the Masonic events, whether it be Degrees or Blood Drives. He reminds the Brethren that many hours of labor have gone into providing the Brothers with many programs and only through participation of the Brothers can rewards be gained.

Membership

Our Canadian Brothers have also had similar woes in membership. Since 1957, out of 15 Lodges, over 10 have lost approximately 50% of their membership. St. Andrew's has gone from 397 to 194, but they are making a strong comeback. They have an excellent group of young officers with many younger members and at least three more progressing through the Degrees now. Their leadership is solid with the support of many Past Masters.

Commitment

As we start the new year, I ask each of you to renew your commitment to Masonry. "The growth and prosperity of our Fraternity is in the hands of each of us. We must do everything possible to ensure the future of Freemasonry", so says Past Grand Master of Kentucky, M. W. Harold Downard. Though he spoke these words in 1985, they still ring true in 1995. Our Fraternity is not an organization in which one can sit idly by and allow others to do the work. Brother Tom Foote is now in the process of building his year as Master, and now is the time to step forward and volunteer to assist him in his work. Do everything that you can to ensure the future of our Fraternity.

Important upcoming events

The 2nd Degree will be conferred on Tuesday, January 9th.

Our day to man the booth at Eastview Mall for the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign is Sunday, February 4th.

The Winter Picnic will be February 10th at Powder Mills Park.

The Shrine Degree Team will confer the 3rd Degree on Tuesday, February 13th. □

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479



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

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

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

By W. Martin K. Michaels Greeting, Brothers

Well, I guess the Winter season is finally upon us. The snowbirds have all flown South by now, and we hope they enjoy the warm weather.

Our Official Visit was November 13th. It was well attended, and all present heard the Grand Master's words.

The Lodge Christmas Party was December 18th, and Seal the Clown entertained us, along with a good juggling act. Santa and his helpers had presents for all of the children.

Sickness and distress

W. Chet Carter has diverticulitis, and also seems to be having some loss of strength in his legs.

Brother Leroy Houge is having trouble getting in and out of bed. If anyone can help with Leroy, please call his wife at 352-5610.

Brother Stewart Mattern has his artificial leg and seems to be doing very well in his rehabilitation.

Long Range Planning

The Long Range Planning Committee met on December 6th and had an eye opening report on the membership numbers for the future. If any Brother has suggestions for this Committee, they will meet again on January 9th at 7:00 p.m.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a happy New Year. □

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

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

By W. Neil E. Laundry

It gives me great pleasure to greet the Brothers of Monroe Lodge for the 1st time in this new year.

Visitor

The Lodge was honored at the November 28th meeting by the presence of R. W. Donald Brugger. Don was good enough to assume the role of SD for the evening. It was kind of neat having Dad Brugger close to the East and son, John, seated as SMC. Not only that, but R. W. Don came bearing gifts. He had become aware of the Lodge's connection with the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial restoration project, through the active labors of our late Brother, W. Lavern Johnson.

Some time ago, Don had taken several photos of the Owen's Road monument and had selected one to reproduce in the form of a beautifully executed oil painting. It was the delivery and presentation of that painting to the Lodge that precipitated Don's visit. It was a true pleasure to accept this Brother's gift on behalf of the membership. Thanks again, Don, for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

60 Years a Mason

On Tuesday, December 5th, W. George Brege and I were honored to visit Brother Jack Low at his residence to present him with his 60 Year Pin and Certificate. If you see Jack around and about, don't forget that congratulations are in order. Sixty years! Wow!

Bring-a-Friend

December 12th was a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night at Monroe. R. W. Bruce Chilton visited us and helped bring the message of our great Fraternity to our guests. Several of the Brothers shared their own insights into the workings, benefits, and rewards of membership in the Craft. Pizza and Buffalo wings followed the meeting. We hope to be able to report next month that several of our guests have submitted their petitions for the Spring Degrees.

Gifts

On December 16th and 17th pointsettias were delivered to our local widows. We hope that everyone enjoyed the flowers as much as we enjoyed visiting with the ladies.

News

Several Brothers and their families have taken the time out of busy schedules to drop notes or letters to us. W. Howie Bale is back at the crazy hours again, but it sounds like he's having a ball working in an "ergonomics" lab. The thing is that he's having fun while facing a whole list of physical problems any one of which would stop most folks cold. Howie, you're amazing!

Ron and Millie Weigand send best wishes to all (and are not above rubbing it in a bit about how nice their weather is).



Jack Low with the 60 year Grand Lodge Service Certificate presented to him by Monroe Lodge No. 173.

Brother William Paine is living in Wichita, KA, now. He has four of his six children and eleven grandkids in that area. His brother, Theodore, is Master of Hesperus Lodge No. 837 this year.

Brother J. Roland Prince wishes everyone well and sends his hopes to everyone for a joyous holiday season and the happiest of new years. We return the same to you, Brother Roland. You take care now!

Brother Bill Windle sends his fraternal greetings from Green Valley, AZ. He and Myrtle are enjoying the 80° temperatures, sunshine, swimming, and bowling. He's still attending a Tuesday night Lodge.

Let's hear from you!

If you have enjoyed hearing from these folks, think of how much pleasure you could bring to others just by dropping us a line about happenings in your life.

....And so, until next month, may the blessings of heaven rest upon you and yours!

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154



W. Thomas Hueston, Master
H 723-0173
W 588-5561
•
2nd & 4th
Mondays
7:30 P.M.

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

By W. Thomas J. Hueston
Happy New Year

As we begin another year, I hope all of you are sticking to your New Year's resolutions, again.

Thanks

I thank our Steward, Jim VanZile, for his hard work on this year's Christmas party. Many thanks to SD Sherwin Isaacs, for playing Santa and bringing a few of his antique trains for everyone to enjoy. A special thank you to SW Don Bell for helping me put up the Lodge tree and to the Lodge elves who decorated it. Everyone had a good time.

Have-A-Heart, Buy-A-Heart

This event will take place February 2-10 at Irondequoit Mall. I have committed our Lodge for February 6th from noon to 9:00 p.m. Let's show the Ronald McDonald House we care. I will

have a sign-up sheet at Lodge or call me for a time slot.

Widows Luncheon

February 24th is the date of this year's Widows Luncheon. If anyone hasn't been contacted and would like to attend, please call John Rees at 288-5461 or me at 723-0173.

Clean-up

Brother Angelo DiCataldo has announced that thanks to the building clean-up, we now have about 900 square feet of space which we can turn into a recreation room for the Lodge. We would be appreciative of any donations of couches, chairs, lamps, tables, games or stereos, etc.

January events

On January 8th we will have a return engagement of W. Grant Romer. He will speak on Part 2 of the Great Pyramids. There is a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the ladies are invited.

Our 2nd Bring-a-Friend Night will be held on January 17th at 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge.

The DeMolay will portray a Degree in a youth program on January 22nd.

Petitions

A reminder: we are always looking for new members. If you know of someone you think will make a good Mason, speak to him and be sure to hand him a petition. Let's introduce a friend into Masonry. Bring him on January 17th.

Future news items

If anyone would like to submit items for publication, please send them to Brother Don Bell at 15 Timothy Ct., Rochester, NY 14623.

New and views

By Don Bell

Sickness and distress

We are glad to see Brother Bob North up and around after his stay in the hospital. His wife, Pat, is doing well after suffering a minor stroke. Our best to both of them.

Marty Dox, wife of R. W. Mike Dox, and one of the several ladies who has helped on our dinners, has had surgery.

W. Don Darrohn II's wife, Roberta, had an operation. They are remaining in the Rochester area for awhile.

W. Ray Jay has had quadruple by-pass surgery. This is his second heart operation and he is at home recuperating.

W. Tom Ward's wife, Irene, has had a gall bladder operation.

Brother Sal Vent is not feeling well and would appreciate hearing from you.

Condolences

We extend our condolences to the families of Brothers Russell S. Braman and Roy Forschler on their passing to the Great Architect of the Universe. We also extend our condolences to Brother Art Plotzker and family on the passing of his Brother.

Congratulations

R. W. Charles C. Spiegel, Jr.'s father recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Congratulations!

Holiday visitation

Our Visitation Committee has been busy visiting the sick and shut-in Brothers. Among those visited were Brothers: Jim Willis, DSA, and Roy Connelly at St. John's Home where he now resides on the 6th floor.

First meeting

The meeting on Monday, January 8th, will feature R. W. Maurice Solomon, a member of the Custodians of the Work. The Custodians govern the Ritual in our Grand Jurisdiction and as the former Chairman of this Committee, Brother Solomon brings a unique view to the topic that he will be discussing, "The Symbols and Allegories of the 3rd Degree". R. W. Solomon will also present the Historical Lecture of the 3rd Degree that night.

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

Our second Brother Bring-a-Friend Night will be on Monday, January 22nd. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a short program at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, contact R. W. Bruce Chilton at 342-0562. Dinner reservations should be made with Brother Bob Carlson at 426-8572. Remember, there is no charge for our dinner guests or for those who bring a friend. We are using a regular communication for the event. This cuts down on nights out in the Winter, so let's have a great turnout for our friends!

Buy-a-Heart Campaign

Our day at Marketplace Mall is on Saturday, February 10, 1996. Brother Mike Rise is coordinating this for the Lodge. He will be asking for volunteers and many will be needed to cover the entire day. Friends and family alike can, and are, urged to participate.

Peek ahead

On Saturday night, March 2nd, a "Summer in the Winter" cookout is scheduled. Co-chairmen for this event are R. W. Richard Friedman, who is handling the publicity, and W. Paul Rogers, who is in charge of the menu. Stay tuned for more details. This event will be held at the Lodge, making it an affordable evening.

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943



W. Tom O'Leary,
Master
288-7381
2nd & 4th
Mondays
7:30 P.M.

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

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

By W. Tom O'Leary

Rescheduled

Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Donald C. Vetel, regrettably cancelled his talk on President Harry S. Truman. However, he has been rescheduled to speak at our Communication on April 22, 1996.

Visitations

We would like to thank R. W. Bruce Chilton for a fine job of organizing the Holiday Visits. They were much appreciated by the Brethren!

3rd Degree

On December 11, we raised our seven new Brothers. A big "thank you" to R. W. Pat McNenny for sitting in the East and to R. W. Richard Friedman for his direction of the Hiram Legend. We appreciate all the Brothers who participated and supported this Degree.

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

By W.: Dave Upham
 As the end of 1995 and the beginning of 1996 approach, it is traditionally time for people to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and to plan for the year ahead. Perhaps it would be fitting to do the same for Clío Lodge.

Successes

In retrospect, Clío has enjoyed a very good year. The Spaghetti Dinners have continued to be very successful and have contributed significantly to our coffers. We have brought in new members and even have a petition in waiting for the Spring round of Degrees.

With the help of R.: W.: Don Wright, W.: Karl Brandt and W.: Jerry Jones, we have a strong beginning to our Vision 2000 effort - including such areas as building maintenance and improvement, fundraising, membership retention, membership attraction and public awareness. We have been successful in decreasing the length of time spent in meetings and, at the same time increasing the amount of time we spend together in fellowship.

Attendance at meetings is slowly increasing. Plans to provide entertainment for members and families are starting to get positive response. Yes, the year has been good to Clío! We are pointed in the right direction and are proceeding down a path which will lead to great rewards for the Masons of Hilton in the future.

Looking ahead

With these words in mind, looking ahead to 1996, the view is encouraging. If we follow the paths upon which we have set our feet, we will most certainly reap the rewards and attain the goals outlined in our 1995 planning session. The caveat is, however, that we must continue to pursue the established goals with vigor, we must constantly replan for new goals and re-evaluate our progress as each day goes by and we must continue the momentum that we have begun to feel. As we begin to realize the Vision, we must expand the view.

Where do we go from here?

We, each of us, all of us, individually and collectively, need to

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focus on membership! We need to bring in petitions! We need to do it now! We have one petition in waiting for the February Degrees. That is not enough, Brothers. The Grand Master will be here in April to view the 3°.

Will you force us into borrowing candidates from other Lodges or will you be the one who supplies the petition to fill out the class? Will you attend our next social event or will you let others be the ones to enjoy the fun and fellowship? Will the same gang of five continue to put on the Spaghetti Dinners or will you show up and give a hand occasionally? Will you come to Lodge and see for yourself that good things are happening or will you be content to read about it here?

Read the poem below and decide for yourself how it applies in your Masonic life:

I saw them tearing a building down,
 A gang of men in a dusty town.
 With a Ho-Heave-Ho and a lusty yell,
 They swung a beam and a side-wall fell.
 I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled?
 The kind I'd hire if I wanted to build?"
 He laughed and said, "Why, no, indeed,
 Unskilled labor is all I need.
 They can easily wreck in a day or two
 What the Builder has labored years to do!"
 I asked myself as I walked my way,
 "Which kind of roll had I played today?
 Was I a Builder with Plumb and Square,
 Constructing my plans with loving care
 Had I practiced my Craft with loving heart
 Constantly mindful of the Builder's Art?
 Or was I like the men in the dusty town,
 Content with the labor of tearing down?"

In closing

I close with the wish for each of us in 1996 for good health, happiness, prosperity, and a secure sense of purpose in the quarries of life containing the desire to practice the Builder's Art in each and every aspect of our lives. May the blessings and bounty of the Great Architect of the Universe overflow in our lives and from there to others.

Secretary's Notes

By Charles A. Tucker, DSA
Official Visit

To bring you up to date on what has happened, in November we had the Official Visit of R.: W.: Richard Friedman, DDGM and Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: Bruce Chilton. It is always a pleasure and honor to sit down with these Grand Lodge Officers of our District. It is like waiting for Santa Claus.

Turkey dinner

Our Turkey Dinner on November 12th was cooked by W.: Dave Upham. It was great and enjoyed by all. We had a special presentation by Bro. Dale Polmateer on the George Washington National Masonic Memorial.

Is this you?

As you read this item, ask yourself, "Is this me?"

Recently a Brother asked to be dropped from the membership rolls. I called him to find out the reason. He replied that the Ritual was good, but the feeling of brotherhood was not there. While taking the Degrees he felt it, but after the Degrees were finished, nobody seemed to care about him. No one talked to him. A Brother would say hello and then ignore him to join his particular group. This may be the reason were are having so many NPD's and demits.


