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William J. Bratton, New York City Police Commissioner to Receive Grand Lodge Distinguished Achievement Award



William J. Bratton was appointed 38th Police Commissioner of the City of New York by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in January 1994. Since then he has embarked on a major reengineering of the New York City Police Department. A strong advocate of community policing, he is moving towards a decentralized police bureaucracy, stronger precinct commands and better trained and motivated police officers - all to support a comprehensive and assertive strategy for dramatically reducing crime, disorder, and fear in the nation's largest city.

Commissioner Bratton began his career as a police officer in Boston in 1970, rising by 1980 to Superintendent of Police, the highest sworn rank in the Boston Police Department. Since 1983, he has managed five police agencies, accomplishing major reforms in each department as well as significant declines in crime. He served as Chief of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Police and as Superintendent of the Metropolitan District

Commission Police, which controlled the Boston Metropolitan Area. From 1990 to 1992, he won national recognition for his leadership of the New York City Transit Police, initiating reforms and strategies that eventually cut subway crime by nearly 50 percent. Commissioner Bratton returned to Boston as Superintendent-in-Chief in 1992 and was named Boston Police Commissioner in 1993. Developing a plan of action and a program of cultural diversity training, he guided the department toward full implementation of community policing. Commissioner Bratton holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Boston State College.

He is a graduate of the FBI Executive Institute. He was a Senior Executive Fellow in Criminal Justice at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1987 and was one of the police managers chosen to attend its National Executive Session on Policing in 1988. In 1993, he was elected President of the Police Executive Research Forum, a national organization of progressive police executives from the largest city, county, and state law enforcement agencies. Among his many honors and distinctions, Commissioner Bratton holds the Schroeder Brothers Medal, the Boston Police Department's highest award for valor, which he earned by facing down a bank robber and rescuing a hostage in 1975. Presentation of the 1996 Distinguished Achievement Award will be made by the Most Worshipful Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York on May 6, 1996 at the Grand Master's Dinner. (Courtesy MasonicNews Network)



215 Annual Communication

By M.-W.: Gary A. Henningsen, PGM, Grand Secretary
NOTICE is hereby given that the 215th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York will open at Masonic Hall, 71 West 23rd Street, New York City, at 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 6, 1996, and will continue on Tuesday, May 7, 1996.

Seating will be arranged by Masonic Districts, with each District Deputy Grand Master assigned a seat with his respective District. Each District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Steward, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Lodge Committee Member must report to the Credentials Committee at Masonic Hall prior to the opening of EACH day's session for attendance purposes.

Each Lodge, provided it is not ineligible under §324 or §130 of the Constitutions, will be entitled to representation by the Worshipful Master, or in his absence, by the Senior Warden or the Junior Warden, respectively, or in the absence of all three, by a Past Master as proxy duly elected and certified IN ADVANCE, in accordance with the provisions of §106 of the Constitutions.

Each Lodge's representative and others eligible under §130 and §131 of the Constitutions, will receive his entitlement of actual expenses of a sum not exceeding \$25.00 for each day of the Annual Communication, and 10¢ for each mile necessarily traveled to and from his Lodge's meeting place to New York City, by mail, following the Annual Communication. Qualifying individuals may obtain an Expense Voucher from the Committee on Pay of Members and Representatives on Monday, May 6, 1996.

The Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges will be officially welcomed as visitors (not members) at the opening session on Monday morning, and should plan to be in attendance no later than 9:00 a.m. Grand Lodge Committee Members will be

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Local Masons Respond to Dunblane Tragedy

(In the wake of the unfortunate shootings that took place in Dunblane, Scotland, the following was written for the information of the Masonic Community. A fund has been established by local Brethren in an attempt to respond to the needs of the families of the unfortunate victims.)

By Maurice Solomon
Dunblane

Dunblane is a small town of great antiquity, six miles from Stirling, nestled in the gentle hills of Western Perthshire in central Scotland. It is the home of a 12th Century cathedral which was rebuilt in 1240 and has 15th Century carved oak stalls, and a Celtic cross about 6 1/2 feet high. It was extensively restored in the 19th Century and, at present, serves as the Parish church.

Masonic connection

Dunblane is a significant name in Scottish Freemasonry. The Lodge of Dunblane No. IX has been in existence for more than 300 years. The first signed minutes extant are dated 28th January, 1686, the roll of Lodge Masters dates back to 1695. There also exists a box believed to be dated at least 20 years earlier, which contains defaced and mutilated documents which might indicate an even earlier existence.

Similar evidence can be found on the oldest part of the stonework of Dunblane's magnificent cathedral, where Mason's marks are easily distinguishable.

The use of the Roman numerals IX, in place of the usual Arabic 9, has caused a great deal of discussion. The first use of the Roman numerals appears in the minutes of 13th January, 1888, and although no mention is made why it was introduced, there is a strong theory that it may have been the whim of the secretary at that time. The Grand Lodge of Scotland still uses the numeral 9.

On January 25, 1886, the Lodge celebrated the birthday of Robert Burns in appropriate fashion. This is the first record of what is now regarded as a major annual event on the Dunblane Masonic calendar.

Charity

In 1886 the foundation stone was laid for a new Masonic Hall, and there were no fewer than 13 Lodges represented at the ceremony. In 1887 the addition of a memorial window displayed the figures of both Hiram Abiff and St. John, both surrounded by Masonic functions, and its color is said to be as splendid as it was so many years ago.

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Grand Master Assists in Service Award Presentation



(left to right) R.-W.: Ken Erwin, PDDGM, Allegany District, M.-W.: Earle J. Hino, Jr., R.-W.: Merle Webster, Honoree, PDDGM Genesee/Wyoming, R.-W.: Chester W. MacRae, DDGM, Genesee/Wyoming, W.- Raymond Barber, Master of Mt. Vernon Lodge and R.-W.: Leonard Mason, Master, Arcade Lodge.

By Chester MacRae

M.-W.: Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master, recently assisted Masons of the G/W District in presenting a 50 Year Service Pin & Certificate to R.-W.: Merle Webster, PDD of the G/W District. He is a dual member of Arcade Lodge No. 419 of Arcade, N.Y. and Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263 of Java Village, N.Y.

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Do something really great for yourself today-Call up an old friend- Teach a child how to whistle-Pick up someone else's litter.

Save the Date
Grand Lodge Officers' Apron Presentation and Retirement Dinner
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Reminder

To all you outgoing Masters; please insure the continuity of communication by informing the incoming Master, or his designee, of his responsibility to keep the Brothers informed. This is most easily done by submitting Lodge articles to the *Masonic Times* for publication each month in an accurate, timely manner.

FAX

You are cautioned again that "R3" or "successful transmission" does not necessarily mean your article got through to our FAX machine in its entirety. This month, again, we received two pieces of paper with one line of unintelligible characters on the top of each. We have no idea whether it came from Syracuse or Mars.

Observations

Over the last few years, since the Temple was sold, the T.C.C. has been trying to wean the tenants off the "Our Building" syndrome. The number of rooms is limited. No kidding! Really! The problem is that people haven't or won't recognize that fact. If you know you are going to need a room for something other than your regular meeting, and renters have preference here, reserve it ahead of time by calling Barb. If you just show up, you may be disappointed. Even though you are entitled to rooms for rehearsals etc. at no extra cost, this privilege is still on a first come, first served basis.

Impressions

"You never get a second chance at a first impression"; heard that before? The following story sounds almost incredible enough to be true.

Influence Somebody

By Lowell Spivey, Master, Manteo No. 521

A young man was broke and wandering the streets. He stopped at a pawn shop and looked in. The man behind the counter was wearing a necklace from which hung a Masonic emblem. He went in, told the owner he was down on his luck Mason, even though he was not. He asked to borrow \$25 until the following week. The owner gave him the

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By R.:W.: Vernon Goodrich

One of the greatest Commandments is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself". Love also means charity. In Masonry we expound upon faith, hope and charity. It is through faith that we have hope for the future and by charity we not only show our love, but we also help build that future. We are also reminded that, "it is more blessed to give than to receive", and "as we sow, so shall we reap".

With both the Bible and Masonry reiterating the joy of giving, how can I enhance or expand upon the concept of loving your neighbor? Of course, I can deliberate upon the never ending need, or the inner feeling of comfort, of calm, of satisfaction, but all this has already been done when we read the Bible or when we practice Masonic ideology.

What goes around, comes around; let us all practice what we preach; let your light so shine that all may see your good works, etc. Did you know that the word "give" appears 880 times in the Bible and that in the book of Numbers it states that the more we give, the more we inherit?

Give of yourself in time, thought, deed, money and in Love.

Community Service

By R.:W.: Harold Bollotin

There has been a drought in Community Service events in the last few months. No opportunities have arisen and I have not had the time to "beat the bushes" in search of new activities.

A new possibility has come to my attention for consideration, the Rochester Children's Museum. They are looking for volunteers and have scheduled a Volunteer/Special Events Meeting on May 8th. I am planning to attend and learn more about the organization and their activities.

There was a Multiple Sclerosis Walk on April 21st. I will report on this next month.

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"x" = No. of months missed.
XX/XX = date rec. (late)

The Deadline for the June issue is:
May 12, 1996

If you see your Lodge name here, call your Master; whatever you like!

Financial Planning Solutions

R.:W.: Gerald J. Glaser
716-381-3340

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

I belong to a group of investors called the Investors Alliance, which publishes an "Investor Journal" designed to answer questions, educate their members, and give advice on various financial topics.

In the latest issue of the publication, a question was posed to one of the experts whose name will not be used.

Q: I'm 63, just sold my business, and netted \$325,000 after taxes. My bank proposed that this money be invested in a portfolio of CDs, Treasuries, and a fixed annuity with a yield of 6.2%. Could I have your thoughts on this?

A: Dear D.S.: That fixed income portfolio is industrial strength dumb, dumb, dumb! If the future is where you want to spend the rest of your life, then that advice makes as much sense as trying to saddle a sea horse.

At 63 you've got a lot of living left, and you may not be able to do it comfortably on a 6.2% current income return, or \$20,150 a year for the rest of your life. I'll offer a blood oath that a dozen years hence, the prices of peaches, pickles, pizza, pancakes, pasta, prunes, and peanut butter will be indecently higher than today's costs. I'm willing to wager my IRA, SEP/IRA, ESOP, KEOGH, 401K and 4121, and \$11.00 in cash, that taxes, utilities, tolls, cable, telephone, clothing, tires, lollipops, toiletries, rent, transportation, etc., will be alarmingly higher by your 75th birthday. Inflation is a slow, inexorable cancer that sneaks up on you on little cat's feet, and you don't know it's there until it's too late.

Most investors make this mistake, which becomes increasingly difficult to correct because time works against them. You need to compose a portfolio that will provide rising annual income plus capital appreciation. Bonds don't do that! We believe that 35% of your portfolio should be invested in pale blue chips, the dividends of which have the potential to better than double in a 12 year time frame.

We suggest that 20% of your portfolio be invested in REITS which have high dividend growth potential, and the rest in convertible issues.

If properly managed, your dividend income should more than double in a dozen years and you will enjoy some pleasantly modest capital gains.

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| Equip. Type | On loan |
|----------------|------------|
| Bathtub equip. | 48 |
| Bed (Acces.) | 1 |
| Canes | 87 |
| Commodos | 89 |
| Crutches | 179 |
| Walkers | 152 |
| Wheelchairs | 123 |
| Miscellaneous | 10 |
| Total | 689 |

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Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Some people will go to extraordinary lengths to exclude others from their favorite fishing hole, even if a river runs through it.

Generally a property owner whose land abuts a body of water (lake, river, stream) owns the land up to the high water mark. The State owns the land below that mark if that body of water is considered navigable. A body of water is navigable if it is capable of supporting commerce. If a body of water isn't considered navigable (e.g. a creek, pond), then the abutting landowner also owns a portion of the land directly underwater.

What about a landowner whose land surrounds a river?

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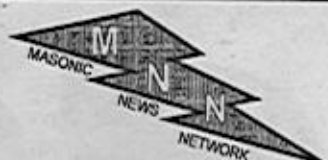
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Can he rightfully exclude others from fishing that part of the river which runs through his land?

A private fishing club, which owns property in Oswego County, surrounds the Salmon River. This club even owns 10 islands within the river. Some locals would embark on boats, upstream from the club (obviously not members), come to a point in the river which flows through this private property, drop anchor, wade into the water, and fish.

The club owner claimed trespass, and wants no non-members to fish his part of the river. Can he?

Thankfully not. If a body of water is considered navigable, then the public has the right to fish it. This right to fish, must by necessity, include the right to temporarily anchor and wade. The shoreline though, remains private property. This entitles the owner to exclude anyone from it, even for the purpose of tying a boat or line to a tree stump on shore.

Dunblane

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Dunblane, because of its country setting and its convenient location, was chosen for a home for elderly Masons and their wives. In 1946 a building fund was started and by 1948 enough had been raised to begin active steps to acquire or build a Home. In 1950 the setting known as "Ault Wharrie" was purchased, and in 1951 it was officially opened as the Masonic Home.

In 1957 the Provincial Grand Lodge of Fife and Kinross, with funds accumulated to mark their bi-centennial celebration, purchased another site, Randolph Hill. This additional home was opened in August, 1958, to provide a "sick bay" for residents of Ault Wharrie and as a convalescent home for Brethren after surgery or illness.

In 1959 the Queen honored the home by authorizing the use of the title "Royal" in the name, making it the "Royal Scottish Masonic Home". In 1967 a further appeal for funds resulted in the addition of a new purpose-built edifice, officially opened two years later, and named Ardnablane.

It should be pointed out that for many years now it has been the preference among Freemasons in Scotland to establish smaller homes in different parts of the country, which have proved to meet the demand of older Brethren and their wives to live near friends, relatives, and Lodges. The policy of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is to assist monetarily in any Province where there is a need for this accommodation, and where the local Brethren are willing to take an active interest in the maintenance of a home and the welfare of its residents.

The tragedy

Thus Dunblane, a landmark in Scottish Freemasonry, and a showpiece of Scottish Masonic benevolence, has been cruelly destined by an ill-fated Providence to be the site of one of the most heinous and barbarous crimes in British history, its heart torn out by the "slaughter of the innocents". As we agonize over the fate of the tiny victims, we can perhaps be forgiven if we reflect, all too sadly, on the immortal words of the poet written so many years ago:

"They shall not grow old,
As we that are left grow old".

Memorial Fund

The Tartan Square Club of Rochester is sponsoring the establishment of a fund, the proceeds of which will be transmitted to the Secretary of the Lodge of Dunblane in Scotland, to provide Holy Bibles in memory of the children, or some other appropriate form of memorial as may be decided by those involved. To date, a substantial sum has been collected from the generous donations of Lodges and individuals. All checks should be made payable to the Tartan Square Club, endorsed for the "Dunblane Fund". Donations may be sent to either the Secretary or the Treasurer:

Maurice Solomon
247 Fair Oaks Avenue
Rochester, NY 14618 or
Andrew P. Young
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Grand Lodge

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seated in the Southeast, Grand Representatives and Grand Chaplains in the Northeast, Lodge Representatives in their respective District seating areas, and Grand Lodge Staff Officers in assigned locations throughout the Grand Lodge Room (third and fourth floors).

Final Vote on Amendments

Certain amendments are expected to be presented for consideration on either day of the Annual Communication. Having been approved by the Grand Lodge at its 214th Annual Communication in May of 1995, the following amendments will be presented for the second and final approval:

1) Amend §112: Denoting the title of "Very Worshipful" to Assistant Grand Lecturers and Past Assistant Grand Lecturers who have not already attained the title of Right Worshipful. The title of "Very Worshipful" would not denote its holder as having attained the rank as an officer of Grand Lodge and would not permit the holder to wear a purple apron.

2) Resolution to establish §209 of the Constitutions authorizing and empowering the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund to (1A) own, maintain, and operate the George Washington Masonic Shrine at Tappan, also known as the DeWint House National Historic Shrine; and (1B) take all actions and executed knowledge and deliver all instruments as may be necessary, proper, and desirable to acquire such Shrine and carry out the provisions, purpose, and intent of Paragraph A stated above.

3) Resolution to change §285 of the Constitutions which establishes the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge as President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, of the Tappan Washington Corporation which shall continue to own, maintain and govern the George Washington Masonic Shrine at Tappan until such transfer to the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund be completed under §209 as amended in item (2) above.

4) Resolution to delete the clause within §315 of the Constitutions, which is in conflict with §121,7 of the Constitutions, giving authority to the District Deputy Grand Masters to grant written permission to Lodges to wear Masonic regalia on suitable public occasions that are in keeping with proper Masonic dignity.

New Propositions

There will be amendments proposed for the first year's approval, which are as follows:

1) A resolution to amend §111 of the Constitutions to read as follows: The following officers, namely: a Grand Marshal, Deputy Grand Marshal, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Standard Bearer, Deputy Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Historian, Grand Lecturer, Judge Advocate, Proctor, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Tiler, Grand Organist, a District Deputy Grand Master for each Masonic District, twenty-two Grand Chaplains and such additional Grand Chaplains not exceeding twenty as the Grand Master may deem advisable, twenty-one Grand Directors of Ceremo-

nies, twenty-two Grand Stewards, and twenty-two Grand Sword Bearers, MAY be appointed by the Grand Master at the Annual Communication, or within thirty days after the close thereof, to hold office during his pleasure or until their successors are appointed. The change being found in the last clause stating that the Officers MAY be appointed, rather than SHALL be appointed by the Grand Master.

2) A resolution to amend §888, to prohibit only the elected officers of a Lodge from concurrently holding two offices in the same Lodge. Thereby, permitting constitutional officers and other Lodge officers who are not elected to concurrently hold two offices in the same Lodge with the exception of the Tiler.

The following proposals to amend the Constitutions and Masonic Law having been referred to specific Grand Lodge Committees for consideration and recommendation by the Grand Master at the 214th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in May of 1995, will be reported on by the appropriate Committee(s):

1) A resolution to amend §200 and §202 to broaden the powers of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund to give the Grand Lodge and the Trustees more flexibility in their operations. *Referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.*

2) A resolution to amend §600.8, which would require Grand Lodge to forego the annual dues to Lodges for those members who have attained the age of eighty-five years and have been in continuous good standing for fifty years. *Referred to the Jurisprudence and Finance Committees.*

3) A resolution to amend §757, which would permit Bingo and other games of chance was determined not to be a constitutional matter, but rather a policy consideration. *Referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.*
New proposal to amend the Rules of Order:

1) A resolution to amend §XI 14 to combine the Standing Committee on Lodges and Buildings with the Committee on Long Range Planning to form a new Standing Committee to be known as the *Committee on Long Range Planning.*

2) A resolution to establish §XI 123 in order to combine the Committee on Community Service with the Committee on Child Identification to form a new Standing Committee to be known as the *Committee on Community Service.*

Lodges and Grand Lodge members are requested to send to the Grand Secretary, within TEN days after the receipt of this notice, any proposition or business they may wish to bring before the Grand Lodge. No question, subject or proposition ordinarily referred to a Grand Lodge Committee shall be acted on or considered by the Grand Lodge unless presented to such Committee, except where otherwise ordered by vote of the Grand Lodge.

Nominations by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Earle J. Hino, Jr., will nominate for confirmation as Commissioners of Appeals: R..W.. Arthur R. Martocchia for three years in place of R..W.. Arthur R. Martocchia, term expired; R..W.. Allan Winick for three years in place of R..W.. Allan Winick, term expired.

For election as Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund: R..W.. William H. Mueller for three years in place of R..W.. William H. Mueller, term expired; R..W.. Walter S. Gillis for three years in place of R..W.. Louis S. Rosenthal, term expired; R..W.. Robert G. Balzer for three years in place of R..W.. Michael T. Brockbank, term expired.

For election as Members of the Corporation, Masonic Medical Research Laboratory:

R..W.. Martin E. Goldstein for three years in place of R..W.. Martin E. Goldstein, term expired; R..W.. Albert J. Wright for three years in place of R..W.. Albert J. Wright, term expired; R..W.. Neal I. Bidnick for three years in place of R..W.. Neal I. Bidnick, term expired; R..W.. William A. Harris for three years in place of R..W.. William A. Harris, term expired; R..W.. William Perlman for three years in place of R..W.. William Perlman, term expired.

For election as Trustees of the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge:

R..W.. David Goldsmith for three years in place of R..W.. David Goldsmith, term expired; R..W.. Sion M. Honea for three years in place of R..W.. Sion M. Honea, term expired; R..W.. John Mauk Hilliard for three years in place of R..W.. John Mauk Hilliard, term expired; R..W.. Ronald M. White for three years in place of R..W.. Ronald M. White, term expired; W.. Gary Heinmiller for three years in place of R..W.. John S. Curtis, term expired;

For election as Directors of the Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York, Inc.: R..W.. Charles C. Mendell for one year in place of R..W.. Charles C. Mendell, term expired; R..W.. Bernard Ferber for one year in place of R..W.. Bernard Ferber, term expired; R..W.. Raymond LaScala for one year in place of R..W.. Raymond LaScala, term expired; R..W.. Raymond P. Alvarez for one year in place of R..W.. Raymond P. Alvarez, term expired. R..W.. Mortimer J. Katzen for one year in place of R..W.. William Mayers, term expired.

On Monday evening, May 6, 1996, the Annual Grand Master's Dinner will be held at the Terrace On The Park in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, New York City. Presentation of the Grand Lodge Medal for Distinguished Achievement will be made by the Grand Master to Brother and Honorable William J. Bratton, Commissioner of Police for the City of New York.

The Election will be the special order of business on Tuesday, May 7, 1996. It is anticipated that the Public Installation of the Grand Master and Elected Grand Line will take place at the Masonic Hall at 12:00 Noon. These elected Grand Lodge Officers will be obligated upon the Inaugural (George Washington) Ma-

sonic Bible of St. John's Lodge No. 1, A.Y.M., F.&A.M. Ladies and non-Masonic friends are invited. A free reception for the Grand Master will follow the Installation.

The Open Investiture of Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, including District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Staff Officers, will take place at the Masonic Home in Utica, New York on Saturday afternoon, June 22, 1996, during the St. John's Weekend. For more information about the St. John's Weekend contact W.. Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator, Masonic Home at 1 (800) 322-8826. □

New York State Grand Lodge Emergency Assistance

(Grand Lodge, New York - February 7, 1996)

To: All New York State Masons Residing in Southwestern New York, Northeastern Pennsylvania and Northern New Jersey.

Dear Brothers, I bring the fraternal greetings and the best wishes of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Earle J. Hino, Jr., and our Grand Secretary, M..W.. Gary A. Henningsen, P.G.M. In recent days, the floods and other adversities that have deluged many areas of the Southwestern region of New York State, Northeastern Pennsylvania and Northern New Jersey have received prominent attention in the media.

It is our sincere hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones faring well and in good health and spirits. If you should find yourself in distress or in need of our fraternal help, please do not hesitate to contact this office and/or the Master of your Lodge.

We can also arrange through this office for a local Masonic Lodge in your area to visit with you as a fraternal courtesy. You may contact this office by calling 212-741-4500 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., during the weekdays, or by writing to the Grand Master in care of the Grand Lodge F. and A.M. of the State of New York, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10010-4149.

Remember that as Brother Masons our fraternal ties are very strong and we truly care about all of our members and their families. Again, if you should be in need of our assistance, please know that we are but a phone call away. Be of good cheer and God Bless.

Sincerely and fraternally,
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GP Assistant Grand Secretary □



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1st Monroe District

District Deputy Grand Master Designee 1st Monroe
 W. Cyrus Kloner

By W. Cyrus Kloner
 Thank you!

As I get ready to start my term of office on May 7, 1996, I thank all of you who supported my desire to become the DDGM of the 1st Monroe District. It is with humility and honor that I accept this nomination.

It would be remiss of me if I did not acknowledge the commitment and dedication of my predecessors, Rich, Terry, Bruce and Scott. These men came into office and worked as a team and accomplished many great things. Numerous people have told me that they were not envious that I had to follow in their footsteps. While this will be difficult, these men, being great leaders, have made this task less intimidating. Since the appointments were made public, the Grand Lodge Officer designees have been privy to everything that has taken place. There is not enough space in the *Times* to put all of the words that would be required to properly thank these four individuals for all their insight and guidance. At this time I thank them for all of their past efforts and look forward to working with them in the years to come.

Training

As you may well be aware, as a Grand Lodge Officer designee you are required to undergo extensive training. We have met on the state level once and on the regional level twice. We will also have sessions on June 21st in Utica and again in August at Camp Turk. While these sessions have been very valuable from an educational standpoint they have also benefited us personally. The friendship that you form with your peers is a rewarding experience.

Commitment and availability

When I accepted this position it was not without deliberate consideration. I knew then and even more now, of the time commitment that is required. It is my intention to be available to anyone that needs my help and assistance at any time. For the next two years my main commitment will be to the Blue Lodge and specifically to the 1st Monroe District. If you desire my atten-

dance at an event or if you want to discuss any subject please feel free to contact me.

Future

There is an old saying, "If it is not broken don't fix it." While there is always room for improvement, my plan for the next two years will be to keep the ball rolling. Dave Jones, Bill Spillane, Gene Brendel and I have agreed to run the Monroes the same way that the previous Grand Lodge Officers ran them, as one! All District functions will be held as one District. We fully intend to continue the programs that have already been instituted locally and by Grand Lodge and support them to the fullest extent possible. This refers to the Shepherding, Membership Loss Prevention, and Lodge System of Masonic Education Programs, etc. It is our intent to try to find the best men to oversee and present these programs through the various Umbrellas. The new Umbrella chairmen and their phone numbers will be in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*. After this article Dave and I will be combining our efforts and produce one article. As I said earlier, "If it is not broken don't fix it."

Finally

It is my great pleasure and I am indeed fortunate to have Gene Brendel as the other half of my TEAM. It is also a pleasure to have the opportunity to work side by side with Dave Jones, DDGM, and Bill Spillane, Staff Officer, of the 2nd Monroe District. It is my sincere hope that together we will serve you in a capacity that will meet your needs and please you. Now for those famous words that we will continue to use throughout the next two years...Let's Do It!!!

Future Grand Lodge Staff Officers of the Monroes

By W. Eugene Brendel and W. William Spillane

Well prepared

Reality is about to set in! Not virtual reality, but the real McCoy! Bruce and Scott have been eager and efficient in handing over (or should we say dumping) their collection of material from the last two years, and there is plenty of it! We have been through three training sessions and on St. John's Day in Utica, will have two more. Within days of this publication, we will have officially become Staff Officers with responsibilities in the Monroe Districts and wherever else the Grand Master so chooses. With some trepidation and a tremendous amount of respect for those who have preceded us, we feel we are as well prepared as is possible.

Enthusiastic leaders

As Masons we are all well aware of the decline in our numbers over recent years and have heard predictions from the "doom and gloom" crowd for the future of the Craft. Reflecting on our recent experience in Utica, however, we can see there is much to be positive about. The Grand

Master's Task Force has done a fantastic job of preparing us factually and inspirationally for the next two years. We only wish that all Masons had been present in Utica to experience the tremendous enthusiasm among those who have been leaders and continue to be a driving force in our Fraternity. We found that enthusiasm to be infectious and one of our goals must surely be to pass it on to all Brethren.

For those of us here in the Monroes, we can take great pride in the recognition that we have not been just spectators of the renewal which is occurring in New York State Masonry, but have, indeed, been in the forefront. This is due in large part to the leaders we have chosen for the last several years and their commitment to the principles and well being of the Craft. The esteem with which our Past Grand Lodge Officers have been held throughout the State for the work they have done was highly visible during the training weekend in February. The high standard they have set now becomes an obligation for us; to carry on this tradition and build on it. But we cannot do it alone!

Necessary steps

There is a great deal of developing talent in our Lodges and we must be diligent in the nurturing of that talent. It is not just up to us who have been appointed as leaders, but rather all Masons, to see that those who have the potential to lead are encouraged, coached and supported. We must listen to the young men in our Lodges and provide programs of interest and opportunities for them to participate. We must continue to seek out those men, especially young men, in our communities who have the moral qualifications to become members of the Craft and encourage them to join us.

We must stem the tide of members being dropped for non-payment of dues by contacting them and encouraging them to return to Lodge to see what is new. Perhaps it is time to take a long, hard look at where we stand in our individual Lodges to determine if we are indeed fulfilling the purpose for which we exist. If not, we should take decisive steps to do whatever may be necessary.