Birthdays

Birthdays for January are Brothers: Al Bird, Rudy DeCarlo, Gerald Webster, John Lewis, Gary Wahl, and W.: Allen Speer who will be 103 years young. God bless you, Allen, and have many more. If your name does not appear in these birthday columns, please call me at 392-2006.

Book Faire

Our November Book Faire was very successful. Thank you W.: Dave Upham for all your efforts.

Clío Lodge No. 779, F&AM
"End of Year Party"
 December 30, 1995
 8:00 p.m. Until...
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Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109

 W.: Richard Snyder
 H-342-2419
 W-586-4624
 2nd Tuesday
 7:30 P.M.
 R.: W.: Herbert Spencer, Sec.
 H 271-8577
 875 Main Street East
 Rochester, N.Y.
 14605-2789

By W.: Richard Snyder
Greetings Brothers!

Tidings, and best wishes from the Officers and members of Valley/Simes Lodge. May 1996 be a year of brotherly love, peace, prosperity and good health for you and your loved ones.

Longer days!

The shortest day of the year, December 21st, has come and gone, and soon we all will begin to notice the daylight hours lasting longer. The more daylight we have, the better life looks to us. The end result, of course, is if life looks better, we feel better, and when we feel better, we begin to come out of the darkness into the light with a brighter outlook on life.

1st Degree

One of the places where things are getting a brighter outlook on life is right here in your Lodge. The Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, under the direction of W.: Gary Burke, W.: Bruce Mason and JW, Michael Batz, was a suc-

cess. Petitions have landed on the Secretary's desk, and a 1st Degree conferral has been scheduled for January 23rd. Brothers, please mark your calendars and plan on being present.

Fellowcraft

Many thanks to Glenn and Carol Stahl for hosting the Club's Christmas get-together at their home. The several Brothers and their Ladies in attendance made the night joyous. The treats and munchies were extra delicious. Thanks, also, to their sons, Todd and Scott.

Message from the JW

By Michael Bates

Our November 21st Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was a great success. The meal prepared by Hildi DiJames, Irondequoit Chapter, OES, was superb. Mouth watering chicken with all the fixin's, and dessert, too! Thanks again, Hildi.

Many thanks to my helpers on the Committee: W.: Gary Burke, W.: Bruce Mason, and W.: Richard Snyder, for all their support and cooperation.

The program went smoothly and the movie was well received. The program was held in Cathedral Hall, the grandeur of which really impressed the 6 potential candidates. To date, two petitions have been received, and another two have expressed an interest.

We need names

The next Bring-a-Friend Night is planned for April. We need new names to make it a success. Another invitation will be sent to the ones who did not attend. It is my wish to see many more of our Brothers in attendance to show the potential new candidates the fellowship and support Valley/Simes Lodge has to offer. To all who did attend, especially the Fellowcraft Club, my sincere thanks.

Dinners

There will be a dinner before our January communication, served at 6:30 p.m. The February communication will be our second annual Sweetheart Dinner with our Ladies, and in March we will have an Irish Festival Dinner, where the Lassies are also invited.


January meetings

On January 2nd there will be a meeting of the Officers, Trustees, and Committee Chairmen.

The Annual Meeting, with dinner will be January 9th. Reservations are required and may be made by calling either the Master or the Secretary. No tuxedos.

The Fellowcraft Club will meet on January 16th.

On January 23rd we will confer the 1st Degree.

Flower City Lodge No. 910

 W.: R. Adrian Solomon, Master
 473-0619
 2nd Thursday
 7:30 P.M.
 R.: W.: Phillip Averbach, Secretary
 458-1817
 875 Main St. East
 Rochester, N.Y. 14605

By W.: R. Adrian Solomon
Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

What does Masonry mean to you? Are you proud of being a Brother? If so, then why not share that pride by bringing a young

man to meet Flower City Lodge's Officers and Brethren? To paraphrase a civic leader of the early 20th Century, "In our hands lies the destiny of a great organization!"

Our next communication on January 11th, will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. When well run, this program is informative, creative, innovative, fun and, most important, a source of new Brothers for the Lodge.

Do not wait to be contacted. Call any officer of the Lodge today with the names of your potential candidates, so that we may invite them. You know the friends I'm talking about. The ones who you know would make good Masons. Bring them out and offer them the chance to become Masons.

Senior Warden's Program

On January 25th, our Senior Warden, Doug Higgins, will present a program of his own. I know he has been working hard to prepare a great time for everyone, so let us reward him with a great turnout. I want to see lots of faces on the sidelines.

Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

The Annual Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign will be held in February. Flower City Lodge is scheduled for Marketplace Mall on Tuesday, February 6th, from noon until 9:00 p.m. Working in three hour shifts, I would like to see at least three people for each shift. This is a great way to serve the community, and place Masonry in a positive light with the public at the same time.

Thought for the month

Do you know the difference between an active, growing Lodge and a Lodge that is in decline? A declining Lodge is looking back at the past; a growing Lodge is focused on the future. In which direction is your focus? I ask you all to join me in focusing on the future of Flower City Lodge.

January dates

The Fellowcraft Club will meet January 4th.

Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night will be January 11th.

The Senior Warden's Program will be January 25th.

FAIRPORT Lodge No. 476

 W.: Robert L. Slominaki, Master
 W 872-4420
 2nd & 4th Mondays
 7:30 P.M.
 W.: George R. Bracht, Secretary
 H 383-1947 O 383-8636
 87 South Main St.
 Fairport, N.Y. 14450

By W.: Bob Slominski

As this copy of the Times will hopefully arrive during the holidays, I hope everyone is truly enjoying the season. As you know, Fairport Lodge had only one meeting in December, enabling us to spend more time with our friends and families.

Sickness and Distress

This month's report contains only good news. Dwight Turner and his wife have recovered from their illnesses and are doing very well. Al Fowler's family is doing much better and Al is now a grandfather. Congratulations!

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Memorial Service

During the 2nd meeting of November we held a Memorial Service for our Brothers who have traveled on to the Supreme Architect of the Universe. This is a simple, touching service where the name of a departed Brother is read along with the date of his passing. At that time, a Brother from the sidelines places a memorial flower upon the altar in remembrance of him. Remembered were Brothers: Oscar Stenzel, Alfred Westerman, Lawrence Friar, Raymond Ashley, Clarence Clow, Harvey Ulrich, Donald Metcalf, Charles Minnamon, David Joyce, Ivor J. Bryant, Frederick Mingo, Warren Crump and Paul Cairns. It was also my sad duty to report the loss of Brother Elliott Baker during this meeting.

Looking ahead

January is packed full of opportunities to enjoy the fellowship of your Brothers, great food and good times.

Official Visit

Our first meeting on January 8th, is the Official Visit of R. W. Rich Friedman, his last visit to Fairport Lodge as DDGM. We will open at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at the Goose and Gridiron "Fairport Village Inn" at 6:30 p.m. This year's menu offers a choice of Prime Rib for \$16.00 or Chicken Cordon Bleu for \$12.00. Please state your meal choice when making reservations. RSVP to Wayne Beckwith at 388-0112 or me at 872-4420. Reservations will not be accepted after January 3rd.

R. W. Rich has done an excellent job as DDGM and I hereby charge all the Brothers of Fairport to turn out and show their support for his great work. Officers, this meeting is formal, wear your tux if you have one.

Bring-a-Friend

On January 15th we will hold our 2nd Brother Bring-a-Friend Steak Roast. The cost is \$15.00, but as usual, guests eat free and the Brothers bringing them get their meals for half price. Stop and think for a minute. Wouldn't Fairport Lodge be more fun to attend if your best friend was a member too? Each of us has a close friend, neighbor or relative we could bring to this event. "LET'S DO IT".

2nd meeting

The meeting on the 22nd is Past Masters roll call. During this meeting, the Past Masters will open and run the Lodge. Preceding the meeting will be our first Brother Bring-a-Brother Dinner. Simply put, bring a Brother who has not attended Lodge in over one year and both of your meals are free. Everyone else gets to pay \$6.00. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Night

This year R. W. Chick Becker and Brother Sam Harrison are planning a very special evening for the ladies. It will be held on February 17th at the Perinton VFW Post. We will be having an open bar before dinner and cash bar afterwards. The meal will be buffet style followed by live music. Look for further details in next month's article, but plan now to attend.

Your Lodge Officers look forward to seeing you at these events, and as always, we welcome your comments on how to improve our efforts.

2nd Monroe District

Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, January 5th 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Webster Lodge

30 Orchard Street Webster, NY

Donation Adults \$5.00 Children \$2.50

O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759

W. Carmon Valleri 889-8701

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



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

By W. Carmon Valleri Hello, I hope everyone had safe and happy holidays.

3rd Degree

First and most important, our 3rd Degree will be on January 24th, NOT January 10th, as originally planned. You would think after 40 years, I could read a calendar. Please note this correction and plan to be there.

A sad note

At our November 8th meeting we were saddened to hear of a fire at the home of W. Charles Webb. A request was made by R. Terry Wright for help with the cleanup and demolition. I'm sure I speak for everyone there when I say how heartwarming it was to see so many Brothers show up that we almost got in each other's way. I couldn't be more proud of this Lodge.

Brotherhood Fund

Please don't forget your donation to the Brotherhood Fund. If you haven't received your donation card yet, please contact Bro. Gary Trescott.



Chuck Crevison, Jim Sheerens, Dig Taggart, Jim Pascucci, Kevin Foster, Bart Bracaglia, Carmen Valeri and Terrance Wright, lending a helping hand at the home of Charles and Jean Webb.

Henrietta

Lodge No. 526 1863-1996

W. Paul B. Josephson, Master 334-7353

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



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

By W. Paul Josephson

Happy New Year to one and all. 1996 has arrived with the promise of a fresh start with new challenges to be met. Let us go forth with renewed strength and purpose to improve our Lodge and our personal life.

Bring-a-Friend Night

In January we will be having a Bring-a-Friend Night on the 16th. The Calling Committee will be getting in touch with all our local Brethren. Be prepared with names and addresses, so we can make this a gala event. Also, if the Calling Committee doesn't contact you, it most likely means we don't have your correct phone number or address. Please contact either myself or Robert Sanford so we can update our membership list.

Thanks

Thanks to all of the Brothers who have sent their 1996 dues in so promptly. It is greatly appreciated. To those who haven't as yet, please take care of this as soon as possible. Dues are the life blood of the Lodge, and we need yours to continue to do the good works of Masonry.

Thanks, also, to all of you who remembered the Brotherhood Fund.

January meetings

There will be Fellowcraft on January 2nd, and Lodge meetings on the 9th and 23rd. Let us all brave the cold and share the warmth of brotherhood. See you in the Quarries.

By Ron Morthorst

Brotherhood Fund 1996

Thank you to all who have replied and sent in your Brotherhood Fund donation.

hood Fund donation! Yes, you can send in yours and still take a deduction on your Income Tax. Send your donation to Ron Morthorst, 231 Mystic Lane, Rochester, NY 14623.

Fellowcraft Club news

Elections were held at our Annual December Meeting, and the following Officers were elected.

President-Jack Frost Vice-Pres.-Dick Bull Sec/Treas.-Bob Sanford

Every member should endeavor to attend meetings and support these Brothers in the work they do for the Lodge. Remember, they are working for your Lodge.

Happy Birthday

The following are celebrating their birthdays in January: William Cole, Don Purcell, and Joe Cocca. If you see them, wish them a happy birthday.

John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032

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W. Kenneth J. Skidmore, Master 334-5699

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

By W. Kenneth J. Skidmore

Welcome to the New Year! May 1996 be better than last, and the best yet! I know that many of you are tired of being reminded to be better, make resolutions to improve and all the New Year ritual, but I would ask you to consider what you could do to help Masonry. We need each of you to find ways of sharing the good deeds and goals of our organization. So, please do your good deeds and share what we are all about. By doing this we will attract others to our cause and perhaps find men interested in joining us because we are helping our community.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Speaking of helping, please be reminded (and please put it on your calendar) that we are helping the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign on Monday, February 5th from 1 until 4:00 p.m. at Irondequoit Mall. Please note the time change. It is a very worthy cause and an excellent way for us to show the community we care. Please give me a call if you can come for all or part of the time. We can use your help.

Thanks

Although I was ill and unable to attend the Christmas Party, I

understand it was a very pleasant evening with good food and good company. Great! That is what we look forward to. I would like to thank some hard workers who made the evening a success. First, my wife, Sue, and Sally Davis, for making the favors for the ladies.

Second, I would like to thank Skip Waterstreet for coming in early, at last minute notice, and helping Sue to set up for dinner, as well as fill in for me at the Lodge meeting.

I also want to thank Norm Gauch for his arranging for the dinner, calling, and handling the reservations. He did all this while his wife was in and out of the hospital.

I also understand that Donn Stevens, our organist, treated the ladies to some holiday music while Lodge was meeting. Thanks, Donn.

Saving the best for last, may I thank Frank Morse and Joanne for treating us all to this great event. That was very generous and the Lodge thanks them both.

Merger

We have finally received what I think is the final paperwork for the Lodge merger. The notice for a Summomed Meeting on January 15th should have been mailed, or is in the mail. Please attend, hear the rationale, and help the Lodge make this important decision. I am recommending that we merge with Craftsman Lodge at that time. Assuming we vote yes, and as soon as Craftsman Lodge votes yes, the merger should take place.

Brotherhood Fund

Norm Gauch, Chair of the 1995-1996 Brotherhood Fund Drive, reports that as of November 30th, 29 members have contributed a total of \$725.00. This represents a little over 27% of our membership and is a long way from our goal. The members of John A. Robertson have always been prompt and generous in their support of this annual appeal that funds so many worthy programs for those less fortunate Brothers in the State of New York. If you have not sent in your contribution, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you misplaced the return envelope, just give Norm a call at 271-1368.

Meeting note

I would like to call your attention to the fact that we will be meeting only once a month for January, February and March on the 3rd Monday. That will change if we merge.

Happy Birthday

It is always my pleasure to note the birthdays for the month! Aging, like wine, is supposed to make us better. It is a good thought, even if not true! This month we congratulate: Kenneth Yanicky, Edward Walker, Franklyn Morse, Adren Sutlift, Kenneth Skidmore, Oran Kissinger, and Albert Connon.