We, as Grand Lodge appointees, are here to help in any way we can, but as stated above, we cannot do it alone. "The stones must be hewn, squared and numbered in the quarries where raised, and the timber felled and prepared in the forest". With the aid of the Great Architect, together, we will be able to follow the designs upon the trestleboard and continue the rebuilding of the great temple of Masonry. We can think of no finer institution or fraternity, and with your District Deputies, are ready to go to work. We will seek and accept your help in our journey over the next two years. You may expect ours!

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By W. Paul Soltzick
Greetings and best wishes

It is with some trepidation I write this second to last article. The time just seems to have flown by! But, alas, the months have passed and we must prepare for the change of season and leadership which shall occur. We all shall be in good hands, and I am confident our Lodge will continue on and prosper as it has. I am very proud of all our accomplishments.

New look

The refurbishing of the Lodge, along with the carpeting throughout, has breathed new life into our meetings and given me (and I hope all of us) a new outlook at our Lodge. This is not to mention the other additions, and our most recent gift from Matron, Joy Woodley, the afghan hanging in the Southwest corner. We also have new Officers' staffs from the Trustees.

Thanks

Again, my thanks to all of you. With any luck the carpeting will be paid off as we had dared dream, and we can move on to the next project. The hard work melted in with the fellowship and camaraderie; it hardly seemed like work at all.

Circus

My hat is off to Bill Kuehne again for a great season at the circus booth. We had another good year at our concession booth (along with some new faces and help), and we were the most productive booth at the circus again. In fact the only 'problem' we had was that we were sold out of supplies fairly early on the last day. Thanks to those loyal members (and Shriners) who participated and helped out. We did it again, and I'll see you at the appreciation picnic.

Northfield visit

On March 21st we made our promised return visit "back" to Northfield Lodge and W. Bill Spillane. Being received graciously and in such good company, it was our pleasure to be a part of their meeting and Degree. Brother Nick Haldoupis showed us the true Webster spirit when he was unexpectedly asked (and accepted) to fill in for the Middle Chamber Lecture! He then impressed us all by giving an admirable performance. Thanks again Nick, you made us proud.

Grand Ball

Our Annual Grand Ball was on March 30th at the Radisson on Jefferson Road in Henrietta. The food was good or better. I was asked to sit at the Head Table (as Treasurer of Masters & Wardens) and had a marvelous time conversing with our officers and guest, Larry Feasel. It has been a long time since I had conversed with him, and it was very nice to renew the contact. I had been a student of his back when I at-

tended MCC in 1973-75. It was really a pleasure to see such a deserving, hard working person receive our DeWitt Clinton Award.

April event


April 4th was our Lodge Education Night. Presentations were given by Bill Kuehne on the Royal Arch, Nick Haldoupis on the Scottish Rite (Consistory), and Paul Moore on the Shrine. My thanks to them for fine speeches, helping to promote our Concordant Bodies, and shedding some more light to our members. Especially the newer Brothers who may not be informed of those Bodies.

Upcoming events

Mark your calendars for these events: Our Move-Up Night will be on May 2nd. The Spaghetti Dinner for May will be on the 3rd. Election of Officers and Grand Lodge Report will be held on May 16th. On Sunday, May 19th, we will hold a Public Installation of Officers.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Grand Lodge Officers Apron Presentation and Retirement Dinner at Logan's on May 31st.

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943



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By W. Tom O'Leary
End of year

It's hard to believe my year as Master is coming to an end. October of 1994 seems like yesterday, yet that is when planning for this year began. All the Officers and Committee Chairmen did an outstanding job! A special "thank you" to R. W. Leon Perkins for delaying his retirement as ERAC's Secretary to serve again this year. Behind every successful organization is a good secretary.

Reflections

The only regret I have is moving through the line so quickly. I consider myself a good manager and a fair ritualist, but I always felt I was lacking in overall Masonic knowledge. I had only been a Mason for 4 1/2 years when elected Master, and a Line Officer for only 3 1/2 years. My wife said to get back in line to rectify this, but not this year! During this coming year, I'd like to view Masonry from the sidelines, reflect on my first 5 1/2 years, and continue to broaden my foundation. Thank you again to everyone who supported the Lodge and all its activities.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be on Monday, May 13th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Reservations can be made with Brother Bob Carlson at (716) 426-8572.

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By W. Thomas J. Hueston
New York, New York

By the time you read this I will be about to embark on my trip to New York. I thank the Lodge for making this trip possible. I am looking forward to receiving our 8th straight Howard Potts Award from Grand Lodge.

Thanks

A big thanks to W. Charles A. Tijou, R. W. A. John Tijou, Brother Robert Betkowski, Sr. and Junior Master of Ceremony, Brother Robert Betkowski III, who assisted in the Wine & Cheese Tasting. We all learned about fine wines and had a good time.

A special thank you to R. W. Bob Pettit and the Past Masters who did a great job conferring the 3rd Degree. A warm welcome to our new Brothers.

May events

May 13th will be the Election of Officers, Grand Lodge Report, and Move-up Night



R. W. A. John Tijou, "A toast".



Some of the Brothers, wives and friends enjoying fellowship after the Wakan/Hubbard Wine Tasting.



R. W. A. John Tijou, Charles Tijou and Bob Betkowski, Sr., preparing the wine for tasting at the Wakan/Hubbard event on April 12th.

Our Ladies Night with our Sister Lodge from Canada will be held on May 18th. It will be an evening of dinner and dancing at Three Acres Party House. The price is \$40.00 per couple and dress is black tie.

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no meeting on May 27th.

Petitions

A reminder that we are always looking for new members. Have a petition ready to give to a friend. Introduce him into Masonry.

News and Views

By Don Bell

Sickness and distress

We hear that Brother E. Robertson North is not feeling well. He and Pat would appreciate your cards and letters. Brother Jim Willis, DSA, is back home and is doing well. Brother John McMahon recently suffered a broken wrist. Brother Wally Wright is home and doing well after his heart attack and hopes to join us in Lodge soon.

Brothers about

Brother Karl Lemperle writes that his wife, Jean, is very ill and in the hospital. He is a dual member of Glendale Lodge No. 23 and is fairly active there. He regularly reads the Wakan/Hubbard column with interest.

Brother George Guy writes that his wife, Marion, passed away five years ago and he is a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and St. James Church, Thrift Shop. He occasionally attends the local Masonic Lodge, enjoys singing in the church choir and is Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Auburn.

We hear that Brother Chapin Blake is moving to Colorado and we wish him and his wife, Jean, well.

R. W. John and Etta Tijou will be going to Italy to visit Concordie Lodge No. 983 in Pescara, Italy. He will also be touring the Grand Orient in Rome. John received a FAX that some members of Concordie Lodge plan to visit us in late Summer. We wish John and Etta an enjoyable trip.

W. Ted and Marion Snyder, have a good trip to the Eastern Caribbean.

W. Charles Tijou and Brother Robert Betkowski recently returned from the South sporting splendid tans.

CLIO Lodge No. 779



W. David Upham,
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7:30 P.M.

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By W. David G. Upham, Sr.
Brethren

The Masonic year is drawing inexorably to a close. I would like to spend a few lines in review of our progress, our successes and failures for 1995-96. At the beginning of this term we installed a strong line of Officers who dedicated themselves in service to the Lodge and to the Craft. We set some goals for growth and improvement in five important areas: reduce operating costs, increase income, increase community exposure, attract new members and increase interest and attendance at meetings. Let's review where we stand on each item:

1. Reduce operating costs: we are currently scheduled for a professional energy audit which will help us learn ways we can reduce utility expenses-our major cost item. The Trustees are also looking for other means of reducing costs. Result...good, so far.

2. Increasing income, an ongoing growth experience, has been successful. We are doing very well on our Spaghetti Dinners, and, hopefully, our Ox Roast. Hall rentals have lagged, however. Still, we have increased income, so the result is...very good.

3. Increase community exposure: we have made overtures to the Parma Bi-Centennial Committee for Masonic involvement; presented the DeWitt Clinton Award to two citizens in a public ceremony; opened our building for public use for several groups-but we have fallen short of the goal. Result...fair.

4. Increase membership: we have done fairly well. We have 5 new Brothers by initiation and several more by affiliation, with at least one other affiliation in progress. We still have too many NPDs, however, and we have yet to figure out how to reduce that number. Result...good, but could be better.

5. Increase interest and attendance: with the new members, attendance has grown, but we haven't done very well in attracting some longer term members to meetings. This is an ongoing problem which needs to be addressed continually and over an extended period. Result...fair.

If we were to give a grade point average for our performance, it probably would be a high C to a low B. Certainly a passing grade, but with much opportunity for improvement.

The rest of the story...

The grade is only half the story! What we accomplished this year is to pull the attending members into a tight, cohesive unit, working together toward a common goal of making Clio Lodge better in many different areas. Interest and enthusiasm is high.

We are, together, meeting and enjoying the challenge and the camaraderie that working together brings. We have not experienced any significant failures but, instead, have moved forward, slowly and surely, toward the goal of improvement. Change takes time and we have not been daunted from our journey forward by the stresses of time. We are making a difference, one step at a time! From this experience, we have learned and have become stronger as a unit and have grown as individuals. All things considered, I would grade this effort as an A+.

To all my Brethren who have contributed so much to this effort, to all of you who have offered advice, to each of you who have extended your helping hands even without being asked, to each and every one of you, I extend my heartfelt thanks. Grand Honors!

What lies ahead?

Can we gaze into a crystal ball and see the future? Probably not. One thing is clear. That same strong, dedicated line of Officers will still be guiding the Lodge forward. (We'll take one guy from the top of the line and pop someone else in at the bottom, but the core corps will remain in place). My hunch is that the Lodge will follow the momentum and continue to get stronger and stronger, that we will continue to grow in membership and in interest and that Masonry in Hilton and in Parma will continue to shed its beneficent influence as it has for the last 120 years.

I am proud of the Lodge's accomplishments. I am proud to have been able to be a part of all that has happened this year. I also am proud that I don't have to ask you to support the new Master and his programs when he is elected next month. It goes without saying that you will do that and more. Most of all, I hope when I see you in Lodge that I might take you by the hand and give you our password of greeting, "my Brother".

Spaghetti Dinner

Clio Lodge Hall
Wed., May 8th & 22nd
287 East Avenue
Hilton, NY
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Adults \$3.95
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From the Secretary's desk
By Charles A. Tucker, DSA
At the time of this writing, the Grand Master will have made his visit. The Brothers put a lot of time and effort into this project, and I thank all who helped.

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Sickness
Brother Harry Clapper now lives at Hilton East, 231 East Avenue, Hilton, NY, 14468.
Brother Douglas Harris has not been feeling well, but at this time they do not have an answer to the problem.
Brother Bud Camp is still at Lakeside Nursing Home, along with Ray Verney. If you are in Brockport, stop in and see these Brothers.

DeWitt Clinton Award
The Brothers of Clio Lodge congratulate Ann Doan and Pat Brotz, who received the DeWitt Clinton Award for their work in helping the needy by supplying them with food and clothing.

May activities
The Spaghetti Dinners will be on May 8th and May 22nd.
On May 7th there will be a guest speaker whose topic will be "History of Freemasonry".
On Tuesday, May 21st, we will have our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

Happy Birthday
The following Brothers will be celebrating birthdays in May: John Himmelsbach, Robert Baxter, Art Miller, Dick Pickett and Ken Mullen.

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Lodge No. 173

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By W. Neil E. Laundry
Renewal
Well, we've arrived at that point in the year when everything around us is in the process of renewing itself. Browns turn to green, cold to cool, and the newborn set out to explore this wonderful diversity that has suddenly opened before them.
I had much the same sense of renewal or, more accurately, seeing things as if for the 1st time, when I recently sat down with a couple of our younger members to talk about building the Monroe Trestleboard for 1996. They brought a fresh spirit to the process and one I hope will go a long way toward renewing and strengthening the sense of vitality.
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ity in our Lodge. Allow me to share a few thoughts with you concerning that topic.

First and foremost

First of all, I think that there exists a misconception about the needs of our younger members. We talk a lot about busy schedules and the need to protect quality time with one's family. What many of the older members don't really comprehend is that the presence of that stable family unit, which in most cases was a given in our lives, may no longer simply be assumed.

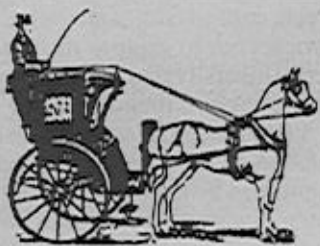
The nuclear family which was once a firm platform upon which one could base one's exploration of the surrounding community, has become something that must be consciously created, recreated, and maintained despite the community.

The society reflected by "June Cleaver" and "Ozzie and Harriet" is gone. Two income families are nearly a necessity, high divorce rates create single parent homes where survival is often a struggle, and everyone's self-worth and sense of value must be guarded or they will crumble, child and adult alike.

What about Masonry?

What does this mean for Masonry? It means that it can no longer be something that takes "Dad" away from home to do his own thing. It must become part of how the family defines itself. How it shares its time together. Rather than being a part of the community that demands time from one of the family members, it must become a part of the family that provides an opportunity for fun, friendship, and sharing within a caring community of common values.

If we don't provide this environment, it will be very difficult and perhaps, impossible for us to maintain a viable position in the lives of today's young family men. Just the sort of young men we would so like to bring into our organization will find Masonry a distraction rather than an enrichment in their lives.



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Trestleboard

This brings me back to next year's Trestleboard. Look for a change in emphasis and function. We will be reserving the 2nd meeting of each month for Degree work, business meetings, and programs centering on Masonic education and enrichment. The other meetings will be family and community oriented, designed to allow us to bring our families and friends together for fellowship, entertainment, and to build common interests and friendships. Oldtimers and young alike will find something of interest and value in each and every event.

Awards Program

Our Aprons and Awards Ceremony took place on April 27th at the Brockport United Methodist Church. We presented Brother Mel Mosher the Dedicated Service Award and Mr. Frank Balling with the MacArthur Youth Service Award. Recognition for several Service Awards were also presented. A small reception was held at the close of the program.

Grand Lodge

JW Keith Denton will be representing us at this year's Grand Lodge. I will turn part of next month's column over to him for his much anticipated report.

Thank you

I thank Brother Denton and his staff of officers for the fine job done in conferring the 2nd Degree on our new Brother in March. Brothers from Hesperus, Etolian, Wakan/Hubbard, and Charlotte/Corinthian joined us in the Degree presentation. Thanks also to our District AGL, W.: Eugene Brendel, for his much appreciated presence and input. Our next stop was at Clio Lodge for the 3rd Degree and the Grand Master's visit. What an honor for those new Brothers to have the Grand Master present at their raising!

Get well wishes

We send our greetings and prayers to Brothers Wilkins, Branigan, and Goheen. We hope that the fair weather and sunshine will help warm and brighten your days. You're never far from our hearts and minds.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brother John Brugger's mother-in-law, Pat Brotz, on her receiving the DeWitt Clinton Award from Clio Lodge.

Until next month, peace, fair winds, and may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479



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

W.: James M. Barker, Secretary
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By W.: Martin K. Michaels

Greetings to all

Brethren, this will be my last article in the *Masonic Times*. I thank everyone for making my year as enjoyable as it was. It seems that you have a lot of time to get the things done that you have planned when you look up and it's May and it's all over.

Thank you all. I had a wonderful year as Master, a year I will never forget.

May

Our May 13th meeting is our Annual Summons Meeting for the Election of Officers for the ensuing year. If everything goes OK, Brother Donald Darrohn will become our next Master. There is also an amendment to our By-Laws that will be voted on that night about raising our Lodge dues. I urge everyone to attend and give us your input in this important matter. Remember, it is YOUR Lodge.

The Traveling Gavel

The Traveling Gavel is once again at Etolian Lodge. Credit is due Brother Donald Darrohn and 17 Brothers who swept into Craftsman Lodge. Good going, Brothers.

Installation

We will have a Public Installation of Officers on Sunday, June 9th at 2:00 p.m. Come out and give your support to our new Line Officers.

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2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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By W.: Richard Snyder

Greetings Brothers!

The May 14th meeting is a Summons Communication for the purpose of electing officers for 1996, and voting on the budget. Please read the Trestleboard and mark your calendars.

Busy month

The month of April was a busy one for Valley/Simes Lodge. We started off the month with an Italian Dinner, where everyone could eat until they felt as if they would burst. The salad bar was also outstanding with its many choices of fix'ns and dressings. The only complaint heard was, "there's too much food". The Lodge's compliments and a big thanks to the cooks for a great job.

The following week the Fellowcraft Club went visiting. We traveled to Clio Lodge in Hilton for dinner and a conferral of the 3rd Degree. The Grand Master was present, which added an excitement to the evening's program. Our compliments to Clio, and W.: David Upham, for an outstanding evening.

Degree Festival

On April 20th, your Lodge, as the host Lodge, joined with other Lodges in the Monroe Districts, and participated in the Degree Fest by conferring the 3rd Degree on 3 of our Fellowcraft, and several others. My thanks to all of our Brothers who took part and helped make the day a big success. Special thanks to the Wardrobe Committee, headed by R.: W.: Mat Gingold and W.: Dick Giidd.

Bring-a-Friend

Our second scheduled Bring-a-Friend Night was held on April 23rd in Doric Hall. It was under

the direction of W.: Gary Burke, this year's Membership Chairman, assisted by W.: Bruce Mason and our JW, Mike Batz. Mike mailed letters to 32 potential members inviting them to attend a dinner and a short presentation of what Masonry is about. These were all names that were submitted by Brothers of this Lodge to the Committee. As of this writing, I cannot tell you how many attended, but with this kind of support the program has to be a success. Remember, we need names if the program is to be a continuing success. Next year the Lodge will be introducing the "Lodge System of Masonic Education" into its regular meetings so our current members can refresh their Masonic educations.

Good news!

This month I am glad to report that most of our membership is in good health, or well on the way to recovery. We have had no deaths. Keep up the good work!

Future dates

The Officers will meet in Doric Hall on May 8th at 7:30 p.m. Please note that this is on Wednesday.

The Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and 1996 Budget meeting will be May 14th. We will meet for dinner at the Maplewood Inn at 5:30 p.m.

On May 21st, Paul and Dottie Gleason will host the Fellowcraft meeting, 424-2349.

The Open Installation of Officers, Service Awards Night, and Strawberry Festival will be June 11th. Ladies and families are invited.

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

Apron Presentation and Grand Lodge Officers Retirement Dinner

Brothers, please mark May 31st on your calendars. Rich Friedman, Terry Wihlen, Bruce Chilton and Scott Seltzer devoted themselves to improving the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts over the last two years. Now is your chance to say thank you by attending their Retirement Dinner. Please help me show Seneca Lodge's support for them and the incoming Officers by attending. I would like to have a full table; call me by May 20th for tickets.

Canal Cruise

We are planning a Canal Dinner Cruise again this year on Friday, June 14th. Those who went last year had a great time. We leave the dock at Fairport Landing at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be approximately \$20.00 per person including dinner. The cruise will last 2 1/2 - 3 hrs. Please contact me by May 20th for reservations.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting and Installation is May 14th. Lodge will open at 5:30 p.m. for business, reports and elections. Installation will follow a 7:00 p.m. dinner. The incoming officer line will be published in the trestleboard.

Open House

Incoming Master, Thomas C. Foote, invites you to a casual Open House on Saturday, May 25th, at his home from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Please show Tom that you will support him by stopping by.

Lantern Lecture

R.: W.: Stephen R. Whittaker will be presenting the Lantern Lecture for our new Brothers at our June 11th meeting. Brothers from all other Lodges are welcome to join us.

Thanks

At our Awards Presentation, I was presented with a beautiful Past Master's watch. I was totally surprised and wish to express my thanks to all of my Brothers for allowing me to serve you for the last two years. I would especially like to thank our beloved R.: W.: Fred J. Belluscio for always being there when I needed him. W.: Robert C. Green, Jr., can we find some time to go fishing? Thanks to Brother Robert H. Stone for the steady stream of articles and ideas. I have used more of them than you know.

I will still be here

At Installation, I will be assuming the duties of hospitaler, correspondence and visitation, so you are not through hearing from me yet. I look forward to making all our Brothers feel they are an active part of Seneca Lodge whether they can make meetings or not. I plan to become a regular gossip columnist, so, send in those cards and letters.

The Working Tools

Go, work on mind and matter now, A Master raised to power art thou, Impress on each and all you can Wise Heaven's eternal Temple-plan. As on a trestleboard portray The great Design, from day to day. And build, in silence reverently The Temple of Humanity
By Brother A.S. McBride

FAIRPORT Lodge No. 476

W.: Robert L. Slominski, 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.: Robert Slominski

Last article

It's hard to believe that my year as Master is coming to a close. Hypothetically I could submit one more article, but I think it would be better to let the Master-Elect share his program and ideas. In talking with some of the other officers and Brothers, we all seem to agree on one point. My year was very black and white with very few gray areas. Everything we tried to accomplish was either a huge success or a complete bomb.

3rd Degree

Our 3rd Degree was held at the Lodge on Saturday, April 27th with lunch following at the Fairport Village Inn.

LRPC report

The Long Range Planning Committee has issued its first report. A complete copy is available at the Lodge, but I would like to cover some of the highlights.

1. Although a sincere effort was made to stop the decline in membership, we fell short and again lost more members than we gained.

2. We need to get once active members interested again.

3. Recruiting new members is essential if we are to survive the next five years.

The report is very detailed and your officers encourage every member to obtain a copy. Their strongest recommendation is that we convert part of the dining room into a Fellowcraft Club. Take a look at the truly successful Lodges in our area. Many of them have a Fellowship Club where friends, relatives and business associates can be entertained in a comfortable atmosphere and thus be encouraged to join our great Fraternity.

Thank you

Before checking out I take this opportunity to thank all of my Officers for their support and hard work; the Trustees and Long Range Planning Committee for a tremendous job; and all the widows and relocated Brothers who sent in letters of thanks for the news articles and encouragement for us to keep up the good work. Last, but not least, to R.:W.: Chick Becker, W.: Wayne Beckwith, W.: Dave Mawhiney, Brother Chuck Gillens and all of the other Brothers who encouraged me to take on this year as Master.

See you in Lodge!!!

Flower City Lodge No. 910



W.: R. Adrian Solomon, Master 473-0619

2nd Thursday 7:30 P.M.

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

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

By W.: R. Adrian Solomon

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 9th at 7:30 p.m. in Ionic Hall, 3rd floor of the Downtown Masonic Temple, 875 Main Street East. This will be a very important evening, as it is our Annual Election of Officers for 1996-97.

This meeting will also be the first meeting following the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York. As Worshipful Master, I will present my report of that meeting.

Important date!

Friday evening, May 31st, will be the night of the Grand Lodge Officer's Apron Presentation and Retirement Dinner at Logan's Party House, 1420 Scottsville Road. Among the honorees will be one of our own Past Masters, W.: Cyrus Kloner, who has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st Monroe District. The office of DDGM is not an honor for past actions, it is an opportunity for service to the Craft. Let's come out in force to show our support for our Brother.

Tickets are available by calling me for your reservation at 473-0619, prior to May 23rd. The

menu is a choice of Roast Sirloin of Beef or Stuffed Chicken Breast. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Social hour is at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Reminder

Spring is just around the corner, and we will be hitting the highway soon for Flower City Lodge's Adopt-a-Highway project. The clean up has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 11th.

Once again, we are in charge of a two mile stretch of Clover Street, from Monroe Avenue in Brighton to Stone Road in Pittsford. Come help out and make a difference. Many hands make light work.

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

May events

The Fellowcraft Club will meet on May 2nd.

May 6th and 7th will be Grand Lodge in New York City.

Our Annual Election will take place on May 9th.

The Grand Lodge Officer's Dinner will be May 31st.

Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County

President:

W.: John Zabel

Secretary-Treasurer:

R.: W.: D. Scott Seltzer

By W.: John Zabel

The end of the Lodge year was in sight. George was preparing to be elected and installed as Senior Deacon. The duties of Senior Deacon seemed relatively easy to George; greet visitors, conduct candidates, and examine candidates for proficiency. George was thinking how much fun this all would be and was looking forward to it.

Now, in the Lodge the Middle Chamber Lecture was given by Bill. Bill had been happily doing this for years, but he was nearing retirement. In fact, he was retiring in two months. Unknown to everyone, Bill and his wife were going to move out of town soon after retirement. They had purchased a place in Tucson. The meeting before elections, Bill walked up to George and said, "George, as you will soon be the Senior Deacon, I think we should talk. I haven't told anyone yet, but I'm retiring in two months and will be moving to Arizona. Given that, and the fact that I usually do the Middle Chamber Lecture, I think that you should consider learning the Lecture for the Fall Class."

"Um, why me?", asked George.

"Well, its really the Senior Deacon's work although I have been doing it for years. Also, I've watched you in Lodge, you've done good work and seem to have a good appreciation of the Ritual", replied Bill.

"I'm not sure I can learn that Lecture", said George. "It seems very long and complicated."

Bill stated, "I'll work with you, if you want, until I leave. I do believe that you should be able to learn it in two to three months."

"OK, I'll give it a shot", replied George.

Bill and George started to work together. Bill showed George how to find the rhythm in

the Lecture, helped him with some of the more sophisticated words and phrases, and taught him how to learn the work. Bill had George learn small sections of the Lecture at a time and repeat them whenever he was alone. As George learned more of the Lecture, Bill showed him how to put the pieces together. Just before Bill left for Arizona, he met with George for the last time.

"Let's go over the whole Lecture first, then we'll work on some of the rough spots", said Bill. After George finished, Bill said, "That was good. I think you know where you need to work. Unfortunately, this will be our last meeting as we're leaving at the end of the week."

"Do you really think that I'll be able to present this Lecture in Lodge?", asked George.

"Yes, you will do very well, just keep working on it", replied Bill. "I'll write to you from our new place to see how everything is going. Let me say this, learning the Middle Chamber Lecture was probably the most rewarding thing I've done in Masonry and I think you will find it to be the same for you."

"Have a good trip. I'll let you know how it goes this Fall", said George.

(To be continued next month.)

What's happening

The Bureau presented the Entry Level Course to newly raised Brothers and other interested Brethren on April 19th at Northfield Lodge. I believe that all in attendance learned something that they did not know. That is always our intent.

The Bureau is always looking for new and different educational programs. If you have any ideas, contact Marcel Goldenberg, Scott Seltzer or me.

Masters and Wardens Association

1st & 2nd Monroe Districts

President

W.: R. Adrian Solomon 473-0619

Secretary

W.: Thomas Hueston 723-0713

By W.: R. Adrian Solomon

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this year what it is.

Grand Ball, grand success!

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make the Grand Ball a success. Committee members are Ws.: David Foster, Richard Snyder, Paul Sobtziek, William Spillane and my wife, Susan.

A special thank you and congratulations to two Brothers who worked especially hard this year, the two President's Award winners, W.: David Foster and W.: Richard Snyder.

Important year

Greetings to the Masters-elect and the Senior and Junior Wardens-elect. 1996/97 will be a very important year in Masonry in Monroe County, and the Masters and Wardens Association can be a big part of the reason. This is the start of your year as officers, and can be the start of many great things, if you are willing to put in the effort.

Junior Wardens

Let me congratulate you on your election as Junior Warden.

Although I do not know each of you personally, I am confident that you will serve your respective Lodges with skill and diligence.

Among your many tasks as Junior Warden is preparing to become Master of your Lodge. The Masters and Wardens Association can be an important part of that preparation. By participating in Masters and Wardens, you will network with your fellow Junior Wardens (also with the Senior Wardens and the Masters).

Through Masters and Wardens you will gain a greater understanding of the role each officer plays in governing his Lodge, and you will learn how to fill that role effectively.

Annual Meeting

By W.: Donald Darrohn

The Annual Meeting of Masters and Wardens will be held May 11th at the Webster Temple. Ladies are invited to join us. The three items on the agenda are:

1. Review the Grand Lodge proceedings.

2. Vote on the Monroe Masters and Wardens By-Law changes.

3. Plan our June picnic. Everyone please attend and hear the Master's reports regarding the Grand Lodge proceedings.

If you have any questions, call me at 225-1782.

Incoming Assistant Grand Lecturers

By W.: John Zabel

About the time you read this, R.:W.: Scott Seltzer and I will have received our appointments as Assistant Grand Lecturers for the First and Second Monroe Districts, respectively. As your new ALG's, both Scott and I would like to commend our predecessors for their work and pledge to continue to provide assistance on Ritual matters to the Lodges in Monroe County.