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R. W. Lawrence K. Canfield, Master
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1st & 3rd Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

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



Santa Claus dispensing gifts at Towpath Lodge's Camp NACORA Christmas Party held on December 2nd.

Now that the holiday season is over, it is time to look ahead to the new year. It is our wish that the holidays were happy and safe for everyone.

Special day

On Sunday, December 3rd, we hosted the children from Camp Nacora at the Downtown Masonic Temple. Members of the Shrine Clown Unit entertained children with their balloon magic. A special visit from Santa and a magician topped off the program. Pizza and other good stuff, along with gifts for all the kids, made this a very special event. Several of the campers offered their thanks and said this was the best party they have had in a long time.

Thank you

A special thanks to W. Ed Hoak and his wife, Arlene, Brothers Phil Hurwitz and Doug Vanderkamp and my wife, Eleanor for all their assistance to make the event very special. We also had food donations from

Wegman's and a gift donation from Walmart. Thanks to all.

DeWitt Clinton Award

The highlight of the December meeting was the presentation of the DeWitt Clinton Award to the founders of "Step By Step", Margie Mayk and Pat Merele. This program offers training and support to women in need. They provide specialized training for women who have been in the legal system, recovering women and single parents. A special thank you to R. W. Bill Zufall for providing the background information, R. W. Ron Mertens for providing the history of the Award and to Brother Larry Lundgren for an excellent presentation. This was a very special evening and those who attended received a lesson in what we as Masons are all about.

Concerns

We have a real concern in Lodge about support and attendance. Every effort has been made to streamline the business portion of the meetings, offer interesting programs, provide for fellowship and include the officers in planning and participation. Yet, when I make calls to encourage attendance, everyone seems to be too busy to attend. Officers cannot seem to take time to meet their obligations and members, as I stated, are too busy.

If an organization is to succeed it has to be a cooperative effort on the part of everyone to make it work. I do not think there is anything worse than offering Degrees and programs only to have less than 20 people in Lodge or to have three people support an event. Brethren, I ask you to take a moment to review your Masonic obligations and see where you fit in the different parts. This is your Lodge, your programs and your effort. Take a moment and renew your obligations and plan to support your Lodge. You are needed and important.

Secretary's Corner

Our Secretary, Sol Phillips, has offered some information about the members he has heard from...a card of thanks from

Brothers Leo Edwards who was in the hospital and Ellsworth Rodgers for receiving his 55 Year Pin. A special note was received from Edward Allen whose wife is very ill and the from family of Ed Barry for his 30 Year Pin. Let's hear more from the membership.

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Where:

Towpath Lodge, E. Rochester

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For reservations call:

Larry Canfield
315-524-8729

January events

There will be no meeting on January 2nd. On the 16th Brother Phil Hurwitz will offer a special program for estate planning. A dinner will be held prior to the meeting. The menu is Roast Beef for a cost of \$7.00. See the special ad in this issue of the *Times*.

Please plan to attend your Lodge meetings!

GERMANIA Lodge No. 722

W. David N. Foster, Master
244-0194

1st
Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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

By W. David Foster

Greetings, Brethren

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a safe and happy holiday season. Like many of you, I have made several New Year's resolu-

tions, one of which is to keep Germania Lodge moving ahead like we did this past year. I hope one of your resolutions (one that you plan to keep) is to become more active in Lodge this year. There's still plenty of room on the sidelines, so don't be bashful! We would really like to see you and have you see how well your Lodge is doing.

January meeting

Our meeting on January 2nd is Official Visit, Awards Night, and our annual Holiday Party, celebrating with our ladies. Because of our Degrees and adjusting of our schedule, these activities would have normally taken place in 1995; this is especially true with regard to the awards we will be giving.

We plan on having our 1996 Awards Night in the Fall of 1996. I hope this doesn't cause any confusion for anyone, but if you think we have made a mistake regarding any award, please give me a call.

Our Holiday Party will feature an attitude adjustment period starting at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Ham Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The ladies will be guests of the Lodge, and the cost for the men is \$5.00. If you haven't made your reservation as yet, please call me at 244-0194 immediately!

Welcome

Congratulations to our newly raised Brothers! We are extremely pleased to have you with us. Special thanks to the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team, who did an excellent job presenting the Degree.

We are still optimistic that we will have a Spring Class of 2 or more candidates. There's plenty of room for more. If you know of any potential candidates, let's get them in this new class! To meet our schedule, we need petitions in no later than the January meeting, so let's make that extra push and get them in.

Brotherhood Fund

Brother Andy McBride has mailed his Brotherhood Fund letter and is gleefully accepting donations. You can make a donation in the memory of a loved one. That's a really nice way of keeping a person's works following them after they have laid aside the working tools of life. Remember, we're shooting for that 85% participation level-please try to make a contribution. Please help the Brotherhood Fund now.

Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

Another item for your calendar. Germania Lodge will be manning the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart booth at Irondequoit Mall on Friday, February 9th. We'll be looking for volunteers to help on this project, so please see me to sign up for a time to help raise contributions to support our local Ronald McDonald House.

Dues

Our Secretary has asked me to remind you that dues are due. Please send them in as soon as possible. Your prompt response helps with our cash flow. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Join us

Lastly, I hope to see you at one or more of our upcoming events. Keep the momentum going! Remember, if you have any ideas for future Lodge activities, give me, or one of the other officers, a call. We need your input. Better yet, come to Lodge and let me know personally!

See you in Lodge.

Craftsman

Lodge No. 969

W. Charles Strickland, Master
872-1397



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

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

By Robert Ogden

Seasons Greetings

Several members of Craftsman Lodge who are unable to attend Lodge, were pleasantly surprised by visits from Brothers Strickland, Hook and me. The Brothers received beautiful poinsettia plants.

Bring-a-Friend Night

On January 16th, Craftsman Lodge will host another Bring-a-Friend Night. It will be preceded by a Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner. Visitors will be treated to a fine display of Masonic memorabilia, ending with short talks regarding Masonry.

Christmas Party

Our Children's Christmas Party was a huge success, with approximately 35 children, along with parents and grandparents, attending. Brothers Bolotin and Marsaw held the children spellbound with magical tricks and clowning. Our sincere thanks to Chuck and Karen Strickland, along with Bill and Helen Hook, in making it such a memorable event. Thank you.

Best wishes

Sorry to hear of your feeling poorly, Brother Vern. We all hope you will improve quickly and get back to your usual routine.

Safe journey

Brother Bill and Helen Hook will be firing up their luxurious motor home, with van in tandem, about mid-January and head toward Virginia and then to Florida. Don't get messed up, Brother Bill, with the weather on Rte. 15 through Steam Valley Mountain, like last year. Good luck.

California-here I come!

The Hook's got Tom and Sue Kendig off to a flying start to California recently, where they will visit their son, who is a policeman (following in father's footsteps). They will be near Los Angeles, and then head North to visit other relatives. Have fun and hurry home.

Fellowcraft Annual Dinner

January 9, 1996 will usher in another Annual Fellowcraft Dinner to be held at the Maplewood Inn. The social hour is at 6:00 p.m., and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Brothers-please note on your calendars.

January birthdays

Happy returns of the day to the following Brothers with birthdays falling in January: Roy Guess, Dirk Oukes and John Sanna.

More January dates

On January 2nd there will be a regular meeting with no dinner.

On January 16th will be Bring-a-Friend Night, with dinner.

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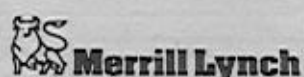
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Lalla Rookh GROTTO

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Earl K. DeSmith, Monarch

By Ron Morthorst

Monarch Earl DeSmith and his Officers will be Installed on Saturday, January 13th in Cathedral Hall, Downtown Temple. All Prophets and their ladies are invited, as are all friends of Lalla Rookh Grotto. Refreshments will follow in the 3rd Floor Dining Room.

1996 Elected Officers

Monarch-Earl DeSmith
Chief Justice-Jan Lughart
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Chaplain-Michael Bell, PM
Support your Monarch and his Officers, they have many programs planned for your enjoyment in 1996.

Membership News

We will be holding a Master Mason Night on Monday, March

18th from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Bushman Cabin, Henrietta Town Park. This will be open to all Master Masons.

If you want a night out to have a little fun, fellowship and good food, call Ron Morthorst at 334-4196.

Board of Governors

Attention all members

We will be meeting on the FIRST MONDAY of the month, unless a holiday falls on that day.

On Monday, January 8th, we will meet at Rick's Prime Rib House, 788 Howard Road at 5:30

p.m. for our Annual Meeting. Did you make your reservation? ☐

Monarch's Euchre Tournament

The Monarch's Euchre Tournament will be held on Wednesday, February 21st at the Downtown Temple. It will be preceded by a Swiss Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Play will begin at 8:30 p.m. Your dinner is free with your 1996 Dues Card.

Reservations a must

All reservations not honored will be billed to you, as we have to

pay for them. Call your Monarch, Earl DeSmith at 473-4146, Chief Justice, Jan Lughart at 352-4698 or Master of Ceremonies, Dick Topel at 663-2547.

Legion of Honor

By Dick Topel

Now that the holidays are over, it is time to get back to working on the Installation of Officers to be held at the Barnard Exempts Restaurant and Party House, on January 20, 1996. Call me at 663-2547 for reservations.

New direction

At the December meeting there was discussion about finding another place to meet, or making other arrangements. There aren't too many places that have a private room where we can meet on the date we need. We should know by the February meeting which direction we will be taking.

Good news

At the time of this writing, there is no sickness to report. ☐

Lalla Rookh Grotto
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All Master Masons Welcome

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Dates to Remember

Mon., Jan. 8th - Board of Governors Meeting
5:30 p.m. Rick's Prime Rib House

Thurs., Jan. 11 - Caldron Meeting 8:00 p.m.
Downtown Temple

Sat., Jan 13th - Grotto Public Installation 8:00 p.m.
Downtown Temple

Sat. Jan. 20, 1996 - Legion of Honor Installation

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By W.. Edward Roman
I would like to take a moment and wish everyone a happy New Year.

Thanks

Many thanks to all Line Officers and members of Churchville Lodge for all your support.

R..W.. Jay McCullough was our guest speaker on December 13th, and we express our thanks to him. The meal that night was delicious, and kudos to the kitchen crew!

A special recognition to W.. Garry Hutcherson for being the star attraction in bringing new members into Lodge and Scottish Rite. Great job and a lot of effort. A special thanks, also, for helping me when I was missing in action.

While we are being thankful, let us remember all the people who sold citrus fruit for our fundraiser. R..W.. Charles Daycock was the Chairman, Dick Dean sold the most, and R..W.. Don Leisten took care of the poinsettias for the widows. Our gratitude to one and all.

Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

On February 9th we will have a booth at MarketPlace Mall from 12 noon until 9:00 p.m. Nola Chapter No. 368, OES, will join us. You need to schedule the hours you want. We can use all the help we can get for this great cause.

Future plans

We will confer the 2nd Degree on Wednesday, January 24th. I was told that we do have more petitions. It seems it will be another busy year for all of us. ☐

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Greetings, Brethren. We've made it through another Holiday Season and I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable one. If you're like me, you overate in November and December and now need to go on a diet (shouldn't be too difficult since I have to pay for all those high-tech gifts for my kids).

Recent events

On November 16th, we had our Official Visit from R..W.. Terry Wihlen, DDGM and R..W.. Scott Seltzer, GSB. Before we heard the Grand Master's enlightening Message, we surprised R..W.. Terry and R..W.. Harold Bollotin, Grand Representative to Israel with Honorary Memberships. These Brothers have been extremely supportive to our Lodge and we are privileged to add them to our Honorary roles.

2nd Degree

On December 7th we held our 2nd Degree with JW Randy Griswold in the East. Brother Randy did an exemplary job given

it was his first time conferring a Degree (not to mention the added stress of having his father, R..W.. Dwayne Griswold, Past DDGM of the Allegheny District and a group from Southern Tier in Lodge). Well done, Brother "Griz"!

The other participants also added a touch of class to the Degree. Our Senior Deacon and Marshal, Brothers William Fraser and Ron Kless are to be commended for their dedication to improving their Ritual skills.

Due wages

My article would not be complete without saying thanks to the people who give their time to help our Lodge succeed. As usual, Linda and Bob Zahn put on a spectacular dinner that was enjoyed by all. What would we do without them. I don't want to think about that scenario. R..W.. Roger Lowry came out to help with the meal even though he had a bad cold. Crystal Dudley took time out of her busy life to help. Thanks, everyone, on behalf of the officers and members of Northfield Lodge.

Upcoming events

The 3rd Degree will be held on January 4th with a dinner preceding the meeting. The Master will be in the East (Oh, boy!). Our next Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, under the direction of our Wardens, will be on January 5th. At the stated communication on January 18th, W.. Grant Romer will be our featured speaker.

Don't forget the Leadership Development Course on January 20th at the Downtown Masonic Temple, 875 Main St. E., Rochester, NY. ☐

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By R. Adrian Solomon

The next meeting of Masters and Wardens will be held Saturday, January 27, 1996 at Valley/Simes Lodge. The "calling committees" will have the details, or contact any officer of your group.

Participate

This is the start of the calendar year, and can be the start of many great things, if we are willing to put in the effort. We have a great many worthwhile projects, and all we are asking is that YOU take part. You do not need to be a Master to serve on, or even chair, a committee. Call me for information.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

The Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign will run from February 2nd thru the 10th at the area malls. I urge each of you to get your Lodge committed to this effort. Many thanks to R..W.. Rich Friedman and R..W.. Terry Wihlen and their

Task Force for getting the ball rolling on this project.

Agenda

If anyone has an item of business to be brought up at the next meeting, please contact me prior to January 24th, so that I can place it on the agenda.

Schedule

The remaining meetings are as follows:
February 17 - Charlotte Lodge
March 23 - Webster Lodge
March 30 - Grand Ball, Radisson Inn, Jefferson Road
April 27 - Clio Lodge
May 6, 7 - Grand Lodge Annual Communication in New York City. ☐

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Scottish Rite NEWS

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



Reunion Class

The Fall Reunion of the Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA, Class on November 16th and 18th was very successful. We were very pleased to welcome 22 new members into Rochester Consistory. We are looking forward to having them join us in our activities and fellowship.