School of Ritual

This Fall we will start off with a School of Ritual on Thursday, September 26th at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport. The School will exemplify the Opening and Closing of a Lodge, and will also cover the Ritual of Balloting. All newly installed Lodge Officers and newly raised Brethren are especially encouraged to attend. We would also like to see a certain city Lodge challenged for attendance.

Howard Potts Award

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd at the Masonic Temple on East Main Street in Rochester. This is where all the Lodges in the County can qualify for a Howard Potts Award. The Award is given to any Lodge whose top seven duly elected, or appointed and installed, officers are present. Two years ago the Monroe Districts made a splash at Grand Lodge by receiving nine

Howard Potts Awards. Let us strive to exceed that achievement.

Please invite us!

Scott and I are always willing to work with Masters and Lodge Officers on improving Ritual work. Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions and invite us to Degree rehearsals. We are here to serve you and help the Craft to confer meaningful and well presented Degree work.

2nd Monroe District

District Deputy Grand Master Designee 2nd Monroe

W.: David Jones

By W.: David W. Jones

District Deputy Grand Master...the title conjures images of dedicated stewardship to the Craft. Servants whose role is to minister to the needs of the Lodges in the District. It is a job that has been done with exceptional diligence and devotion in the past. I am extremely honored to have been chosen to serve and to number myself with the likes of Terry Wihlen, Rich Friedman, Joe Privitera and Bob Sanford, some of our most recent Grand Lodge Officers, as well as all those who have preceded them.

Training

Grand Lodge's emphasis on working District Deputies and Staff Officers has changed the nature of the post. Grand Lodge has invested heavily in my training and that of Cy Kloner, Gene Brendel and Bill Spillane, your Grand Lodge Officers' Team for 1996-98. We have been infused with the team spirit and will be sent out into the quarries to do our Grand Master's work.

Get the word out

What glorious work it is. Spreading the word about Masonry, not only to the Craft, but to those who would and should know more about us. For only when the uninitiated know what a really sensational organization we have will they be inclined to join.

Service

Keeping faith with those who have joined. Making sure we deliver on the image we wish to portray to the world. Practicing the Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth that we profess. These are some of the duties incumbent upon the District Deputy. We serve to inform Grand Lodge of the state of Masonry in the District. We serve to inform the Lodges in the District of Grand Lodge's requests and programs.

Responsibilities

We will be charged by Grand Lodge and the Grand Master with

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certain duties and responsibilities. In carrying out these duties, we will be using the Umbrella Chairmen and Quadrant System already in place. We will appoint chairmen, set goals and monitor progress, but the work is yours. The most energetic and enthusiastic District Deputy can inspire, lead, and cajole, but we also must delegate. I will be delegating much of the work to you, Brotherhood Fund Chairmen, and Shepherds for our newly raised Brothers. Public involvement and community awareness will be Lodge programs that will rely on you for success.

Great programs

Masonry in Monroe County is the envy of the rest of the State. Your Child I.D. Program, your support of the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart event, your outstanding participation in the Brotherhood Fund are viewed with admiration and respect by Masons throughout the area.

My fondest wish as District Deputy is to make sure we all know the bedrock foundation of the Craft is Brotherly Love.

So, love one another, and may the Great Architect of the Universe watch over all of us.


See you in the quarries.

Rich and Terry...thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your help and inspiration. LET'S DO IT!!!

Churchville
Lodge No. 667

W. Edward Roman, Master
225-0151

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



R. W. Earl C. Steffen
Secretary 392-8224
20 South Main St.
Churchville, N.Y. 14428

By W. Garry Hutchurson

Exciting times

Churchville Lodge has had an exciting couple of months with the raising of four candidates and the visit of Past Grand Master, M. W. Bruce W. Widger.

We conferred the 1st Degree on our candidates with SW Craig Mollon in the East. This was preceded by a great dinner by JW George Burke. Our 2nd Degree was conferred with JW George Burke in the East, preceded by a dinner by Steward, Jesse Noble.

Honored guest

On April 11th Past Grand Master, M. W. Bruce W. Widger, was here for our Annual Sojourner Dinner. He remi-

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nised about the history of the Village of Churchville and gave us wonderful remembrances of Churchville Masonry in days gone by.

Thank you

We thank R. W. Don Leisten and R. W. George Simon for their work on the Widows Luncheon. It was a successful undertaking, due mainly to their efforts.

The Lodge thanks Nola Chapter, OES, and all our Brothers for their help in the Have-A-Heart Campaign this year.

Month of May

We are looking forward to the Election of Officers on May 8th. The Installation will be held, following a dinner, on May 22nd.

Awards Night


I remind everyone that on June 12th there will be a special Awards Night presented by our new Master for the recruiting of Brothers in Churchville Lodge.

Get well

We wish our Treasurer, R. W. Don Leisten, a speedy recovery from his illness. Our prayers are with him.


We hope our traveling man, Jon Deacon, is well and remembers that we are thinking of him.

NORTHFIELD
Lodge No. 426
Instituted March 1857



W. William D. Spillane
435-0264

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



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

By W. William Spillane

Swan song

Well Brethren, this is my final article as Master of Northfield Lodge. What can I say that has not been said by every other Past Master in their last article? What can I say that the other Masters in this publication won't say? It doesn't seem as though a year has gone by since I assumed the East, but it has. The only thing that went quicker was my hair line. It was an experience that I will not forget. If pride is a sin, then I'm in trouble. You cannot imagine the amount of pride I'm feeling, having served our Lodge as Worshipful Master.

Due Wages

I extend a hearty Northfield thank you to Webster Lodge No. 538. They paid us a visit on March 21st. It was the night of our 2nd Degree. R. W. Scott Seltzer was planning to give the Middle Chamber Lecture. Keeping with the status quo, the weather changed his plans. His pager went off at 7:40 p.m. He had to leave to drive a salt truck; in his tuxedo. So what does that have to do with Webster Lodge visiting us? Brother Nick Haldoupis of that Lodge stepped up to the plate and pitched in for Brother Scott.

He delivered the game winning R.B.I. with less than an hour's notice.

More help

W. David Jones, AGL, once again found himself assisting us during the Degree. I guess he's trying to get in shape for all the traveling he will be doing as the new DDGM. Is it that R. W. Joe Privitera told him we're nice to visiting Grand Lodge Officers and feed them well? Thanks, Brother Dave, for all your help and fellowship.

More due wages

I feel the need to show some appreciation to some very important Brothers who, without their unending support, confidence, and Brotherly Love, my year would have been less than satisfactory.

R. W. Jack Thibaut, you were much more to me than Lodge Chaplain; you treated me like a son. Your patience and friendship will never be forgotten.

R. W. Scott Seltzer, if it were not for you, I would have never been in this Fraternity. If it were not for you, I would not have gone into the Line. If it were not for you, what happened this past year and what will happen in future years would not have happened.


To W. Don Smith and Brother Jim Weick, your help to me and your dedication to the strengthening of the Lodge and its future was and is remarkable.

To the rest of the Officers, I simply say thank you for going above and beyond the call of duty. My success was our success. My success was because of each of you. Finally, thanks to all the members of Northfield Lodge No. 426. Your support for my programs and different ideas was tremendous.

Yes, at times you wanted to say, "We've always done it this way" or "We've never done it that way before", but you hung in there with me. I listened to you as best I could.


I hope these articles were to your liking as I used your feedback. Many of you asked me to report on what happened in Lodge, how Degrees went and the success of social and charitable functions. Many of you requested that I provide a brief list of upcoming events and I did. The result was that many of you felt communications improved. That, my Brothers is a success to build on. God Bless.

Henrietta
Lodge No. 526
1863 1995



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

Reflections

May has arrived and my year as Master is quickly coming to a close. There are many things I have either left unfinished or have neglected entirely. Once again I started with fresh enthusiasm last year and now I finish with a feeling of missed opportu-

nities and lost chances. We have accomplished some of the goals we set out to do last May, but have fallen far short in others. Enough of the doom and gloom. I thank everyone who pitched in and made my job much easier this year, "Many hands make for a light load". I won't even try to list all of the Brothers who showed that they were true Masons this year. I know who they are and so do they.

Special times

On April 20th, Henrietta Lodge participated in the Degree Fest that was held in the Downtown Temple. I thank all the Brethren who assisted in raising the new Brothers. It was a special honor and privilege to be Master at that time. The raising of one's own son is a real special time for both father and son.

May dates

May 14th will be the Annual Election of Officers.

The Installation of Officers will be May 28th.

By Ron Morthorst

Brotherhood Fund '96

Thank you to all who have replied and sent in your Brotherhood Fund donation. Yes, you can send in yours and take a tax deduction on your income tax. Send your donation to me at 231 Mystic Lane, Rochester, NY, 14623.

Fellowcraft news


Spring is here. A Clean Up Night has been set for Tuesday, May 7th to clean up the outside areas around the Lodge. We plan to start at 6:00 p.m. The Master will have a "Paul lunch" about 8:00 p.m., with a social hour to follow. Many hands make light work. Bring your rakes and what you feel comfortable working with, and have some good fellowship.

Any questions, call Larry Miller at 334-5755.

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the Brothers who are celebrating their birthdays in May: Henry Hansen, Terry Baird, Harold Stenzel, Gary Hall, Werner Sornow, Stuart Oakley, and Terry Wihlen. If you see these Brothers, wish them a happy birthday.

FAME
Lodge No. 945
CHARTERED 1917



W. Michael J. Bell, Master
244-2895

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

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

By W. Michael Bell

T.S. Elliott was right! April is the cruellest month. Today we are three weeks into Spring and still the prospects of snow or freezing temperatures loom in our weather forecast. I am impatient to finally hang my heavy coat in the back of the closet and store the snow shovels in the garage.

Great presentation

On March 26th Fame Lodge was visited by Rev. Kenneth Fox of the Open Door Mission who joined us for a "Poor Man's Dinner". After the meeting Rev. Fox presented a talk that was both

entertaining and inspiring. Thanks again, Rev. Fox, for a most enjoyable evening.

June visitor


On June 11th we will be honored by the presence of Acting Greece Police Chief, Debra M. Dwyer. As that will also be our Strawberry Social/Crazy Shirt Night, we expect a large turn-out. Reservations would be greatly appreciated. Please call Dean, Leon or me.

Any news out there?

Again, I remind you to call any officer with news of note. We cannot attend to our responsibilities to the ill or infirmed unless we know about those who are sick or distressed.

Don't forget the Box of Remembrance. Drive carefully, go easy on the salt, and I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Union Star
Lodge No. 320



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

2nd
Monday
7:30 P.M.

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

By W. James Hart

Great Degree

Greetings, my Brothers, from Union Star Lodge No. 320. We had another magnificent and successful Degree on April 8th and we are all very proud of our new Brother being passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. It was another job well done by the team and I thank everyone involved for their dedication and good work.

While I was in the East for this Degree, I had the best of all. W. Craig Emmons was my right hand man as Senior Deacon and was perfect as usual. Brother Bill Meachem in the West and W. Terry Hatch in the South did their usual perfect work. Again, we were blessed by Brother John Williams who presented the Working Tools and the T.P.J's. I am very proud to be the Master for this Lodge with such great Brothers. We are all very proud and grateful for the presence of our DDGM, R. W. Terry Wihlen, at this Degree. He made all of us very proud to be part of the 2nd Monroe District. To W. Dave Jones, a special thanks for doing the Charge. Your work is something to be admired by all and certainly to be emulated.

Dinner

Well, let me tell you something. When it comes to good food, we had the best. Again, we had a fantastic dinner and I thank my wife, Anne, and Terry Hatch's wife, Linda, for putting on another delicious meal. The food was perfect, the wine very refreshing, and we all loved the salad. The salad dressing gave all of us great joy.

Special guest

After our dinner we had a very special guest. W. Lee Shanks of Union Lodge No. 45 in Lima brought Brother Ray Ellis, an investigator with the Livingston County Sheriff's Department, to talk to us about a program to protect our children. It is called "Kid I.D. Kit". It is very similar to

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Union Star Lodge No. 320

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what we have here in Monroe County where the children have their finger and palm prints taken and the prints given to the parents. If a problem arises the parents have the proper I.D. for the child. This is an effective program, let's get this worthwhile program going in our Honeoye Falls/Lima School District.

Degree Fest

Our newly passed Brother went to the Degree Fest with members of this Lodge. By the time you read this, it will be all over and Union Star Lodge No. 320 will have a newly raised Brother. I am very proud of him and all the Brothers who were able to participate.

Next meeting

May 13th is our next meeting and I invite all my Brothers to Lodge. We have some new rules now and I think that we all will welcome them. There is no more smoking in the Lodge except for a designated area in the Fellowship Room. Many of our Brothers have voiced concern about this problem. We want to accommodate all of the Brothers and I think that this is a step in the right direction.

Election of Officers


We will be have our Election of Officers at the May 13th meeting and I would like to see as many of my Union Star Brothers as possible. Don't worry, I promise I won't cook anything. How about a pizza?

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

Summons Meeting

Our Lodge meeting on May 7th will be our Annual Summons Meeting for the Election and Installation of Officers. Please show your appreciation for your Officers by attending this meeting. A Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. will precede the meeting as usual.

Thank you

I thank all of the current officers and committee members for their fine work this past year. I especially thank W.: Paul Krueger who has filled in as Junior and Senior Warden these past two years. Your help has allowed us to bring our new Brothers up through the Chairs without pushing them any harder than we already have. A special thank you also to R.: W.: Donald Krech for his help as Director of Degree Work these past few years while we have been bringing in these new members.

I would like to single out all of our officers, but there isn't enough time or space. Just want to say that I am very proud of all of you!!!

Special event

Saturday, May 11th will be our Annual Ladies Night and Bowling Party. We will have a deluxe

Buffet Dinner at 7:00 p.m., which will be preceded by a social hour starting at 6:00 p.m., at the Red Men's Club on Lexington Avenue. This is across the street from what used to be called Rochester Products. The cost is \$15.00 for members; ladies and widows are our guests. Prospective members and their ladies are \$10.00 per person. Bowling after dinner is \$1.00 per game for all and there is no charge for shoe rental. Please call Bob McBride at 244-0910 with your reservation no later than May 4th! This promises to be a fun time for all.

Don't forget to invite prospective members. This is a great chance to get to know each other and start some new friendships! Last call for this year!

Brotherhood Fund

This year's Brotherhood Fund Drive is almost over. We've done pretty well so far. Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Andy McBride, reports that we are at almost 65% participation. That's great, but far below last year's 81% and our goal this year of 85%. Please send your contribution to Andy as soon as possible if you haven't already, and send a 2nd one in the name of a mother or father, son or daughter if you have already made one in your name. Remember, it doesn't have to be a large gift. Every dollar helps. Let's hit our goal.

June meeting

Our June meeting will also be a Summons Meeting for the purpose of voting on the following change to Section 2 of our By-Laws:

The stated communications of this Lodge shall be held on the third Tuesday evening each month at 7:30 o'clock during the year except for the months of June, July, and August. Stated communications will also be held on the first Tuesday evening of the months of October, May, and June at 7:30 o'clock.

If passed, this amendment will go into effect starting September, 1996.

Dues

The Secretary has also asked that if you haven't paid your dues yet, please send them to him. Thanks.


Your Lodge continues to keep moving forward. Don't miss the fun. Come out to Lodge and be part of the action. Join us on Ladies Night. And, as usual, I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

O-At-Ka
Lodge No. 759

W.: Carmen Valleri
889-8701

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

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



By W.: Carmen Valleri

Keep smiling

Some people have asked me about the strange smile on my face in my picture. Well, the picture was taken after all the Past Masters took me out to dinner, and I got a case of the "terrible toos"! Too much Chinese food and too many MaiTais!

Good work

First of all, in the last article, which was very ably written by

our JW, Don Tubman, we failed to mention that the first half of the 3rd Degree, done in the School of Ritual, was exemplified very well by Germania Lodge. My apologies to W.: David Foster and his top notch Degree Team.

Thanks

Thanks to Brothers Charles Ogburn and Don Tubman, Sr., who, with the assistance of Brother Terry Wright, presented the Lodge with a beautiful new Perfect Ashlar. Thanks, Brothers.

St. Patrick's Day Party

Our St. Patrick's Day Party was a huge success. Everybody had a great time and we will do it again. A big pat on the back to Brothers Charles Crevison and Terry Wright for running the show. Thanks to all who helped, everyone did a great job. Culinary kudos to our own Brother John Pascucci. The food, as always, was perfect.

Fond farewell

Sadly for us, but happily for them, Brother Charles Webb and his good wife, Jean, will be moving to Florida in June. It would take this whole paper to pay them their due. We will be having a get-together to honor them properly. If you'd like to attend, please contact me.

Congratulations

That loud sound you hear is probably Brother Larry and Tina Blazey's hearts bursting with pride. Their daughter, Heidi, won the Totten Essay Contest. Heidi, your parents aren't the only ones who are proud of you. You know all the Lodge members are, too. When the news was announced in Lodge there wasn't a hand that wasn't clapping or a mouth that wasn't cheering. We are all very, very proud of you.

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

Grand Ball

Craftsman had 31 Masons and ladies at the Grand Ball on March 30th. I feel we did exceptionally well, and it clearly demonstrates what determined perseverance can be accomplished by our Master, Chuck Strickland. Nice going, Chuck!

Condolences

Our sympathies go out to Brother Jack Grover's wife, Fran, in the loss of her brother, Willard, in Florida on Easter Sunday. He was a Mason.

Great trip

Brother Tom Kendig and his wife, Sue, left recently for Little Rock to visit Tom's brother and then will motor back to one of the Carolinas to visit their son. Have a wonderful time and we anxiously await your safe return.

Brotherhood Fund

There are less than 60 days to mail your contribution to me before the Fund comes to a close. Our number of donors and total receipts are noticeably less than

last year at this time. Won't you please mail your check to me today? Thank you.

Dues

Many dues remain outstanding. Today would be a good time to sit right down, make out a check and drop it in the mail.

Move-Up Night

Move-Up Night will be May 7th. We will miss our Master, Chuck, as he will be in Washington.

Birthdays

Happy birthday, Brothers who were born in April: Herb Becks, Glen Ide, Earl Martin, Christ Stock, Chuck Sutton, Dave Ververs, Carm Vitali and Mike Zona.

Summons meeting

There will be a Summons Meeting on May 21st for the Election and Installation of Officers. We look forward to a good turnout for this important event.

Future dates

A dinner will precede Move-Up Night on May 7th.

Fellowcraft Club will meet on May 14th.

The Election and Installation of Officers will be May 21st.


Looking to the Summer, our Lodge Picnic will be July 13th at the Shrine Mosque.

John A. Robertson
Lodge No. 1032
Chartered 1924

W.: Kenneth J. Skidmore, Master
334-5699

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

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



By W.: Kenneth J. Skidmore

Although I have been anticipating that each of the last three articles would be my last article, here I am again! All the supposed final papers have been with Grand Lodge for some time, however, I have not heard anything from them concerning the merger with Craftsman Lodge No. 969. I keep hearing that patience is a virtue. Unfortunately, I do not seem to have much patience. When more instructions are available, I will provide notice. As soon as further information is available, you will be contacted by mail, as well as this column.

Enjoyable time

On April 2nd, Craftsman Lodge invited our Lodge members and their wives to enjoy a fine meal provided by their Lodge and to attend their meeting. We thoroughly enjoyed the meal and the good time at the meeting. Etolian Lodge also attended the meeting with a large contingency of members and took the Traveling Gavel with them. This provided an interesting divergence.

Nostalgic evening

On April 22nd we had our final farewell party at Rick's Prime Rib House, and it was good to see the regulars and their wives in attendance. Many were pleased to be able to get together, but saddened by the reason for the occasion. I thank Norm Gauch for making all the arrangements and for picking such a fine place to enjoy ourselves.

Brotherhood Fund

Brother Norm Gauch reports that the contributions to the current Masonic Brotherhood Fund Drive have trickled down to a precious few and, as of this report, only 40% of our members have made their annual contribution. This leaves us with a long way to go if we are to achieve our goal of at least 55% membership participation. The need is so great for the Masons of the State of New York to continue their support of the programs that are funded by this annual appeal. As has been pointed out, no contribution is too small or insignificant. Each one, large or small, will help our Lodge reach its goal and maintain our status as one of the leaders in the Second Monroe District.

Current merger talks, or concern about what might happen to our Lodge in the future, should not deter anyone from making his contribution. Our obligation as a Mason, should move everyone to give as generously as possible. If you have misplaced the self-addressed return envelope that was previously sent to you, just give Brother Norm Gauch a call at 271-1368 and I am sure he'll send you a replacement.

Happy Birthday

Again this month it is my pleasure to recognize the birthdays for the month of May. Brothers, hope the year brings you much happiness and pleasure.

Duane King, 5/1; George Wilkinson, 5/4; James Smith, 5/10; Paul Robertson and Ber Scarlett, 5/11; Andrew Kanaby, 5/14; Ray Pinder, 5/16; Bernard Bonnington, 5/20; Sam Grove and Terry Ramsey, 5/21.

**Come to Your
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St. John's Day!**

Saturday, June 22, will be an exciting day for all members of the family. There will be face painting, Buster the Bus McGruff the Crime Dog, clowns, K-9 Demonstration, fire truck musical entertainment, arts and crafts show, gymnastics demonstration, more clowns, and the parade with the new Grand Lodge Officers.

Take a scheduled tour of the Masonic Home Campus, including the Chapel, Acacia Village Health Facility, Wiley Hall and the Research Lab.

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District Deputy Grand Master For the Genesee-Wyoming District

Reminder

When Grand Lodge partially changed our routine from December/January method of election and installation, the confusion may have left the Lodges remiss in the notice of this important activity. As stated in Book 6 of the "Monitor":

"The distinction between a 'Notification' and a 'Summons' is so great that it is strange how many overlook it. The former issues from the Master of the Lodge, and is practically an invitation. It is at the option of the Brother receiving it to attend the meeting or not, as he pleases. A 'Summons' comes directly under the province of the Brother's obligation, and for its neglect, he may be disciplined and punished. To disobey is a serious Masonic offense."

The Summons should be sent to the membership informing them of the Election of Officers which will be held on their first meeting after Grand Lodge.

Awards

As a representative of our Grand Master, it has been my pleasure to attend meetings and make presentations and awards to many Brothers in several Lodges in the District. As the membership has been growing older, more and more Brothers are receiving 50 Year or more Awards. I congratulate all for their activity and longevity.

Of Cabbages and Kings

Yes, the time has come! Two years of traveling and greeting old friends and meeting many new, a broadening and rewarding experience. As of Grand Lodge in May, I will be joining the ranks

of the Past District Deputies of our Grand Jurisdiction of the State of New York. It has been an honor to represent our Grand Master, M..W.. Earle J. Hino, Jr., in the several duties of my office in the Genesee/Wyoming District.

I have attempted to carry out my duties relating to the Lodges of the District to the best of my ability. I am sure some will find exceptions to my performance. I hope they will not be too harsh.

I certainly could not have accomplished my task without the support of my family and good wife and "Secretary". She has shouldered the load at home.

New regime

In the next issue of the *Times*, you will hear from your new Grand Lodge Officer team. They are the best trained group of Grand Lodge Officers yet, and with their great degree of skill are prepared to assume their duties and help lead us into the future. I implore everyone who cares about the Craft to rally around these distinguished Brothers who are about to donate two years of their Masonic lives to us as members of the Fraternity. Best wishes, team, I am at your beck and call.

So mote it be. □

Annual Masonic Mother's Day Chicken Bar-B-Q

May 12, 1996
11:30 a.m. 'til gone
Attica Masonic
Temple
Attica, New York

Menu

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Baked Potato,
Cole Slaw,
Rolls,
Dessert and Beverage
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Attica Lodge No. 462 F. & A.M.



W.. Norman
Steinbaugh,
Master
591-2073
1st and 3rd
Wednesday
(Jan-Feb-Mar
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R..W.. Donald Van Son,
Secretary 591-1390
39 Main Street
Attica, N. Y. 14011

By W.. Norman Steinbaugh
VA Hospital visit

On March 19th nine members of the Attica Lodge Bingo Team hosted the Annual Attica Bingo and Refreshment Night at the Batavia VA Hospital. There were many veteran Bingo players in attendance and as usual, everyone enjoyed the Bingo and good fellowship of the evening. We are looking forward to our next visit.

Election

We will hold Election of Officers for the coming year at our Stated Communication on May 15th. Your input is needed. Come and take part in the election and show your support for your new Lodge Officers.

Installation

Attica Lodge and West Star Lodge No. 413 are planning on joining together again this year for a dual Installation of Officers. This will be an Open Installation at Attica Lodge on June 5th with the Purple Apron Club officiating. It's always nice to have good attendance at this important event. Please come and bring your friends.

Chicken Bar-B-Q

Attica Lodge's 28th Annual Mother's Day Chicken Bar-B-Q will be held on May 12th, with serving to start at 11:30 a.m. Along with the chicken, the menu includes baked potato, cole slaw, rolls, beverage and dessert. Come and bring MOM for Mother's Day Dinner. □

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



W.. Dennis
Quackenbush,
Master
493-5960
2nd and 4th
Wednesdays

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

By W.. Dennis Quackenbush

We are sad to announce the death of another Triluminar Brother with the passing of R..W.. Louis Cook on March 29th. Louis was a member for over 50 years, serving as Master in 1958. He received the Dedicated Service Award Apron in 1982, and the Grand Steward's Apron in 1983. Louis also served as Triluminar Chaplain for over 30 years, and was a member of the District Purple Apron Club. A well attended Masonic Service was held at Weeks Funeral Home on April 2nd. I thank all who attended to pay tribute to a very dedicated Mason.

Welcome

We are pleased to have two new members at Triluminar. Brothers David Mayer and Kevin

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VanSlyke were raised on March 13th. We welcome and wish them well in what we hope will be a long and fruitful association with our Lodge.

Thanks

R..W.. Keith Rumsey attended our March 27th meeting and presented the 3rd Degree Historical Lecture to the new Brothers. We thank him for yet another outstanding job.

Congratulations

We were proud to learn that W.. Richard Anderson has been appointed Grand Lodge Staff Officer. Knowing the fine work he has done in our Lodge, and his dedication to the Brotherhood, we know he will make a fine addition to the Grand Lodge Staff.

Golf

I will be mailing out flyers soon, as a gentle reminder of the Triluminar Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, June 1st, at Rolling Acres Golf Course in Pike. To reserve a tee time, call Barb at 567-8557. □

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



W.. Steve
Sharman,
Master
786-2745
1st & 3rd
Mondays

R..W.. Kenneth E. Kohlhagen,
Secretary 591-9598
2473 Route 20A
Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

By W.. Steve Sharman
Brethren

We conferred the 3rd Degree on Saturday, April 27th at Attica Lodge. The Eastern Star of Attica held a dinner after the 1st section.

Pancake Breakfast

West Star Lodge will hold its Pancake Breakfast on May 19th. Please plan to make this date. Any help would be greatly appreciated for this fundraiser.

Memorial

A memorial gift was made to the Lodge for W.. Fred Sikes from Brother Richard Sikes and family. Our thanks and prayers go out to them and best wishes, always. □

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



W.. William H.
Genagon,
Master
548-7182
2nd & 4th
Tuesdays

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

By W.. William H. Genagon
Sold

Since the last article in the *Masonic Times*, I am happy to report that Batavia Lodge has sold their building at 200 East Main Street. I will be meeting with all the Concordant Bodies within the next week or two to answer any and all questions that you may have.

Meetings

We will have our Election of Officers at the 1st communication in the month of May. At the 2nd communication, on May 28th, Batavia Lodge will have a Public Installation of Officers, under the leadership of R..W.. Jack Stockholm and the Purple Club of the Genesee/Wyoming District.

Awards

We will also present our longevity awards that evening and recognize our Past Masters as well. We will be presenting W.. Robert F. Dagen, DDGM, his Apron. We invite all Brothers from the District to attend this special evening. To help in the preparation of refreshments, I would appreciate the Lodge Secretaries letting me know how many Brothers from their respective Lodges will be attending.