Thank you

A great deal of hard work went into making the Reunion a success and I express my sincere thanks to everyone involved. The dedication and hard work of the Membership Development Team, Degree Directors, casts, Class Committee, Stage Crew, Scottish Rite Office, Ambassadors Team, Make-up and Wardrobe, First and Second line signers, Damascus Temple Shrine for their reception, all Officers of the Bodies, sideliners and of course, the Class itself. Now is the time to begin planning for the Spring Reunion.

Learning Center update

On November 28th a special meeting was held at the Masonic Temple in Rochester, pertaining to "The Frank and Bette Paul Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center". In addition to Committee members from the

Valley of Rochester, the following distinguished visitors in attendance were: Ill.: Dwight T. Worthy, 33° Active and Coordinator of the Centers; Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33° Active for our area; Ill.: J. Philip Berquist, 33° Active and Deputy for Massachusetts; Ill.: Douglas K. Wilson, 33° Active; and Phillis B. Meisel from Massachusetts General Hospital. This meeting was a very productive one and set the stage for continued progress toward this worthwhile project.

A great evening

On December 7th the Scottish Rite enjoyed an evening of entertainment and fellowship when the Spencerport High School Jazz Chorus performed for us and our families. A special thank you to Most Wise Master, Donald A. Rose, and the Chapter of Rose Croix for arranging this fine program.

A new year

Our January 4th meeting will be an important All Bodies Meeting. Please plan to attend as we will be discussing functions and business pertaining to our Valley for the coming year. There will also be a special meeting for the Officers who are expected to be there.

Programs

The February meeting will be a program meeting under the direction of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem and the March program will be directed by the Lodge of Perfection.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb will be portrayed by the Chapter of Rose Croix and is scheduled for March 28th. The above are just a few highlights of the coming events that you should mark in your calendars.

At this holiday time, I sincerely wish you and yours the very best Seasons Greetings and a very Happy New Year. □

Scottish Rite Program Features Spencerport High School Jazz Choir



The Spencerport High School Jazz Choir (not in order): Emily Southerden, Kristen Thornton, Karen Wolfe, Gloria Pierce, Erin Brown, Pam Kiesling, Suzi Kinsky, Jeff Calabrese, Allan Ulrich, Todd Sander, Steve Hrycelak, Joe Myers and their Director, Allen Jones.



Part of the Spencerport High School Jazz Choir as they performed at the Scottish Rite Program Night in December.



More of the Spencerport H.S. Jazz Choir.

Lawrence W. Dunn Appointed Assistant Secretary



The Valley of Rochester, NY is pleased to announce that Brother Lawrence W. Dunn has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Valley of Rochester. His duties will begin on January 1, 1996.

He has served as a presiding officer and held other offices in many Masonic Organizations. In Oatka Lodge he served as Master and Secretary, and DDGM of the 2nd Monroe District in 1989-90.

In the York Rite he has served as High Priest of Hamilton Chapter No. 62, Illustrious Master of Doric Council No. 19 and Eminent Commander and Recorder of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, KT. In Grand Commandery he was Zone Officer and currently serves as Grand Inspector General. He is also a member of Empire State Priory No. 46, KYCH.

In other Masonic Organizations he has been Sovereign Master in Genesee Council No. 51, Allied Masonic Degrees and Pre-Eminent Governor and Secretary in Genesee York Rite College No. 25. He is also a recipient of the York Rite Order of the Purple Cross, the equivalent to the 33° of the Scottish Rite.

In the Valley of Rochester, Brother Dunn is currently Master of Entrances in the Council of Princes of Jerusalem.

Larry and his wife, Carm, are members of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church where he is the current Treasurer. They have two sons, William and Thomas and four grandchildren. □

Abbott Scholarships

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

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

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

The scholarship applications should be returned to the Scottish Rite Office, 875 Main St. E., Rochester, NY 14605, no later than March 1st! They must be reviewed by the Valley Committee before being sent to the State Chairman. □

Prince Hall Recognition

With unanimous consent, recognition was extended to the Supreme Council, NMJ, Prince Hall Affiliation.

The plan provides for Scottish Rite recognition only within those states for which the Grand Lodge has extended recognition. It will also apply to other Grand Lodges as they recognize Prince Hall Grand Lodges.

The Sovereign Grand Commander was authorized at last year's session to confer with the Prince Hall leadership to explore the possibility of mutual recognition.

The two Grand Commanders agreed in principle to present a resolution recognizing the legitimacy of the two Supreme Councils and allowing for an interchange of visitation. Each would retain its sovereignty and remain autonomous within its respective jurisdiction. The resolution was approved by the Prince Hall Supreme Council in June and needed only our approval before becoming official. (*Supreme Council Working Tools*) □

The 33°

The Why and How

(The first in a three part series.)

By Samuel H. Baynard, Jr., 33°,
Past Grand Secretary General

The Why

The credit for a nomination for the Degree is based upon "work done" - not work done by any individual or work done by a particular body or bodies in a particular Valley - but work done throughout a State, or as we term it, a "District".

The credit goes to the District as a whole, and is based on the number of Brethren who have been initiated into the 14°, one credit for each Grand Elect Mason "made in its jurisdiction, without reference to the Lodge in which they have been made."

In theory, it is not because someone portrays character or recites ritual or presides over a body in a creditable manner or because he brings into the Lodge a bundle of petitions that this degree is conferred upon him. It is not in repayment for services rendered or a reward for work he has done or to honor the individual that the nomination be made and the election is had. It is the act of the Supreme Council reaching into the subordinate body to pick out a man of its own choice, not so much for what he has done in the past as for what it expects of him in the future. It is its method of self-perpetuation.

It is generally what one has done in Freemasonry, civic, professional life, or in state or national affairs that puts the spotlight upon him when the time comes to choose a Brother for the Thirty-third Degree. What one has done is the best standard by which to predict what he will do.

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33°, How?, Why?

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The How

The Supreme Council is composed of Active, Emeritis, Past Active and Honorary Members all of whom have received the 33°. The Active Members are the governing group. Others have voice, but generally speaking, no vote. Each District in the Jurisdiction has from two to five Active Members, but they do not sit in the Supreme Council as representatives of their particular District. They are Active Members of the Supreme Council for the particular District and not Active Members of the District in the Supreme Council. One of the Active Members for each District is chosen Deputy of the Supreme Council for that District, and he is its responsible agent in that District.

It is the duty of each Active Member to become familiar with conditions as they exist in Scottish Rite Freemasonry throughout the District for which he is elected. It is particularly the duty of the Deputy to know these conditions. A part of this duty is to know the men of the District who could be of the greatest benefit to the Supreme Council and to present their names to the Council for its consideration.

When an Active Member places in nomination the names of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret of his District it is essential that he know all about his nominees as the other Active Members in casting their ballots rely upon his knowledge. It is particularly necessary under present conditions when within 24 hours of the nominations, the ballot is spread, and no inquiry outside of the Active Membership is permitted.

(Excerpts from "The Rochester Consistory News", February, 1945.)

"A Little More"

I recall the kind old grocer
When the sugar he would pour,
How he'd tip the scale to balance,
Then he'd add - just a little more.

My how his business prospered,
Folks were always at his store.
For he'd give an honest measure,
Then he'd add - just a little more.

So it is with life, my Brother,
We would build a better score;
If, when we've done what is expected,
We'd add - just a little more.
(Area No. 1 Meeting, Valley of Jamestown)

Public Involvement and Awareness

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

Another year is here and it is time for all Lodges to get involved with some type of community project. There are many projects available for each Lodge in its own community.

If you know of a child that needs medical help in orthopedics or burns, call the Shrine Office at 671-7701. How about the Ronald McDonald House Campaign, "Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart". See your Masters or Wardens for information. For the "Be a Friend of Strong Memorial

Hospital" program, call R.W. Harold Bollotin. Why not work on the Blood Donor Program?

If you need assistance, please call one of Captains of the PIA Committee: Wayne Beckwith, Michael Bell, Karl Brandt, Ron Morthorst or E.T. Cal Kelsey.

What better way than this to get the community to know about your Lodge. You could sponsor a Sunday breakfast for the elderly, sponsor a children's birthday party, have an Open House to display the Lodge history, or if one of your members has done something outstanding in the community, try to get his story in the local newspaper or call the Captains for more ideas.

It is time to let everyone know we are around and show that **Masons are there to help and they care.**

**Bureau of Masonic Education
Monroe County**

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

By W. John Zabel

The Callers - Part 2

Tuesday arrived. George was nervous because he was going to help the Master present the revised callers program. He felt that the revisions would help improve communication with the Brethren and build a better spirit in the Lodge. George arrived at the meeting early and discussed his portion of the meeting with the Master. They agreed on the agenda and the form of the presentation.

Most of the officers and several of the invited Past Masters were present. The Master introduced the reason for the meeting saying, "George and I have come up with some ideas for improving the Calling Committee and their work. We think that this will eliminate most of the problems."

"I don't think we need to change anything", said Past Master Henry. "In my day everything worked perfectly. The Calling Committee has worked the same way ever since and no one ever complained to me!"

"I get the complaints and I think we need to discuss some

changes", replied the Master.

Some of the others started to side with Past Master Henry and the meeting was getting out of hand. The Master quickly took charge. "I appreciate everyone's feelings, but you haven't heard what we want to say yet, so, listen up. After we have made our presentation, you all can comment and express your opinions, but hear us out first", exhorted the Master.

George and the Master presented their plan. "That sounds good, I'll spend less time calling, which I hate, and we may even cover more members", exclaimed the Senior Deacon.

"Well, maybe you have something in this plan", said Past Master Henry. "I didn't really think that we could improve, I'm impressed."

Most everyone agreed that the plan was worth trying. It was implemented and the results were heartening. Complaints decreased and more Brethren were attending special functions and meetings. (The reader will note that the details were not given. It is left to each reader to work within their own Lodge to improve such areas as calling committees, see next section)

What's happening

At the December 7th meeting of the Bureau of Masonic Education the following people were elected. John Zabel, President; Marcel Goldenberg, Vice-President; and Scott Seltzer, Secretary/Treasurer. The Board accepted the resignation of Herb Spencer and commended him for his many years of dedication to the Bureau.

I again remind everyone that the Bureau of Masonic Education will sponsor a one day seminar from the Leadership Development Course to be held on Saturday, January 20th in the Downtown Masonic Temple, 875 Main St. E. The program will start at 8:00 a.m. for sign in, coffee and goodies. The program will end at approximately 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The Course will cost each participant \$17. This covers course materials, certificate and pin. Registration requests with a check made payable to the Masonic Service Bureau (note on the check that it is for the Leadership Development Course), Mail it to the Bureau at 875 Main St. E., 14605.

Bureau of Masonic Education

Presents

Leadership Development Course

When: Saturday, January 20, 1996

Where: Rochester Masonic Temple
875 East Main Street

Time: 8:00am to 2:30pm, Lunch provided
Cost: \$17

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 5, 1996

Send registration and make checks payable to:

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875 Main Street East
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(Note on check for: Leadership Development Course)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Lodge: _____

Registration will be closed after January 5th. The Course is for all Master Masons, especially Lodge Officers, any Mason aspiring to become a Lodge Officer and all Brothers interested in learning more about Masonry, speaking, writing, running meetings, planning programs, etc. It is recommended that each participant have a copy of the "24 Inch Gauge" book and bring it to the Course.



**James A. Hard/
Wayne Charter
Post No. 12**
Leon VanHuben, Commander
647-1391
Dennis Gollasch, Adjutant
265-3993

By Leon J. VanHuben, Comm.

The Post Christmas Party and Dinner were well received.

All invited

Don't forget the Euchre Party on January 30, 1996. All are invited. It's at Fame Lodge, 4275



Members of the Masonic War Veterans and their spouses at the Canandaigua Veterans Medical Center gift wrap session. (first three on left) Rod Meier, Leon VanHuben, Don McDill, (two on right) Charlotte Meier and Winnie McDill (Camera shy).



VAMC
Canandaigua, NY

By Harold Bollotin

Holiday Gift Wrap Session

On Tuesday afternoon, December 5th, the Annual Holiday Gift Wrap Session was held in the Auditorium. The room was filled with a large group of volunteers representing many Veteran and Fraternal organizations. Over 2000 gifts were wrapped in about three hours.

Our regular volunteers were: Tom and Cora Paglia, Paul and Doris Robertson, June Moon, Sylvia Bollotin and myself. We were pleased to welcome 5 newcomers, representing the James A. Hard Post of the Masonic War Veterans. They were Commander Leon VanHuben, Donald and Winnie McDill, and Rod and Charlotte Meier. Sincere thanks are extended to them. In addition, Tom discovered

Culver Road. Registration is at 7:45 p.m., and playing starts at 8:00 p.m. The cost per person is only \$4.00.

Election time

Our next regular meeting will be at Fame Lodge on Tuesday, February 20th, with nomination and Election of Officers for the year 1996-97. You will be contacted on the dinner menu.

I wish you all a happy New Year.

Closing thought

Remember all our veterans in your thoughts and prayers, as they have sacrificed much for all of us.

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that a large group of the Eastern Star from the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District were present. We gave them a warm greeting.

Gift distribution

The highlight of the year, the Holiday Gift Distribution, was held on Sunday afternoon, December 17th. After a brief welcome from the Hospital Director and Staff, the various groups of volunteers left for their assigned wards for the distribution of gifts and refreshment.

January visit

Sunday, January 14, 1996 is scheduled for the next regular ward visit under the direction of Tom Paglia.

Volunteers requested

If anyone is interested, or would like more information, telephone Tom Paglia at 227-2046. He would be pleased to hear from you.

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Best wishes

Congratulations to the new and continuing officers of Webster, Hiram, Livonia and Dansville Chapters. The new year will bring many changes to the Capitular District.

Grand Chapter

The Grand Chapter will convene in Albany on Friday and Saturday, March 1st and 2nd. Bob and Linda Zahn will again (thank heaven!) have the Hospitality Room open from Thursday thru Saturday. Room reservations must be made by the end of January, 1996. You must also make a check payable to the Holiday Inn for \$79.00, or give me your charge card number.

Additional plans

On Friday the Men's Luncheon and the Ladies Luncheon are each \$12.50. The Banquet on Friday evening is \$25.00 each. All checks for meals must be made payable to the Grand Chapter, RAM. Please get your reservations for both the room and the meals in early. We have always had a great time at the Convocation. The Zahn's have done a terrific job with the Hospitality Room, and that has added immensely to our enjoyment. There will be a tentative charge of \$10.00 per person for the Hospitality Room.

Order of High Priesthood

Don't forget the Order of the High Priesthood will be conferred in Cathedral Hall at the Downtown Temple on Saturday, February 10th.

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Thomas M. Paglia, EHP
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By Thomas Paglia, EHP

Well, it's just about over for me. I will be going to the "has been" list shortly. It has been a great experience and learning process. There were a great many things accomplished and some remaining, such as membership and attendance. Remember, this is your Chapter and what happens to it, good or bad, is all up to you. The 1995 Officers have done their best to make it a banner year. Their cooperation was outstanding, all that is needed is you. Give the incoming High Priest, Paul Josephson, and his officers, the full cooperation that they need to make it a good year.

Dues

Remember to pay your dues! The Chapter cannot operate properly if the dues are late in arriving. To have a smooth operating machine, all the parts have to work together. The same with our Chapter, your attendance at meetings and your paid up dues will have a great impact on keeping the Chapter going for years to come.

Thanks

My thanks to all who helped me to have a very interesting and exciting year. To all of you, may God be good to you with an abundance of brotherly love and friendship. I wish you all the best of everything.

Future

Don't forget to sign up a new Companion. They are our way to the future.

Short story

I thought about this for a long time, and wondered if I should put it in print and seeing this is my last article for Hiram Chapter, I said, "go for it!"

Sixty years ago a freezing 10 year old boy stood at the great doors of the Main Street Armory trying to get in to see the Shrine Circus. Those living during those times know that things were pretty hard, with not enough money to feed the family, let alone go to the circus. Then a tall figure of a man (remember, this is a ten year old boy looking up) saw this freezing little boy and asked him if he would like to see the

circus. With eyes lit up and a big smile, he said, "yes". Being half frozen, the warmth of the inside of the building would be great. The tall man with the tux and top hat took the young boy by the hand to the front row (all Shriners know this is the Potentate's Box) and treated him with a kindness that the ten year old boy did not forget. That ten year old boy made a pledge, that if he could, with God's help, he would do the same as the Potentate did for him. That boy has tried very hard to do just that. As a grown man, when he takes a position he tries to help as many adults and children as possible. There is a saying, "But for the Grace of God, there go I". That is why that grown man strives to get to the top with all of the Masonic Concordant Bodies. It is with these Bodies that good can be done to help others.

So, with sadness, my term of office is over. I will remember you all as my friends.

Be kind to yourself and others.

3x3 Chapter NO. 333

Royal Arch Masons
(Chartered in 1990)



Jeffrey Diehl, High Priest
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426-6836
133 S. Union Street
Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

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

By Jeffrey Diehl, EHP

Let me start my tenure as your elected High Priest by praying that, with the aid of the Great Architect, this year will bring us all happiness, contentment, and continued well-being.

New Officers

On December 6th, the five elected officers of our Chapter were properly installed for the ensuing year. The Chapter's Elected and Installed Officers for 1996 are as follows:

High Priest-E.: Jeffrey Diehl
King-Comp. Kenneth Robinson
Scribe-R.: Robert Dagen
Secretary-E.: Karl Reich
Treasurer-Comp. Edward Gillott

I would like to especially express my thanks to V.E.: Jim MacConnell for presiding as the Installing Officer for the evening.

Join us

I wish to remind everyone (regular members of 3X3, visitors, and guests), that our regular convocations are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (with the exception of June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 p.m. at the Etolian Temple in the Village of Spencerport (on Union Street). I hope that all of the Companions reading this article will find their cabledowns less restrictive than they normally may be on these evenings. I look forward to the camaraderie that will be generated during these meetings.

Reminders

Also, I'd like to remind all Companions, candidates and potential candidates, of the approaching RAM Degree Festival, to be held at the Warsaw Temple on January 20, 1996, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In addition, on February 15th at 7:30 p.m., the Companions of the 29th Capitular District will confer the Royal Arch Widow's Degree at Hesperus Lodge (which is in the Village of Bergen, just South of the Conrail tracks on Route 19). Any and all Companions who would like this fun Degree conferred on their better halves, mark your calendars.

In closing, I would like to share with everyone the joy that I received when I was elected High Priest by the members of my Chapter. I am proud to be a member of the 3X3 family, and the Masonic Fraternity. Thank you all.

Doric Council No. 19

Cryptic Masons

(Chartered in 1861)
Douglas Poole, III, Master
584-3601
L. Edward Walker, Recorder
647-2382



+
3rd
Wednesdays
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Masonic Temple
875 Main St. East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

By Douglas Poole, III.: Master

Due to the unexpected snow in November, we were forced to postpone the Royal Master Degree until the December 20th meeting. If the weather cooperates, we will greet our candidate as a Select Master at our January 17th meeting. We will be having a Pork Chop Dinner at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting. Please call me with your reservations so we can plan accordingly. We plan to open the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Table Council

We are planning to have our Annual Table Council for the April meeting. Once again, it will be open to all of the York Rite family. Start working on whom you would like to invite as your guest. The attendance is growing every year, and I would like to continue this trend. If you have any ideas for an interesting speaker or program, please let me know.

Charity Fund

This year our Charity Fund Chairman will be Companion Paul Josephson. We have a major goal this year. For many years Doric Council has been the leader in this annual fund raising drive. There are several Councils that would like to take the lead from us. This is something I hope they will NOT succeed in! So when you receive your letter asking for a contribution, please answer it. Maybe consider a Life Membership?

To all the members of the Masonic family in Monroe and surrounding counties, Doric Council wishes you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Past High Priests Association

Western New York



R.E.: Keith Church, Sec.
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81 Deborah Lane
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

By R.E.: Ruel R. Lovett

A new year

Holiday greetings, Companions. I wish everyone a very Happy New Year. Let's all try harder to make 1996 a little better than 1995. With each person adding his weight, we can make some changes for the better.

Meeting

Our next meeting will be on January 31st. The meeting place has not been established as of this writing.

Festival

On January 20th, the 29th Capitular District will hold a Royal Arch Festival at Warsaw Lodge. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. The Mark Master Degree will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Past Master Degree. After lunch, the Most Excellent Master Degree will be conferred. We hope to finish about 2:30 p.m. Bring your candidates and help with the Degrees. It would be greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead

On Thursday, February 15th, the 29th Capitular District will present the "Widow's Degree" at Hesperus Lodge at 7:30 p.m. This is an amusing skit for both ladies and gentlemen. It is an open meeting which means that you don't have to be a Mason or a member of the Eastern Star to attend. If you do plan to attend, make your reservation with W.: Ted Payne, W.: James MacConnell or myself, as only limited seating is available.

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By SK Ronald J. Bertie
Busy times

The last month was very busy for the Grand Commandery. The Grand Line, including SK Stanley Peterson, travelled to Hicksville, Long Island where they exemplified a rededication of Nassua Commandery. The Ceremony, which lasted approximately 1 1/2 hours, was preceded by a dinner attended by 150 people. My Lady, Elaine, was presented a dozen red roses.

A great evening

On November 22nd Elaine and I travelled to Rome, NY, where Rome Commandery sponsored the "Glen Miller Orchestra" at the Oneida Civic Center. Approximately 600 people attended the event. The audience listened to a talk on Masonry and its charities. The Commandery donated the profits from the event to the Knights Templar Charities.

More visiting

My Lady and I visited ten other Commanderies, Chapters, and Lodges in November. SKs Lawrence Dunn and Stanley Peterson went to Buffalo twice with me. On November 29th, the three of us attended a Testimonial Dinner for M.W. Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. The dinner was at the Hearstone Inn in Buffalo.

In December, Lady Elaine and I visited Commanderies in Watertown, Albany, New York, Ithaca, Elmira, Norwich, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Geneva and Rochester.

January

In January there will be Regional Seminars in Batavia, Watertown and Albany. The Seminar in Batavia will be held on January 13th at 9:00 a.m. at the Batavia Masonic Temple. This is for Zones 11-13.

The Grand Commandery hopes that you have a prosperous and a very Happy New Year. □

**Cyrene-Monroe
Commandery
No. 12**

Chartered
in 1993

2nd & 4th
Fridays

**SK Laszlo Tuczai,
Commander**

**SK Lawrence W. Dunn
Recorder 594-8033**

By SK Don Brugger

Our Annual Christmas Observance (Toast) was very well received with many Sir Knights and their Ladies present. All enjoyed the traditional singing of Christmas Carols and the messages of the Grand Officers.

We hope that all Sir Knights and their ladies had a joyous and safe holiday season and we wish for all, a prosperous and "Happy New Year". We now have to get to the business of that new year.

History

To satisfy requests for more information about Templar history, SK Laszlo Tuczai, Eminent Commander, will present a special program starting at 7:30 p.m. on January 5th. This will be an informal assembly. All ladies and friends are invited and refreshments will be available during the presentation.

Full form

On January 12th there will be a regular meeting with full form opening. All Sir Knights, whether they have a complete uniform or not are urged to attend. The more Knights present the easier it will be for the officers to rehearse their work. The Schicker Club will have a Pot Luck Supper before the meeting.

Regional Seminar

A Regional Seminar for Zones 11, 12 and 13 will be held at Batavia Lodge on January 13th. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be available. The Seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. All officers, Senior Warden and above are requested to attend, others are welcome.

Annual Meeting

The January 26th meeting will be the Annual Meeting and all Sir Knights of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12 are summoned to attend. Annual Reports will be presented and plans for the coming Templar Year will be discussed. □

Lost & Found

The following articles have been in the Service Bureau Lost and Found since time immemorial. All items will be disposed of on February 1st unless claimed.

- Ladies white dress gloves
- Ladies fur cap
- Ladies multicolored striped scarf
- Ladies purple slippers
- Blue/white cotton print apron w/ towel attached
- 1 Tan Leather Fur lined slipper
- Red leather change purse w/coins
- Blue rimmed prset. sun glasses
- Green plastic mesh shopping bag
- Men's tweed fedora
- Men's tan fedora
- Men's striped cap
- Men's knit cap (tan)
- Men's patent leather loafers-10D
- Men's brown and tan striped tie
- Men's large rubbers - Habband
- 1-pr. green knit fingerless gloves
- Dark Brown scarf
- Tassels from a GL Apron
- Crossed Swds Jewel/blue ribbon

- 9 x 13 baking pan
- 2 qt. sauce pan - white enameled
- Tan folding umbrella
- 2 GM keys, blue Masonic keyring
- Book, "Surface with Daring"
- Slage Key, Delco Unit. Way ring
- Red Plastic folder w/music □



SK Bill Kuehne at the organ, contributed greatly to the Program.



SKs of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery welcoming, with an "Arch of Steel", the Grand Commander of the State, SK Ronald J. Bertie.



SKs of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, Ladies and guests enjoying refreshments at the reception after the Christmas Observance.



SK Bob Zahn, Captain General, reading the Grand Prelate's Christmas Message.

Genesee/Wyoming

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

W.: Dennis Quackenbush,
Master
493-5960

2nd and 4th
Wednesdays

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

By W.: Dennis Quackenbush
Official Visit

On December 13th we were honored to have R.W.: Robert Scils, AGL, at our Lodge meeting. He critiqued our Opening and Closing, and we welcomed his comments and suggestions.

Sickness and distress

We, unfortunately, have two Brothers in the hospital. R.W.: Lewis Cook and Brother David Allen, who are both in Wyoming County Community Hospital, and would appreciate a card or visit.

Degree work

We currently have two candidates for the 1st Degree, which we will be conferring on Wednesday, January 24th. A rehearsal will be held on Sunday, January 21st.

In closing, I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season. Remember the Triluminar Golf Tournament to be held at Rolling Acres Golf Course in Pike, on June 1st. You can sign up by calling Barb Moore at (716) 567-8557. □

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



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Master
548-7182
2nd & 4th
Tuesdays

W.: Robert F. Dagen
Secretary 548-7148
200 E. Main Street,
Batavia, NY 14020

By W.: William Genagon
Great Program

At our last Communication on December 12th, we had the opportunity to hear an outstanding program on the Morgan Affair. It was presented by W.: Harold August. He started out the Program by giving the history of Batavia, circa 1800. He then incorporated the history of Masonry into the program along with that of William Morgan. It was a program you could hear many times and still come away with new information. I thank him for an excellent program.

Notices

When you received your Dues Notice, you should also have received a Summons for our January 9th communication. I encourage and urge each and every Brother to make an effort to attend. It will be our most important communication of the year. Please try to get your dues paid as soon as possible.

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and wish you all a happy, prosperous New Year! □

**Western Star
Chapter No. 35
WAM**

1st & 3rd Thursdays

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548-7182
Franklin P. Lund, Sec.
343-3630

200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

By E.: William H. Genagon
A new beginning

This is the start of the New Year and the start of a new year in Chapter. A year under new leadership, a year with an increase in active Companions, and a year of hard work from our new officers. It will be a year of hard work and dedication from all companions involved in order for our Chapter to survive.

I remind you of the upcoming Festival on January 20th at Warsaw. I hope all Chapters in the District can have candidates participating in the conferral of the Degrees that day.

I hope all had a very Merry Christmas and will have a happy, safe and prosperous New Year. □



SK Louis Geer, Past Commander of Rome Commandery, introducing SK Ronald J. Bertie, Grand Commander, to the audience at the Glenn Miller Orchestra Dance in Oneida. Watching is Larry O'Brien, leader, with members of the Glenn Miller Orchestra in the background. (Photo courtesy Ron Bertie)

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About Brother George

George Washington was born February 22, 1732, however he always referred to his birthday as being February 11, 1732. This was because of the difference in the calendar of his day.