Summer events

My next article will be the last one before Summer recess. I will try to list all activities and special events for the Summer. If any Brother would like anything listed, please let me know. We have quite a few events planned and if you can help I would greatly appreciate it. □

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237-2988



1st & 3rd Thursdays

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

By W.. Cletis Shoup

Ladies Night

Constellation Lodge will have a Ladies Night on Thursday, May 2nd at Hawley's Lumberyard Restaurant. Get-together at 6:00 p.m.; dinner from the menu at 6:30 p.m. We will open Lodge at 8:00 p.m. at the Perry Temple. Two 50 year members will be honored and a Distinguished Service Award will be presented.

Bar-B-Q

Chef John Cook will prepare a scrumptious Chicken Bar-B-Q on Sunday, May 5th. Serving will be from 12:00 Noon until about 3:00 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Brother Mason, this is your chance to relieve your wife of a Sunday chore!

Election

We will have our Election of Officers on Thursday, May 16th. Exercise your Masonic franchise. Clam Chowder will be served after the 8:00 p.m. communication.

Investiture

The Investiture of our newly elected Master will be on Friday, May 17th, in Warsaw at 8:00 p.m.

Installation

The Purple Apron Club will install our newly elected Officers on June 6th at the Perry Temple.

Major event

Don't forget that our major undertaking of the year, Breakfast in the Park, will take place on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16th at Letchworth State Park. Serving will begin at 7:00 a.m.


Last meeting

Our last meeting of the year will be on June 20th. Dress casually. We plan to have a cook-out.

Officers

The roster of our newly elected Officers will appear in the June issue of the *Masonic Times*.

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837



W.. Theodore Paine, Master
548-7136

1st and 3rd Thursday

W.. John Specht
Secretary 548-2694

12 South Lake Ave.
Bergen, N.Y. 14416

By W.. Ted Paine

Thank you!

I thank the Officers and Brothers for filling in on the April 4th communication while I was recovering from surgery. I am back.

As I write this article, our Treasurer, W.. Kenneth Barons, is recovering from back surgery at Strong Memorial Hospital. He will soon be home.

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund Drive is about to close. We have surpassed our minimum goal of 55% with 56 Brothers (59%). I thank Brother George Springett, Chairman, and everyone who contributed. If you have not participated, however, there is still time to get your contribution in to our chairman before the close on May 31st. Please do!

Dues

Ninety-one Brothers have paid their dues to date, 88.3% of the membership. This leaves only 7 to make our goal of 100%.

Three Lodge Euchre

Tournament

I am hoping you receive this in time to be reminded of our Euchre Tournament on April 29th. Sign up at 7:00 p.m. and begin to play at 7:30 p.m. The members of Churchville Lodge and Hesperus Lodge hold this tournament in rotation. Thanks to Master, W.. Martin Michaels, and Etolian Lodge for holding this one.

Reminders

May 2nd will be Move-up Night at our regular communication at 7:00 p.m.

The OES will hold a Fish Fry at the Lodge on Friday, May 3rd starting at 5:00 p.m.


May 16th is the date of our 3rd Degree. It will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Don't forget our Chicken Bar-B-Q on May 18th. Take-outs at 4:30 p.m.; dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Looking ahead

Our Picnic and Steak Roast will be held on July 27th at Ralph and Rosie Marsocci's, 7609 Townline Rd., Bergen, N.Y., at 4:00 p.m. The pool will be open so bring your swim suit.

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



W.. Thomas Scott, Master

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
(Jan/Feb/Mar: 1st Tues only)

W.. Richard L. Smith, Secretary
493-5408

174 South Main St.
Castile, N.Y. 14427

By W.. Thomas Scott

Saddened

I am saddened to report the death of Brother Howard Faulkner on April 4th after a long illness. We held a Masonic Funeral Service for him at the Warsaw Funeral Home. I thank all the Brothers who attended the Service. In my six years of Masonry, I have never known a Brother who identified with what a Mason is to be as Howard did.

It was my honor to have Howard as my Senior Warden during my year as Master. I know everyone in the District will miss him. Our prayers and sympathies go out to his wife, Lucille, and family. He will never be forgotten and will always be in our hearts.

Sellout

It's a pleasure to announce that our Annual Fish Fry, held on Good Friday, was a huge success. We sold out!!! I thank all the Brothers who came and supported this event. Especially all of the Brothers from Oakland Lodge who helped by giving do-

nations or working on the Fish Fry. A big thank you to W.. John Cook and Brother Bud Hoffmeister for cooking the fish.

Donation of another kind

On behalf of the Castile Little League baseball teams, I thank R..W.. Jerry Brade for his donation of the field marker. It will make lining the baseball fields a lot easier. Thanks again, Jerry.

Brotherhood Fund

Donations to the Brotherhood Fund are still coming in very slowly. All donations can be mailed to me at P.O. Box 42, Castile, NY 14427.

Bowling Tournament

Oakland Lodge sent three teams to the State Masonic Bowling Tournament on April 27th and 28th at Clover Lanes, Rochester, NY.

Grand Lodge

I am looking forward to attending Grand Lodge very much. I will be attending with Brothers from Triluminar Lodge of Pike N.Y. I thank my Brothers for voting to allow the Lodge to send me with all the change in my pocket. It will come in handy, so I've been told by Brothers who have attended Grand Lodge in the past.

Golf Tournament

Any Brothers who are interested in participating in the Golf Tournament being held by Triluminar Lodge on June 1st, please contact me at 493-2123.

Purple Apron Club

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Genesee-Wyoming District

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

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

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

By R..W.. John S. Stockholm

Funeral Services

During the month of April there were two Masonic Funeral Services. It was my feeling that the Purple Apron Club members should have had a better attendance. By starting a phone calling system, we have had good attendance from our membership.

One of the Funeral Services was for R..W.. Lewis Cook, Past Grand Steward. Lewis was a 51 year member of Triluminar Lodge No. 543 in Pike, N.Y. He was very active in the Purple Apron Club.

Successful meeting

Our incoming DDGM and Staff Officer held a meeting with the incoming Masters. Several members of the Purple Apron Club were invited to attend, observe, and give their views and comments. It was a very good meeting with discussions on plans for the coming year.

Month of May

May is perhaps the busiest month of our Masonic year. It all begins with Grand Lodge, Election of Lodge Officers and the Investiture Service and Installations. Since the change in the Masonic Year, we have a busy six weeks.

Installations


As of now, the Purple Apron Club will install the Officers of 11 Lodges. The schedules are prepared and parts are assigned. R..W.. Vern Rupert and R..W.. Ken Kohlhagen have done an excellent job. Thank you.

Dinner

We are looking forward to our Annual May Dinner Meeting with our ladies. It will be held at the Lumberyard Restaurant in Perry on Sunday, May 19th. Notices for reservations will be mailed to you.

We send our best wishes to all Grand Lodge, District and Lodge Officers.

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



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

By George Springett

Directory update

Just a reminder that the information sheets have been mailed to all of the Secretaries of the Blue Lodges and Concordant Bodies listed in the 1995 District Directory. It has been requested that all responses be returned on or before June 1, 1996. We are striving to have the 1996 District Directory published and ready for distribution in time for the July 21, 1996 meeting to be held in Warsaw. The assistance of each Secretary to fulfill this need will be greatly appreciated.

Summer dates

The Council of Masonic Activities will be at the Warsaw Temple on July 21st at 2:00 p.m. Go to Church Sunday will be August 8th. Details later.

Masters & Wardens Association

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GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT

President
W.. Norman Steinbaugh 591-2073

Treasurer
W.. John Specht 548-2694

Secretary
Bro. George Springett 247-3557

By George Springett

Planning

Planning is the first step to having a successful meeting. The best way for planning is by starting with a main idea or theme for that particular meeting. Will it be with a special speaker, a special topic requiring a discussion, or just a business meeting? With this in mind an agenda can be established. The agenda will organize

the order in which each part of the meeting will occur. This will make it possible to set the timetable for each component of the agenda or possible adjustments in times necessary to cover all activities of the meeting. Using an agenda is the proper way to plan and give each component its rightful justification for the execution of a well organized meeting. Now you will know if your special guest speaker will be able to present his topic in its entirety, or if the discussion can be completed without the need of an additional meeting. Remember, a Masonic meeting should only be ninety minutes in length, excluding Degrees, and should only be as long and no longer than is necessary to cover the required activities to satisfy a complete Masonic meeting. An excessively long meeting is a good way to lose the interest of the attending Brothers. Keep it short and simple.

Program

The first great care of planning is to create an interesting program for those who will be in attendance. The program is not just the selection of a theme, but is your time for thoughtful creativity. This is your time to shine in the eyes of the Brothers who have elected you to be their Master. Now is the time for that great creativity and the use of all of the resources that you have gained through years as Junior and Senior Warden. Call upon those interesting Brothers you have met along the pathway and see if they can assist you in your hour of creativity. This may be your greatest and only hour for you. Be creative, but make sure it will fit within the agenda. The program which was planned at the last minute may well be your last minute.

Participation

If you have combined the first two P's properly, the participation of the Brothers will follow and will answer that question of "Did I do it right?" You will never know for sure until you try it. It will take just a few well planned and executed meetings before you will know the successes you have created. You ask how will you really know? Well, my Brothers, the answer is simple. The Brothers will be congratulating you and lo and behold, there is that Brother whom you have not seen in attendance in some time. How did he realize that the meetings are now interesting to him also? Well, remember, once a Brother, always a Brother, and they still talk to each other.

Do use the 3 P's and have a great year.

Note

The next Communication is scheduled for May 31st at Hesperus Temple, commencing with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. See you all there.

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Official Visits

At the time of the writing of this article, I have made 3 visits (Arcade No. 322, 3X3 No. 333, and Wyoming No. 181), with only 2 left to go. When you read this paper, my Official Visits should be all over.

New Mexico

When this paper is published, R.E. James L. Pickering should be back from attending the Grand Chapter of New Mexico. He was to be there April 18th. James is the Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of New Mexico from the Grand Chapter of the State of New York.

Picnic

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

Grand Chapter Visitation

The tentative date for this visit by the Grand Royal Arch Captain, R.E. Donald E. Lounsbury, will be on October 17th at Western Star Chapter No. 35 in Batavia. The date will be confirmed later.

**Western Star
Chapter No. 35
RAM**

1st & 3rd Thursdays

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

200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

By V.E. Stephen Licht, EHP
1999 will mark the Bi-centennial of the Grand Chapter of the State of NY Royal Arch Masons. What better time to exhibit the Royal Craft in our community? I call upon the talents of our Companions to begin planning for a local display of Royal Arch Masonry, as we are perhaps the longest continuously active organization in the Genesee region. Please communicate your ideas on how we may celebrate and make ourselves known in the community.

Communicate your thoughts

The consideration of a consolidation of LeRoy Chapter with Western Star was presented to me by the High Priest of LeRoy in

March. This subject has been mentioned previously and perhaps the time has arrived for a serious evaluation of this proposal. A carefully evaluated course of action, considering the feelings of the Companions, with ample time for discussion, must occur. The "Resolve a Chapter" program developed by M.E. Bruce Renner, may offer substantial guidance in this endeavor to improve Capitulary Masonry.

I would like to propose a joint convocation with LeRoy Chapter to discuss the feasibility of consolidation if each Chapter determines it in their best interest to investigate a merger. The necessary documentation and instruction has been requested from Grand Chapter. What are your thoughts? Please communicate with your High Priest either at a Convocation or by telephone.

Historical highlights

Did you know that after the Great Chicago fire of 1871 and the San Francisco earthquake of 1906, our Grand Chapter solicited donations for relief of the catastrophic disasters? The letters of appeal were discovered and brought to light after they had laid buried in darkness in a dusty old closet.

Western Star Chapter served as the arbiter in many disputes between Companions, both on Masonic matters, as well as business and personal disputes. One of the great Masonic trials in our history involved the larcenous disappearance of the Secretary's desk!!

Our Chapter numbered around 175 Companions, many of whom lived far from the City of Batavia. The \$4.00 annual dues provided for many banquets, with monthly bills for 100 cigars and an assortment of liquors, wines and even champagne. The concurrent purchase of limes, lemons, and oranges attests to the fact that our Companions of a century ago know the health benefits of citrus fruit or they used a lot of garnish with their cocktails! The Hotel Richmond was retained as lodging for visiting Companions, at the Chapter's expense.

If you haven't guessed, I have been sifting through the ancient records found in a janitor's closet, rediscovering our history as we consolidate our Masonic Temple in Batavia.

What about re-instituting our Summer Picnic?

May convocations

We will have a regular convocation on May 2nd. The business of the evening will include fundraising for the Scholarship Fund, Chapter merger with LeRoy and the July 4th parade. Refreshments to follow.

The business for the evening of our regular convocation on May 16th includes plans for the Summer activities to be firmed up. I am hoping to have secured at least one petition and will accommodate this as a priority.

**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

Good news

A big thank you to all who participated in the Select Master Degree, which was presented on March 25th. The work was well done, and the attendance was very good at both Degrees. We are finishing up the year in good form, and will be ready to go full speed when Ill. Ken Kohlhagen assumes his position in the East on May 13th. He will be backed by one of the strongest "Lines" in many a year. You'll want to attend every meeting in the coming year to see his programs.

Mixed results

The experiment of having LeRoy Chapter, RAM, meet prior to the Council continues with mixed results. I believe that this option will seem better and better as time goes by. Come early and see the good work of the Chapter. They start at 7:00 p.m.

Charity support

This is your last chance to get your charity money in to R.I.L. Layton Vogel before the new year starts. Let's try to meet our goal for the 8th consecutive year. A charity that is worthy of support should be supported.

Beautiful work

To all Royal Arch members who have not joined Council: you are missing some of the most beautiful work in all Masonry. It is also the least expensive body to be a member of. I'd be glad to get you a petition. The Ill. Master plans on conferring the Degrees again in the Fall. We plan to only take in five new members then. Will you be one of those?

**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

Informative meeting

The Sir Knights of Batavia Commandery held a program for Warsaw Lodge on April 2nd, prepared and narrated by SK Ken Kohlhagen, PC. A brief history of Templary was given, followed by an explanation of the Orders by SKs Keith Denton, Ruel Lovett, and Robert Dagen. SK Kohlhagen tied together the Blue Lodge, Chapter of Royal Arch, Council of Cryptic Masons and Knights Templar.

Helping others

SK Stephen Wing, PGC, gave a good talk on our principal charity, the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. We learned that the KT Program had joined another national foundation, which will provide even more service to those people who do not now have the means of paying. This is a worthy charity. We should each be ready to recommend these services to someone in need. We should also be ready to provide funds from our own pockets.