When Julius Caesar corrected the calendar he provided for a one year of 455 days and to prevent the error from being repeated he decreed that thereafter each year should consist of 365 days except that every four years it would consist of 366 days [a Leap Year]. This, of course, assumed that the year contained exactly 365 1/4 days when as a matter of fact it contained 365.2422 days. Pope Gregory, XIII, in 1582 directed that the Leap Year should be omitted in centennial years except those divisible by 400 [Are you still with us?] and in order to restore the Vernal Equinox to the date it occupied when the Council of Nice was held, he directed that October 5, 1582, should be called October 15th. This reform was not adopted in England until 1750 at which time the error had increased another day.

In 1750 the English Parliament adopted the Gregorian Calendar and directed that, for England and all her colonies, September 3, 1752, should be reckoned as September 14th. It was shortly after this that George Washington was initiated as a Mason, November 4, 1752. [Now you know the rest of the story.] (Courtesy of the DeWint Digest) □

Not Grand Master of the United States

Soon after the beginning of the Revolution, a disposition was manifested among American Masons to dis sever their connection, as subordinates with the Masonic authorities of England, and in several of the newly erected States the Provincial Grand Lodges assumed an independent character. The idea of a Grand Master of the whole of the United States had also become popular. On February 7, 1780, a convention of delegates from the military Lodges in the army was held at Morristown in New Jersey, when an address to the Grand Masters in the various States was adopted, recommending the establishment of "one Grand Lodge in America", and the election of a Grand Master. This address was sent to the Grand Lodges of Mas-

sachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, and although the name of Washington is not mentioned in it, those Grand Lodges were notified that he was the first choice of the Brethren who had framed it.

While these proceedings were in progress, the Grand Lodge of PA had taken action on the same subject. On January 13, 1780, it had held a session, and it was unanimously declared that it was for the benefit of Masonry that "a Grand Master of Masons throughout the United States" should be nominated; whereupon, with equal unanimity, General Washington was elected to the office. It was then ordered that the minutes of the election be transmitted to different Grand Lodges in the U.S. and their concurrence therein be requested. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, doubting the expediency of electing a General Grand Master, declined to come to any determination on the question, and so the subject was dropped. (Courtesy DeWint Digest) □

Captured Regalia Returned to the Enemy

In the minutes of Montgomery Lodge No. 68, of New York, December 4, 1839, appears the following:

During the American Revolution, when war and the deadly strife of battle raged with unbridled fury through this continent, it happened that among the spoils taken from the British was the chest of Sergeant Kelly of the 22nd Regiment, which contained all the venerable relics now presented to us by Bro. Frayne. As soon as General Washington was apprised of this fact, forgetting the asperities of war, he immediately sent back the chest, with a courteous letter to Sergeant Kelly, that the Americans, although fighting for the liberty of their country, did not feel disposed to wage war against benevolent and charitable institutions.

Sergeant Kelly, after his arrival home, lived to a good old age, and on his dying bed, surrounded by his kindred, and among the number was an old and tried friend, who was a Brother Mason, he ordered the sash and apron to be produced, and calling his old friend and comrade to his side, extracted from him a promise, to forward, after his death, the same to Montgomery Lodge, in New York City, with an accompanying letter stating it to be a memento to the Fraternity of the kindness and fraternal regard of George Washington toward a humble Brother and a stranger, and as a testimonial that 'the memory of the just is blessed, and shall live and flourish like the green bay tree'.

The sash and apron have disappeared. (Courtesy DeWint Digest) □

Poetry Niche

Contributions welcome

The December EMESSAY "Short Talk" bulletin was devoted to Robert Burns. It was a collection of historical facts about the life and works of Robbie (Robbie) Burns.



Robert Burns, poet, song writer, Freemason and patriot, was born on January 25, 1759 and died in poverty at the age of 37 of endocarditis on July 21, 1796 in Dumfries, Scotland. "Some 12,000 people from all walks of life attended the funeral."

"Burn's timeless verses and songs of tenderness, wit and beauty have been translated into thirty-seven languages, while his Scottish birthplace in Alloway, near Ayr has become a 'Mecca,' visited by over 25,000 people each year." Burns is noted not only for his talent, but for his devotion to liberty, democracy and international Brotherhood.

Burns was initiated into Masonry at the age of 23 on July 4, 1781 in St. Davids Lodge No. 133, Tarbolton. When he received his remaining degrees is not clear. "His wit, high intelligence, zeal and consummate oratory made Burns an admirable choice for promotion and, on 27 June 1784, he was elected Depute Master (the local Squire being the normal Master). With his warm and abiding love for the whole brotherhood of mankind, Burns found in Freemasonry a splendid vehicle for the development of his philosophy."

We cannot mention his name without recounting, probably his most famous and familiar song, "Auld Lang Syne". This New Years Eve many will have sung the song, most not knowing all the words and still fewer their meaning.

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days of auld lang syne?
And surely ye'll be your pint-stoup
And surely I'll be mine;
And we'll tak a cup of kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.
We twa hae run about the braes,
And pou'd the gowans fine;
But we've wander' mony a weary fit,
Sin' auld lang syne.
We twa hae pidd' in the burn
Frae morning sun til dine;
But seas between us braid hae roared,
Sin' auld lang syne.
And there's a hand, my trusty frier!
And gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak a right guide-willie waught,
For auld lang syne.

English Translation

The Days of Yore

Should we forget our former friends
By whom we set great store?
Should we forget the friends we've met
And the brave days of yore?
I fancy you could sink a pint
And I'll take rather more
And we'll both get tight with all our might
For those brave days of yore.
We two have wandered on the hills
And daisies pulled gallore
But we've tired our feet on many a street
Since the brave days of yore.
We two have paddled in the brook
From noon to half past four
But seas have lain betwixt us twain
Since the brave days of yore.
So let us grasp each other's hand
And, as I said before
Our hearts we'll cheer with honest beer
For the brave days of yore.

The singing of this famous tune at Table Lodge is traditional. We are instructed in the bulletin to begin by humming or singing the first few verses softly to let the Brothers reflect upon cherished memories of earlier times and Brothers who have passed to the Grand Lodge above. The ensuing verses are to be done with increasing volume and gusto.

At the last verse the Brothers are to join hands, each grasping with his right hand the left hand of the Brother on his left and with the left the right hand of the Brother on his right. This symbolizes not only the crossing of their hearts, but the formation of a chain of friendship and Brotherly Love. It is still better if a circle is formed thereby symbolizing a more intimate circle of friendship.

"Then let us pray that come it may
As come it will for a' that
That sence and worth, o'er a' the earth,
May bear the gree, and a' that!
For a' that, and a' that,
It's coming yet for a' that,
That man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that!"
The secret of his everlasting popularity appears to be that he wrote from the heart. He was the voice of the common man and typified the revolutionary reformer, a visionary and opponent of oppression, hypocrisy and bigotry.

From one of his few non-poetic quotes we read, "Whatever mitigates the woes, or increases the happiness of others, this is my criterion of goodness, and whatever injures society at large, or any individual in it, this is my measure of iniquity".

It is small wonder that on the 236th anniversary of his birth, this year, as has been the case for almost the last 200 years, thousands will attend Burns Suppers under many national banners to celebrate his life and pay tribute to the "Immortal Memory of Robert Burns".

"Robert Burns is not only for Scotland, but for all the world; he was one of that small band who wrote for all time and for all people." (Excerpts courtesy of the Masonic Service Association) □

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By W.: James J. Powell
As your new President, I would like to extend to all of you my best wishes for a happy New Year.

Our meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month at the Redmen's Party House, 1001 Lexington Avenue, Rochester, NY. Euchre and social hour begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinners are ordered from the menu, and we eat at 7:00 p.m. After dinner we try to have an interesting speaker. Our next meeting will be January 26th.

I extend an invitation to every Past Master to attend our meetings. Mark your calendar! □



FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

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

By Bill Edwards, Secretary
Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will take place at the Diplomat Party House on April 25th. There will be an Election of Officers, with Ron Mertens Chairing the Nominating Committee. Any questions, please feel free to contact the Secretary.

Dues notices

Please remit back dues to the Secretary. The 1996 Herman Sarachan Bonus Book will be "Tied to Masonic Apron Strings", by Stewart M.L. Pollard. □

Finger Lakes Chapter of
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Getting the Word Out

By Don Brugger

There is an old saying that admonishes, "Publish or Perish". Although this expression is more apropos to Academia than to Masonry, there is still some wisdom to be gained here. It would certainly seem rational to believe that if a member of any organization receives little or no news of what that organization is doing, his interest in that organization will certainly wane.

As Chairman of the Publications Committee for Area 15, I would suggest that communication is paramount to successful membership retention in our Fraternity.

Postage

As it becomes more and more costly to use the U.S. Postal Service and membership, which is the primary source of our income, decreases, Lodges are put in an increasingly uncomfortable funding situation.

To cut down on postage, Telephone Trees can be used to contact members about coming events. This personal contact should always be an important part in your communications with members effort, even with a newsletter. This device, however, relies on the commitment of the callers and their ability to make contact. From personal experience I know it can become discouraging to make three or four calls and not get through to one person once.

The best method for making contact with a member is to send a written notice by registered mail. This is the only way that we can be sure that the person has received the notice, of course it's ridiculously impractical.

The next best thing is to send a letter first class, and hope for the best. It is possible to lower this cost by using second class (a system tailored mostly for newspapers) or third class mail. Although, second class can lower the cost per piece of mail, it may be less cost effective because of the hidden costs involved in maintaining the mailing list in compliance with postal regulations, especially for a small mailing lists of 200 or less.

Newsletter

Producing your own newsletter may be a viable alternative. All that is required is a typewriter and duplicating equipment. Many newsletters are published by individual organizations and I am sure that you are familiar with a few. Of course, producing these requires the effort of dedicated individuals in the respective organizations. It requires collecting, editing, typesetting, and printing or duplicating. These are all time consuming operations. That's why publications have deadlines, which are set to allow for these operations to take place and still get the publication to the reader in time to make the effort worthwhile.

All of these operations take someone's time and consequently either voluntary or compensated effort; there's the rub. You have to find someone who is willing to make the commitment of time on a continuing basis. The ideal situation is to have someone in the organization who has the time, equipment and commitment to do the job. A tall order. Even with voluntary (no cost) effort in



assembling the publication you need to pay for consumables such as printer supplies, software programs for computer generated copy, typewriter ribbons, paper and duplicating supplies for manually generated copy. Postage has already been examined. The whole operation then depends on a number of components which, you hope, will be semi-permanent so that once set in motion it will continue for a reasonably long period.

Piggy-back

The other alternative is to join with an existing publication in your area. This option is probably the most cost effective and reliable. It will not only make available the news from your organization to your members, but also the news in the area covered by that publication. It also does not require putting in place a staff for generating the newsletter.

At the present time there is a newsletter active in almost every district in the State of New York. A map showing this is included. Even if the publication is only for a particular Concordant Organization, perhaps negotiations to expand coverage are possible.

If there is anything that the Publications Committee can do to assist you in getting the word out, please do not hesitate to call on us.

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Director of Development
And Communications*

Annual Meeting of the Upstate New York Cardiac Electrophysiology Society Organized by the Executive Director and Director of MMRL

Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research of the MMRL, organized this year's meeting of the Society. According to Antzelevitch, "there is a tremendous pool of talent in the Upstate New York region. This symposium is designed to bring together scientists and clinicians interested in problems related to the

electrical activity of the heart and abnormal heart rhythms to exchange information and learn more about the resources, interests, talents, as well as scientific achievements, of neighboring research facilities".

Research papers covered a wide range of subjects. Included were studies aimed at characterizing the proteins that regulate electrical communication be-

tween heart cells, and studies aimed at improving our understanding of the mechanisms underlying abnormal rhythms of the heart, including sudden death.

The scientific sessions were followed by a feature presentation entitled, "The Idiopathic Long QT Syndrome: A Bridge Between Experimental Research and Clinical Practice" by Dr. Peter J. Schwartz. Dr. Schwartz, Professor of Cardiology at the University of Pavia in Pavia, Italy, is the recipient of the fourth Gordon K. Moc Visiting Professorship at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. The Professorship, as well as the Young Investigator Award, are named after Moc, who served as Director of Research of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory for 25 years until his retirement in 1984. Schwartz is widely regarded to be among the most pre-eminent clinical cardiologists and experimental cardiac electrophysiologists in the world. His lecture covered state of the art treatment for the Long QT Syndrome based on recent advances in basic and clinical research. An important contribution to advancing this field of cardiology was the discovery, at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, of a unique cardiac cell type, called the M Cell.

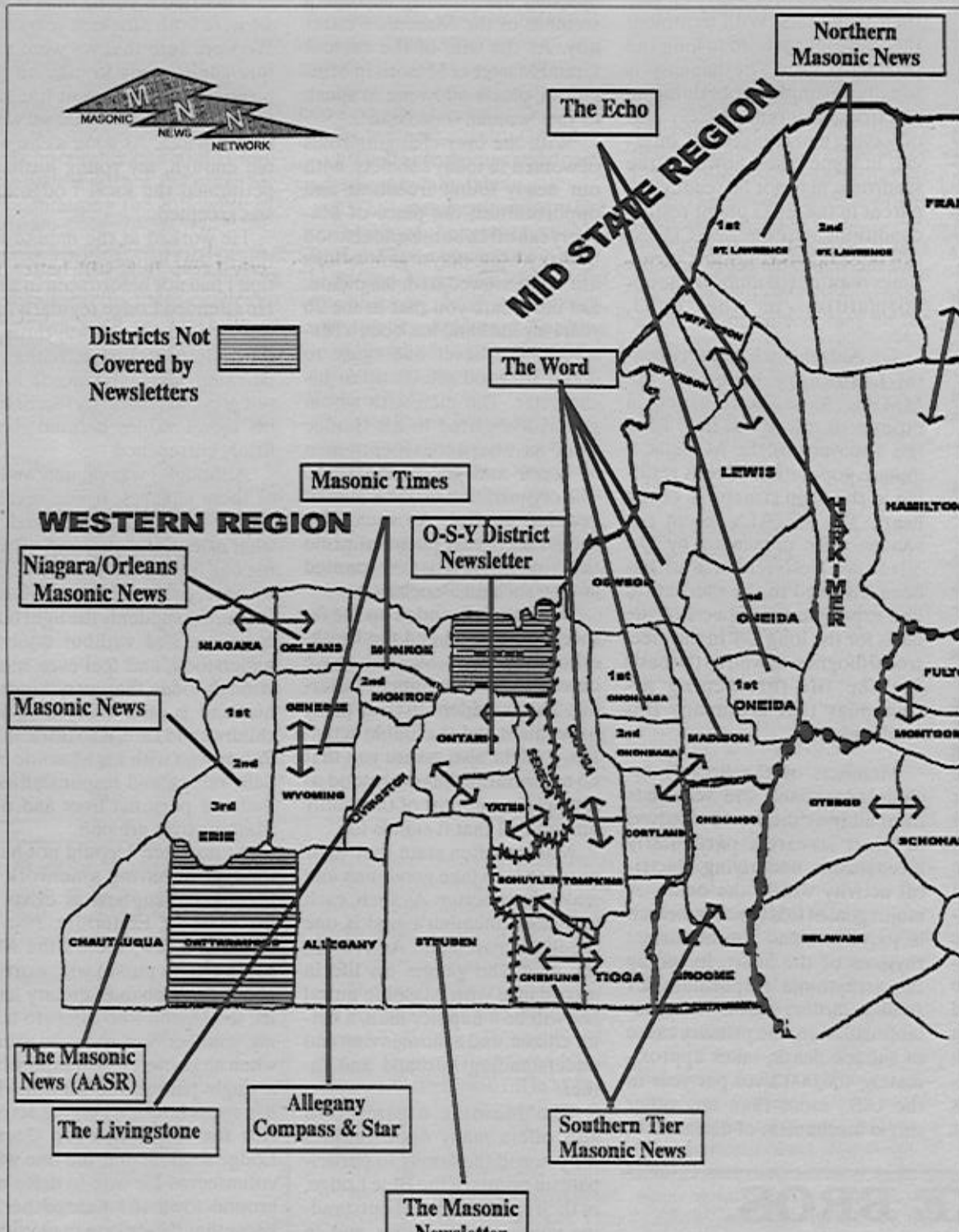
The meeting was attended by scientists and physicians from academic centers throughout the State, including Cornell University, SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse, University of Rochester Medical Center, University of Toronto, University of Ottawa and area hospitals.

The scientific presentations were followed by a dinner banquet in honor of Dr. Schwartz.

Antzelevitch Organizes Symposium on Deadly Syndrome

As Secretary/Treasurer and President of the International Cardiac Electrophysiology Society, Dr. Charles Antzelevitch and Dr. Albert Waldo, Professor of

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W. David Jones
SECOND MONROE DISTRICT

By W. David Jones

What is the state of Ritual in your Lodge? Are you proud to witness and participate in conferring Degrees? After the Degree, are your candidates impressed by the performance? Do openings, closings and balloting proceed according to our standard Ritual, or are you using the special "Lodge" version? The ritual is our tie to the Masons of the past, as well as all Masons around the world. We only share this common bond when you, the Brothers, insist that we all perform Ritual in its proper form.

To paraphrase a real estate axiom, the three most important things in ritual are practice, PRACTICE, PRACTICE! Many Lodges have Ritual Directors, whose responsibility it is to organize Degrees and schedule rehearsals. It's important to get together with those who will con-

fer your Degrees and not only go through the words, but also the floor work of a Degree.

Schools of Ritual will help answer those questions you may have, and show you what correct floor work looks like. They are your opportunity to get together with other Masons who also feel that our heritage, and the ceremonies we adhere to, are one of the cornerstones of the Craft. Please make every effort to attend these valuable events.

After Grand Lodge Sessions this year, you will have two new Assistant Grand Lecturers. W. John Zabel will be the AGL for the 1st Monroe, and R. W. Scott Seltzer will hold the post for the 2nd Monroe. Both are eminently qualified for the position.

In closing, I'd like to use the phrase made popular by our DDGM for the 1st Monroe, R. W. Richard Friedman, "See you in the Quarries". □

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**The Deadline for the
February issue is:
January 12, 1996**

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here, call your Master;
whatever you like!**

Letters from the Ladies

Letter written to all newly raised Master Masons by Donita Papas, wife of Bro. Robert Papas, PGM of Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. _____,

I have been advised that your husband has recently become a member of the Masonic Fraternity. As the wife of the current Grand Master of Masons in Minnesota, please allow me to speak to you "woman to woman".

With the ever-changing roles of women in today's society, with our newly found freedoms and opportunities, the place of Masonry can often be misunderstood by many. Male only organizations are often viewed with suspicion. Let me assure you that in the 26 years my husband has been a Mason, I have never had cause to doubt its good effects upon his character. The men with whom he has associated in his "Lodge work" have been consistently men of honor and good reputation. The organization attracts men of genuine quality. As such, you should feel great personal pride that your husband is now counted among such an association.

Masonry is founded on the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Masons move quietly to remove human suffering. This is evident in their many benevolent and charitable activities. I might also assure you that no organization has ever stood so strongly in support of the family unit and all that it stands for.

Masons often state that their purpose is to take good men and make them better. As such, each individual member's goal is one of self improvement. As a result, the man who gauges his life in accordance with Masonic moral law will be a happier man, a better citizen, and a more loving and understanding husband and father.

The Masonic organization also offers many opportunities for you and the family to participate: in events of the Blue Lodge, in their sponsorship of outstanding youth organizations and in the many appendant organizations for both men and women. Indeed, the Masonic organization is a family in itself.

In the reality of today's world, there are too many things which can lead an individual astray. During my marriage, I have observed that Masonry is one element which has done only good for my husband, myself and my

children. As such, my advice to you would be to not only support your husband in his membership, but also to strongly encourage his active participation so that he may well learn the lessons which are taught.

My best wishes and congratulations to you and your husband. May you find the joy and happiness that has been ours.

Sincerely,
Donita Papas
(From EMESAY Short Talks) □

Reflections of a Mason's Wife

Juana Weatherall
(Wife of Bro. James Weatherall,
PGM Arkansas)

I AM NOT A MASON. I'm not even a man. Better than both of these, perhaps, I am the wife of a Mason. Many times I have wanted to stand up at a Masonic function and tell those present just how much the Masonic Fraternity has positively affected my life, but I never quite gathered the confidence.

Perhaps I was afraid you would think me silly, or out of place, or worse yet, insincere. Knowing that I probably will never stand before any of you and verbally express my feelings, I hope you will not be offended that I take this means to communicate my long silent thoughts.

I married a young man when we were both nineteen years old. We were sure that we were mature adults ready to take on the responsibilities of adult life, not realizing at the time that we were such novices. As soon as he was old enough, my young husband petitioned the local Lodge and was accepted.

He worked at the memorization of the Degrees with a dedication I had not before seen in him. He attended Lodge regularly and was soon working his way through the chairs of his Lodge. With each new step, his confidence in himself grew, his maturity increased, his moral values became more firmly entrenched.

Although I was vaguely aware of these changes, it was several years before I fully realized to what extent Masonry was affecting our lives. I can't recall where we were, or the words my Mason spoke, but suddenly the light bulb came on, and without doubt I understood, and feel even more strongly today, that everything my husband is, and everything my children and I are, is so intricately interwoven with his Masonic beliefs, values, and responsibilities that our personal lives and our Masonic lives are one.

At nineteen I would not have thought of having a network of friends and support as exists in the Masonic Fraternity. Just to mention a few, there's the Masonic wife (a nurse) who worries about my husband's dietary habits; the Mason who offers to take my younger son for a weekend when he knows I'll be temporarily a single parent; the Mason who has spent hours arranging activities for the ladies for Grand Lodge session, and the one who volunteered his wife to drive me around town if I needed her. I know that if ever I am in physical, emotional, or financial need, help is near; and that a Mason is only a phone call away.

Simple words written on a cold piece of paper can't express the warmth I have in my heart. My life has been enriched by the experiences I have had and by the people I have met through my husband's affiliation with the Masons. I love the man my hus-

band has become even more than I loved that naive nineteen year old boy I married twenty-three years ago. I love the Masonic Fraternity and its principles of living for making him the man he is. And, so, I finally get around to what I've wanted to state for so long, but lacked the nerve to say: thank you, Masons everywhere. I love you all! (From EMESAY Short Talk Bulletin) □

HiLights

Order of the Eastern Star

GENESEE-WYOMING

DISTRICT

Rt. Wthy. THELMA SHAW

D.D.C.M.

437-5230

Genesee/Wyoming District members joined Mt. Wthy. Verna Clark on November 30th for the Annual Christmas Gift Presentation at the VA Hospital in Batavia. Mt. Wthy. Verna serves on the Volunteer Services Board representing Grand Chapter.

Rewarding time

Each patient was presented with a plant, ditty bag and canteen book. Our Grand Matron, Mt. Wthy. Sandra Cleason, and her "Karing Clowns", were the hit of the day. Members from many of the surrounding Districts were on hand to help with this project. It was a most rewarding time spent with those who have given so much for each of us and our country.

Working together

As the year draws to a close and elections are completed, Rt. Wthy. Harry Brown, DGL, and I look forward to working with all the Chapters in 1996.

Our motto, "All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own", can be amply applied at this time of the year. Reach out and touch someone.

God's richest blessings to all.

By Rt. Wthy. Judy Walters

At the time of this writing, most Chapters have elected their incoming officers and are looking ahead to installation. However, Arcade No. 337 and Centennial No. 299 have meetings.

Stebbins No. 503, Pike, elected and installed the following: Wthy. Delma Wolcott, Matron; Wthy. Charles Krauss, Patron; Sally Wing, Assoc. Matron; Steven Wing, Assoc. Patron; Oleava Haxton, Sec.; Chyra Bowles, Treas.; Waneta Krauss, Cond.; and Kay Swyers, Assoc. Cond.

They will not meet again until April.

Open Installations
Jan. 2nd, 8:00 p.m.

Thorpe Chapter No. 462, Attica, 591-2581. Wthy. Judith A. Walters, Matron; Wthy. William H. Walters, Patron; Helen Markham, Assoc. Matron; Don Markham, Assoc. Patron; Susan Miller, Sec.; Leona Kolberg, Treas.; Shirley McWhorter, Cond.; Audrey Gick, Assoc. Conductress.

Perry Chapter No. 497, Perry, 237-3606. Wthy. Charlotte Barnard, Matron; Wthy. Timothy Bucknam, Patron; Velma Bliss, Assoc. Matron; Paul Stickley, Assoc. Patron; Florence McBride, Sec.; Beatrice Chamberlain, Treas.; Marjorie Caulkins, Cond.; Mary Gates, Assoc. Conductress.

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MMRL

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Cardiology and Medicine at Case Western Reserve organized and hosted a Seminar dealing with a dangerous medical syndrome responsible for sudden death, known as the Long QT Syndrome.

The Symposium, which brought together 600 physicians and scientists from all over the world interested in this syndrome, was held at the Marriott Hotel in Anaheim, CA on November 12, 1995.

The Long QT Syndrome is thought to be the leading cause of unexplained sudden death in children and young adults. Due to one of several congenital defects, the syndrome first becomes apparent in the early teens, although it may appear earlier or as late as age 40. Unexplained fainting spells most often begin in the early teenage years, earlier for girls than for boys. The fainting spells are due to a dangerous type of abnormal heart rhythm, or arrhythmia, that causes the heart to beat at excessively fast rates. In the vast majority of cases the arrhythmia self terminates and the individual regains consciousness. In some cases, the arrhythmia degenerates into ventricular fibrillation leading to death. If not properly diagnosed and treated, the risk of sudden death can increase with each fainting spell. Without treatment, children with some forms of this disease do not live past

their teen years. With treatment they can look forward to long and productive lives. The diagnosis is usually as simple as obtaining an electrocardiogram (ECG) and observing a prolonged QT interval. In some cases, however, the syndrome may not be readily apparent in the ECG under resting conditions. An exercise ECG test or infusion of drugs are sometimes required to unmask the abnormalities in the ECG.

Dr. Antzelevitch's Experimental Cardiology group at the MMRL have maintained a prominent role in this field since the discovery of the M Cells, a unique population of cells residing in the deep structures of the heart. The MMRL's recent advances were presented by Dr. Vladislav Nesterenko, who has been involved in the theoretical and experimental aspects of the basis for the long QT in the electrocardiogram as well as the basis for the life-threatening arrhythmias that accompany this syndrome.

Members of the Society include physicians and scientists from all over the world involved in heart research, particularly mechanisms underlying electrical activity within the heart. A major goal of this type of research is to understand the abnormal rhythms of the heart, including the arrhythmia responsible for sudden cardiac death. Ventricular fibrillation, the primary cause of sudden death, takes approximately 400,000 lives per year in the U.S., more than any other single mechanism of disease. □

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January 4th, 8:00 p.m.

Hesperus Chapter No. 823, Bergen, 548-2694. Wthy. Marsha MacConnell, Matron; Wthy. James MacConnell, Patron; Nancy Specht, Assoc. Matron; John Specht, Assoc. Patron; Helen Pullman, Sec.; Jean Hunneyman, Treas.; Joyce Sands, Conductress.

Regular Stated Meeting

January 12th, 8:00 p.m.

Vernon Chapter No. 611, Java Village, 457-3824. Wthy. Betty Maynard, Matron; Wthy. Otis Maynard, Patron; Carole Mackowski, Assoc. Matron; Clinton Strong, Assoc. Patron; Marion Barber, Sec.; Marguerite Thompson, Treas.; Sherrie Grover, Cond.; Merrielee Holmes, Assoc. Conductress.

Open Installation

January 13th, 8:00 p.m.

Batavia Chapter No. 267, Batavia, 343-2710. Wthy. June Lee, Matron; Wthy. Robert Dagea, Patron; Sharon Stokes, Assoc. Matron; Donald Nedeett, Assoc. Patron; L. Janet Lee, Sec.; Bette Rung, Treas.; Ethel Lee, Cond.; Evelyn Krausse, Assoc. Conductress.

Regular Stated Meeting

January 15th, 8:00 p.m.

Olive Branch Chapter No. 509, LeRoy, 786-6534. Wthy. Lois Dimick, Matron; Wthy. Robert Nicoll, Patron; Marilyn Liles, Assoc. Matron; David Liles, Assoc. Patron; Helen Forbes, Sec.; Laura Reamer, Treas.; Janice Cooper, Cond.; Sharon Stokes, Assoc. Cond.

The telephone numbers are provided for possible postponements due to weather.

The Chapters each enjoyed Christmas celebrations and express hope that the weather will be fair for the Winter months. The Official Visit schedule will be published in February, and also the special plans each Matron has for the new year.

Study Club will meet on January 13th for a Tureen Lunch and organizational purposes at Perry Masonic Temple at 12:30 p.m. All officers are asked to attend. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service, please. □

Order of the Eastern Star Highlights

DISTRICT OF MONROE, STATE OF NEW YORK

Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings
DDGM
Rt. Wthy. Raymond DiJames
DGL

By Wthy. Barbara Spano
A happy New Year to one and all; we hope this letter finds everyone happy and healthy. Rt. Wthy. Carol and Rt. Wthy. Ray are busy getting ready for a brand new year of duties and activities.

The District Christmas Party was a great success and it seemed that everyone had a great time. The food was delicious and the fellowship was fantastic. There were 67 folk there to enjoy it all, including seven children.

1996 Line Officers

January 6th will be the first meeting of the 1996 Line Officers. The Matrons and Associate Matrons will meet at 9:00 a.m.

The Conductresses and Associate Conductresses will meet at 12:00 noon. These meetings are important, so please make every effort to be there. We will meet at Nola Chapter in Churchville.

School of Instruction

February 3, 1996, is the date for the School of Instruction. It will be at the Downtown Masonic Temple at 9:00 a.m. We hope to see many of you there.

Official Visits

We are trying to avoid the bad weather of January and February, so Official Visits will be starting in March. Rt. Wthy. Carol and Rt. Wthy. Ray are looking forward to these Visits.

Please join us

A Membership Campaign has been started in our District. There will be a meeting on January 5th at the Downtown Masonic Temple at 7:00 p.m. We need all the help we can get, so please come and join us in this endeavor. Each Chapter should have a representative. We will need many hands and ideas. Wthy. Sister Judy Lewis is Chairman. If you can help or if you have any questions, please let her know at 383-8106.

Congratulations

A warm welcome to Monroe District's new Grand Officer, Rt. Wthy. Melvin Doverspike, Grand Representative of New Mexico. Rt. Wthy. Melvin is a member of Mary Jane Holmes Chapter No. 440. Congratulations on your appointment. Have a great 2 years.

Until the next time, may the "Light of our bright Eastern Star shine upon our District". □

Webster Chapter No. 171

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Wthy. Joy Woodley, Matron
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Rt. Wthy. Faythe Rowell, Sec.
594-4449
30 Orchard Street
Webster, New York

By Wthy. Joy Woodley
Spaghetti dinners

A new year has begun. There will be many new, different and exciting things happening this year, along with the continuing of the Spaghetti Dinners with Webster Lodge on the 1st Friday of every month. It is a very enjoyable experience working on them.

We are looking for baked food items to sell at the Dinners. If anyone would like to donate, it would be appreciated. We are also looking for workers. The Dinners are served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10 years of age. Come out and join us.

January

Our Installation will be held on January 2nd. The 1st business meeting of the year, on January 16th, will be a relaxed, informational meeting where we will help anyone who hasn't been to a meeting in a long time with the signs and passwords.

Master Mason Night

A different type of Master Mason Night will be done this year. We will be having a picnic on Thursday, February 1st. We will be serving hot dogs, baked beans, salads, etc. and honoring

the Brothers of Webster Lodge and a presentation will be made to the Master.

Guest speaker

On February 6th, we will be having an open meeting. Rt. Wthy. William Baxter will be our guest speaker and he will explain the five points of the Star. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Thank you

In closing, I extend my sincere appreciation to all the Sisters and Brothers who gave their support during Paul's surgery and my mother's passing. □

Rochester Chapter No. 314

Order of the Eastern Star
Wthy. BARBARA E. SPANO
Matron 244-1503
Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS
Secretary 482-0994

First Saturday
8:00 P.M.
875 East Main Street
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By Wthy. Barbara Spano
May the Great Spirit bless you in this Holiday Season.

This is the busiest time of the year, with everyone spreading joy and good cheer. I hope this letter finds everyone happy and healthy.

Open Installation

Elections were held on December 2nd, and Wthy. Linda and Wthy. Robert Zahn were elected Matron and Patron for this coming year. I wish them a wonderful year. They have requested, in lieu of gifts for themselves, that a donation be given to set up a Memorial Fund for Wthy. Betty Jansson. If you wish to contribute to this, please send it to me at 92 Lansdale Street, Rochester, NY 14620. Wthy. Linda and Wthy. Bob extend an invitation to you all to join us on January 6th at their Installation. It will be an open meeting and there will be an after-glow following the meeting.

Great fun!

The District Christmas Party was a great success and enjoyed by 67 District members, family and friends. The 1995 Matrons and Patrons drew the name for the Wine and Cheese Basket. It was won by Rt. Wthy. Ron Mertens; a bottle of wine went to Wthy. Joan Buddle, Matron of Mary Jane Holmes Chapter; and a bottle of wine to Ann Shreder, friend of the Eastern Star. Thanks to everyone who helped with this endeavor.

Thanks

I have made so many new friends this year as Matron of Rochester Chapter. It has been a great year filled with warmth and fellowship. To my dear friends in the 1995 Matron's and Patron's Club, thank you so much for all you have done this year to make our Club so successful. Thank you for Princess Runnin' Bare; she made things much easier for a few of us in the Club and helped us to laugh more.

To the District Grand Officers, thank you all for being there when I needed help and information.

To my wonderful Rochester Chapter, you are the best and with God's love and help, we will be around for a long time. God bless you all.

Oh, Great Spirit, let us greet the dawn of a new day when all can live as one with nature and peace reigns everywhere.

Peace on Earth. □

NOLA Chapter

No. 368

Order of the Eastern Star

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

Wthy. Vickie Gross, Matron
293-3237
Wthy. Carol Wynings, Sec.
594-4692

20 South Main Street
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Wthy. Avis Theis
Nola Chapter sends New Year greetings to our members and friends.

Installation 1996

The first meeting will be Installation on January 16th. This will be an open meeting and will start at 7:30 p.m. Rehearsal will be on Sunday, January 14th at 2:00 p.m.

Sympathy

Our chain has been broken with the death of our Sis. Thelma Elliot. We extend our condolences to her family.

Illness

We send our get well wishes to Wthy. Dorothy Erion, Wthy. Corrine Mayne, Wthy. Jessie Johnson and Wthy. Bernie Riley.

Congratulations

The Girven/Tubbs Club will be 40 years old this year. Rt. Wthy. Demaris Girven from Nola was DDGM in 1956, and her DGL was Rt. Wthy. Floyd Tubbs. They would be proud to know their club is still active in the OES. We still try to meet with our Grand Matron, Mt. Wthy. Lucile Sotherden, at least once a year.

Thank you

We can't thank our members and friends enough for all their hard work at our project dinner for the four nights.

Good to hear from you

It was great hearing from so many members at holiday time.

Remember

It is that time again to send in your dues. If you enjoy the *Masonic Times*, do help us out with a little extra.

"This world that we're a-livin' in is mighty hard to beat; You git a thorn with every rose, But ain't the roses sweet!" □

In Memoriam

November

Sessler, Clifford R.
Clifford was 85 years old when he passed away on November 16th. He was a member of Oatka Lodge No. 759 and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie, daughter, 7 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Phillips, Dr. Harry S.
Death claimed Harry on November 19th. He was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797, Rochester Consistory, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, Doric Council, Past Potentate of Damascus Temple, and Past Director of the Royal Order of Jesters. He is survived by his wife, Jean, children, and a granddaughter.

Baker, Elliot T.
Fairport Lodge No. 476 and Rochester Consistory lost a member with the death of Elliot on November 20th. He is survived by his wife, Mary, children, and grandchildren. □

Leppla, Norman C.
Norman died on November 26th in Florida. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple. He is survived by his daughter, 2 granddaughters, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Brugger, Gerald
Gerald joined the Grand Lodge above on November 28th. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163. He is survived by his wife, Joan, children, grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

December

Ferguson, James
A 65 year member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, James died on December 3rd at the age of 91. He is survived by children, grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Reitz, Gerald L.
A member of Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Gerald passed away on December 5th. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, sons, and 8 grandchildren.

Rogers, Warren A.
Warren passed away at the age of 79 on December 10th, and was a 50 year member of East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943. He was also a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple. Warren is survived by his two daughters.

Zelazny, Peter, Jr.
East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 lost another member with the death of Peter, also on December 10th. He is survived by his wife, Frances, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Forschler, Roy
December 11th was the date of Roy's death, at the age of 97. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, Rochester Consistory, Lalla Rookh Grotto and Damascus Temple. Roy is survived by 3 grandchildren.

London, A. Joseph
Joseph died on December 14th. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, and is survived by his children, 5 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

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

Bartlett, Al
Al was a 72 year member of Warsaw Lodge No. 549.

Braman, Russell S.
Russell was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154.

Lee, Donald W.
Donald was a member of Rochester Consistory and passed away September 1, 1995.

Vogel, Frank R.
Frank died in Fort Myers, Fl. He was a member of Henrietta Lodge No. 526.

Winkelblech, Carl
Carl was a member of Warsaw Lodge No. 549 and died on October 30th. □

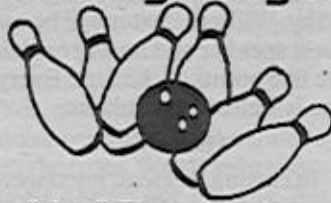
Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

1996

- Feb. 2-10 Have-A-Heart, Buy-A-Heart Campaign
- Mar. 4 School of Ritual
- Mar 19 RAM - GW, Grand Lecturer's Convention
Western Star Chapter
- Mar. 23 M.:W.: Gary A. Henningsen Testimonial Dinner
Lockport, NY
- Mar. 30 Masonic Grand Ball - Radisson, Jefferson Road
- Apr. 20 Degree Fest - Downtown Temple
- May 31 Apron Presentation and Retiring Grand Lodge
Officer's Dinner, Logan's
- Jun. 1 Triluminar Golf Tournament, Rolling Acres - Pike
- Jun. 3 Joint Investiture - Downtown Temple
- Sept. 19-22 Grand Commandery, Rochester, New York
Rochester Marriott Thruway
- Sept. 26 School of Ritual - Etolian
- Oct. 23 Grand Lecturer's Convention

Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

The Masonic Gothic Bowling League has reached the halfway point of the 1995-96 season. The Alley Gators are currently leading the league after taking 6 points from Maiden Lanes on Position Night.

More ABC Awards have been earned by league bowlers. John Kunz rolled a 617 series to earn a Senior Award for a series 134 pins over his average. This series included a 238 game that earned him another Senior Award for a game 77 pins over his average. Bill Wood also earned a Senior Series Award for his 606 that was 138 pins over his average. This included a 232 game that earned him a Senior Award for a game 76 pins over his average. Jack Thibaut's 254 game earned him a Senior Award for a game 80 pins over his average.

Since my last column, league bowlers have rolled 9-600 series and 70-200 games. Series of note include Don Weis-644, (205, 228, 211), 629 (234), 614, 610 (254), and 602, Rick Flanagan-635 (226), and Jack Thibaut-630 (254).

Individual game scores of note include Scott Weis-244, Jack

Thibaut-236, Bob Goodyear-235, Mike Bell-232, Harold Reynolds-225 and 220, Bob Clovis, 224, Dick Mosher-224, John Harris, Jr.-221, Gerry Duell-217, Rex Edwards, Jr.-216, Dick Snyder-215, John Grentzinger-215, Corey Kent-213, and Steve Neitz-209.

A reminder, the New York State Masonic Bowling Tournament will be held at Clover Lanes in Rochester, April 13-14, 20-21, and 27-28. For further information or an application, contact Tournament Chairman, Harold Reynolds, at 342-2538. □

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Calendar January 1996

○ Deadline for the Masonic Times

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Happy New Year	1 	2 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftman Germania - OV - Dinner Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	3 Attica RAM - 3X3 Shrine	4 Constellation - Perry Flower City - Fellowcraft Hesperus - Bergen-Table Lodge Northfield - Pittsford Webster RAM - Western Star Scottish Rite OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.	5 Cyrene/Monroe Special Program- 8:00 p.m. DeMolay - Rochester Chapter Webster Lodge - Spaghetti Dinner	6 OES - Rochester Chapter																																																																																				
7	8 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport - OV - Dinner Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield - Dinner OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes	9 Arcadia Batavia Fame Henrietta Hesperus Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster - 2* Valley/Simes - Dinner RAM - Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah	10 Service Bureau Luncheon meeting Churchville Oatka - Scottville Triluminar - Pike Clio - Spaghetti Dinner RAM - Webster, LeRoy OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship	11 Flower City - BAF Eagle Valley RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Caldron	12	13 Constellation - Perry Table Lodge Zama Temple Grotto - Open Installation Knights Templar Regional Seminar Zones 11-13, Batavia, NY																																																																																				
14	15 Fairport - BAF Steak Roast John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg School of Ritual - TCC OES - Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy	16 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftman - BAF - Dinner Henrietta - BAF Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Dinner Warsaw RAM - Batavia OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	17 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Wakan-Hubbard - BAF Grotto RAM - 3X3 RSM - Doric Council	18 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RAM - Western Star OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.	19	20 RAM - 29th District Festival Warsaw - 8:00 a.m. Leadership Development Course - TCC 8:00 a.m.																																																																																				
21 Council of Masonic Activities - 2:00 p.m. Warsaw	22 ERAC - E. Rochester - BAF - Dinner Etolian - Spencerport Fairport - Dinner Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RSM - Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes	23 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Henrietta - 3* Monroe - Brockport Valley/Simes - 1* OES - Leah	24 Churchville Oatka - Scottville - 3* Triluminar - Pike Clio - Spaghetti Dinner RAM - Webster OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia	25 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City Tall Cedars of Lebanon RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia <i>Happy 236th Birthday Rabbie Burns</i>	26 KT - Cyrene/Monroe Commandery Past Masters Supper Club	27 Grand Lodge Officers TCC - 8:00 a.m. Masters and Wardens Valley/Simes - TCC Dinner																																																																																				
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