SK Allen Capwell acted as Drill Master and the KT Drill was displayed to the members. The Worshipful Master was then escorted from the Lodge by the Team. We hope the members of Warsaw Lodge enjoyed the presentation and learned from it. We also hope to do many other programs in the future. If your Blue Lodge would like a program, we'd be glad to fill your need.

Take some time

SK James Branigan remains at home during his illness. Cards, letters and phone calls are a must for SK Jim. Take a little time to wish him well.

Thanks

Many thanks to SK Ron Bertie, GC, who volunteered to take time from his busy schedule to help us put on our program. We should do our best to fill our own needs wherever possible. Only then should we call on the services of SK Ron or the other GC Officers. They are most willing to help, but remember, they already have very busy schedules.

Order of Red Cross

Four Brothers received the Order of the Red Cross at Hugh DePeyens in Hamburg on April 15th. Batavia Commandery conferred the Order of Malta on April 25th, which will be followed by the Order of the Temple on May 9th. This is quite an undertaking, since we just did the Order of the Temple in March. However, this will give Batavia Commandery four new members, which every Commandery needs.

Join us

Election of Officers took place on April 25th and Installation will be on May 23rd. A Pot Luck Dinner will precede the Conclave at 7:00 p.m. Come one, come all.

Ladies Night

The Annual Ladies Night Dinner will be at the Edgewood Restaurant on Rte. 33 on June 13th. Get your reservations in with SK Keith Denton. We'll see you there.

**Tall Cedars
of Lebanon**

Rochester Forest No. 133

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

Angelo DiCataldo, GTC



Robert North, SDGTC

Robert Nichols, JDGTC

Donald C. Bell, Scribe

Royal Court

The Royal Court Degree was conferred at our April 25th meeting. Several Canadian Brothers from Garden City Forest No. 173, based in St. Catharines, Ont., joined us for the evening. All the earlybirds enjoyed a healthy repast at the new Rubino's Restau-

rant across from the Penfield Temple before the meeting. Our District Deputy, Doug Draker, who lives in Burlington, Ont., was also in attendance.

The possibility of a reciprocal visit to the Canadian Forest was one of the topics discussed by the Brothers that evening. Let us know how you feel about the possibility of this. In the past Rochester has participated in the St. Catharines' Grape and Wine Festival Parade with our Canadian Brothers. In the past, the Supreme Tall Cedar and his Officers have participated in this event and the MD Poster Child has accompanied them on these junkets. This might present an opportunity to meet our STC and Poster Child; we will see what transpires in the coming months.

The DDSTC reminded us that the Tall Cedar Foundation's Muscular Dystrophy Campaign is in full swing and that we should support this worthwhile cause. Your GTC has some definite ideas on how we should participate in this year's Campaign.

Sickness and distress

We ask that you remember our SD Grand Tall Cedar, Bob North, who is suffering with respiratory problems, in your prayers.

May

Rochester Forest will have a regular meeting on May 23rd. Dinner before the meeting will be optional.

Dates to remember

Sausage Roast on June 27th at the Damascus Mosque, a dish to pass is requested.

August 31 and September 1st will be the dates for our Muscular Dystrophy fund raiser, sale of roses at Irondequoit Mall, Marketplace Mall and the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. This effort will depend on obtaining permission from the mall promoters and the availability of personnel to man the booths.

**1996 Tall Cedars
MD Foundation
Goodwill
Ambassador**



The Tall Cedars Poster Child and goodwill Ambassador for the Supreme Forest Muscular Dystrophy Campaign is James Allan Bowling, II. James was diagnosed with Fredrick's Ataxia in 1993 at Children's Hospital. His hometown is Fairfield, Ohio, where he lives with his parents, Christina and James, and his sisters, Jilian and Jessica.

James is a strait "A" student at the Fairfield Freshman School. He has served on the Yearbook Staff for two years and is active in drama in school and church. He and his family lived in Venezuela, South America, for three years where learned to speak Spanish and English at the same time in Venezuelan schools. James loves computers and baseball cards and is active in his church groups.

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R. W. THOMAS M. PAGLIA
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The Masonic Service Association of the United States has changed its name to Masonic Service Association of North America. At the MSA Annual meeting, held in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters in Arlington, Virginia, a resolution was recommended and passed by the Grand Masters that the new name be adopted.

MSA's services to Freemasonry have increased over the years from the original idea, helping military personnel during wartime, into Publications/Education; Disaster Relief; Hospital Visitation program; and of course, the new Masonic Information Center.

The change came about so that Canadian Grand Lodges may be part of the MSA as full voting and participating members. (Courtesy *Emessay Notes*).

We welcome the Canadian MSA with open arms and with a Masonic handshake to always help each other.

April 25th was a memorable evening for our Masonic volunteers, for the VA Medical Center of Canandaigua honored them with their awards for the hours they participated in visitations. To all of you, my heartfelt thanks. You all did a remarkable job. We put in half again the number of hours in 1995 as we did in 1994. Hold your head up high and be proud, for it takes a very special kind of person to do what you do. To all of the Lodges, Masonic War Veterans, Nile, Eastern Star, Triangle, DeMolay, and friends who made the visitations with their families and officers, the volunteers salute you and send a big thank you for your participation.

May God bless each and everyone of you, and give you peace and good health. □



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

Leon VanHuben, Commander
647-1391
Dennis Gollasch, Adjutant
265-3993

By Leon VanHuben

By the time you receive your *Masonic Times*, the Installation and Dinner with our ladies and guests will be in the past. Our next meeting and dinner will be in June at Fame Lodge Temple. You will be notified of the date, time and menu.

Brothers, please remember Brother Bob North in your prayers. He is at home. □



By R. W. Harold Bollotin

March visit

On Sunday, March 10th, a regular visit was made to the Canandaigua Veterans Medical Center. It was under the direction of the old relic, past U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer in the Sea Bees, Tom Paglia. The usual volunteer crew consisted of Tom and Cora Paglia, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, Paul and Doris Robertson and June Moon.

As always, we distributed refreshments to, conversed with, and brought cheer to all patients. At this visit we devoted extra time to two special patients who are Brothers of our Craft.

1st visit

We visited Jesse Mattson, Past Master of Penfield Union Lodge. His family was visiting him at this time and were very pleased to see us. His wife, Mildred, daughter, Gwen Kendig, and his great-granddaughter, Alexis, nine weeks old were there. They were very thankful and expressed their appreciation for our visit. They stated they were pleased to see the picture and write-up on Jesse in previous issues of the *Times*.



Tom Paglia, Harold Bollotin and Paul Robertson with Oscar Kohl, a World War I Centenarian.



Jesse Mattson, his wife, Mildred (left), daughter, Gwen Kendig (right), granddaughter, Alexis (9 weeks old).

2nd visit

Our second visit was to a remarkable Brother, Oscar Kohl, a friend and neighbor of Paul and Doris Robertson. He is a member of Craftsman Lodge No. 969 and was 100 years old last February. He was in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1917-19 and served in England, France and Germany.

He is a remarkable person, alert, conversant, in good spirits and has a delightful sense of humor. If you get a chance to visit the Medical Center you can find him in Ward 7B.

Scheduling

We had our final visit of the season on Sunday, April 14th. The next scheduled one is October 13th.

The Annual Veterans Administration Service Banquet was held at the Burgundy Basin Inn on April 25th. Three of our regular volunteers were presented Awards for their hours of service.

Knife and Fork Masons

Since the sale of the Canandaigua Masonic Temple, and the demise of their excellent Sunday morning breakfasts, the Knife and Fork Masons are meeting at Denny's Restaurant on Canandaigua Road. This is for an early supper. This has made no discernable change to Paul Robertson's gastronomical prowess and capacity. He still deserves the title of "Master Glutton of the Knife and Fork Masons". As usual, Tom Paglia is the Dessert Officiant.

New volunteers

In you are interested in joining us for a visit to the Medical Center, call Tom Paglia, Grand Lodge Representative for Veteran Affairs, at 227-2046. He will be glad to hear from you. □

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Police and Fire**



Donald L. Lacy, President
586-1947
Roger E. McCaughey, Sec.
385-6219
PO Box 92237
Rochester, NY 14692

By Roger E. McCaughey

Many thanks to all the Metro Club members (and non-members) who worked with the Provost Unit of Damascus Temple during the recent Shrine Circus of March 13th-17th. Some, including Provost Captain, Ed Bastian, flew up from Florida for the sole purpose of "working the Circus", returning to the sunny shores the day following the Circus closing. Did you notice the sudden improvement in the weather for the first day of the Circus, which coincided with the arrival of Provost Lieutenant Gene Shaw? Yes, it was "The Chief" who brought the sunshine and warmth to the area of the War Memorial for our Circus!! We are justly proud to welcome Chief Shaw, who is a Past President (1960) of the Metro Club; and is now re-activated following his recent recovery from a lengthy illness.

New members

We are pleased to announce and welcome eight new members to the growing ranks of the Metropolitan Rochester Police and Fire Square Club. From Cranberry Lake, NY, we welcome David Allen, currently a Grand Lodge Staff Officer (1st St. Lawrence) and formerly a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and the Webster Fire and Rescue Squad. David plans on organizing a new Police/Fire Square Club in St. Lawrence County. We also welcome Glen and Robert Bishop, biological as well as fraternal Brothers, both residents of Rochester and both retired from the Rochester Police Department.

Chuck McDonald, from the Rochester Police Department and Richard Snyder, (well known East Rochester photographer), also a retiree from the R.P.D., have joined us. Kenneth Robinson, a resident of Churchville and the Constable of Riga, has been welcomed into our midst in the past few weeks.

We are very pleased and honored to welcome Phillip Wilson of Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, into our membership. Phillip is a Police Detective with the Metropolitan Toronto Police, a Past Master of Canada Lodge No. 532, and a member of the Toronto Police/Fire Square Club. We have hopes of being

able to make "exchange visits" between our two Police/Fire Square Clubs sometime in the near future. Once again, we welcome all of the above named new members and hope they will be able to join us, with their ladies, at our next gathering on May 11, 1996.

Mothers/Ladies Night Dinner

On Saturday evening, May 11th, we will meet at the Maplewood Inn, 3500 East Avenue, at 6:30 p.m. for our social hour and dinner at 7:00 p.m. We remind the membership that the following day is Mother's Day, and this is an excellent opportunity to entertain either our own mothers, and/or the mothers of our children. If neither applies, how about just bringing the lady of your choice to our special "Mothers/Ladies Night Dinner"? This will be a very special (social only, no meeting) evening with dancing to a live band.

Reservations are a *must* and the deadline is Wednesday, May 9th. Call me at (716) 385-6219 (8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. daily) with your reservation and choice of entree. Menus will be sent to all members with a special notice. Mark your calendars now for this important event!

Membership

We continue to look for a few good men. Call our President (Don Lacy) or Secretary (me) for information and/or applications. The telephone numbers are in our logo.

Charles McClary

It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing on April 7, 1996 of Charles McClary, Past President (1976) and a Life Member since 1986 of the Metropolitan Rochester Police & Fire Square Club. He was retired from the Rochester City Fire Department as a Captain in 1984, was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, and a Navy Veteran of WWII.

The officers and members of the Metro Club extend their deepest sympathy to his family in their loss. His leadership, advice and counsel will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him as a friend and Brother. □

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



Feast of the Paschal Lamb

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb was presented on March 28th under the leadership of Most Wise Master, Donald A. Rose, and the Officers of the Chapter of Rose Croix. The Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, M. W. and Ill. Earle J. Hino, Jr., guest speaker, gave a very inspiring message. The Ceremony is presented each year as a Memorial Service to honor our Brothers who passed on to their Celestial Home during the preceding year. The Ritual work was very impressive.

Recognition night

At the April 18th meeting, the Ambassador Team of the Scottish Rite was recognized. These Brothers support their Symbolic Lodges and assist the Scottish Rite in its goal to obtain new members.

Bring-a-Brother Night

Our Bring-a-Brother Night is scheduled for Friday, May 3rd, at the Burgundy Basin Inn. This evening we will attempt to explain what Scottish Rite is all about and why our Brother Masons should become members of the Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA Spring Reunion Class on May 16th and 18th.

"PLANNING SHOWS THAT YOU CARE."

You probably have personal preferences about what should and what should not be included in funeral services. To make these wishes a matter of record, many caring individuals are pre-arranging their own funerals at Crawford Funeral Home. Their planning will provide help for those left behind when it's needed most.

Our counsel on pre-arranged funerals is always available without cost or obligation. Please give us a call.

We are asking all of our members to contact a Brother Mason and ask him to sign a petition. Call the Scottish Rite Office at 271-0715 today and make your reservation. Your potential member and his lady will be our guests and you and your lady's dinners will be free for bringing them to this event.

Spring Reunion

May 16th and 18th are the dates of the Spring Reunion of the Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA Class. A great deal of hard work and planning has gone into the preparation of our Degrees and we are hoping for a large Class. Your assistance is requested to sign up new members for this Class. If you have not yet asked a Brother to join the Scottish Rite, please consider doing it now. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed.

Annual Banquet

On Saturday evening, May 18th, after the closing of the Reunion, the Valley of Rochester will hold its Annual Scottish Rite Banquet honoring the Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA Class. Plan to come out and welcome these Brothers into the Valley. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport, 911 Brooks Avenue. All members, ladies and guests are cordially invited. There will be a cash bar at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Entertainment during dinner will be provided by the "Mello Wives of Webster" and music for your dancing pleasure will be provided by the "Willie Adam's Band". You won't want to miss this gala evening. Reservations must be made by May 10th.

Learning Center

As an update, plans are in full swing for "The Frank and Bette Paul Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center" to be established in the Masonic Temple in Rochester. Render-

ings by architect, Thomas Pellet, were shown to members of the New York Council of Deliberation at their recent State of the Rite Meeting and were well received.

Although this Center will be located in the Valley of Rochester, it will be the project of all the Valleys in New York State. We are very pleased that Rochester was selected and I am sure we will all support this new charity.

Consult the Calendar

Remember, consult your Scottish Rite Calendar and the *Masonic Times* so you know what events and programs will be coming up and plan to join us. □

May events and date changes

Bring-a-Brother Night

Brother Bring-a-Brother Night will be held Friday, May 3rd, at Burgundy Basin Inn. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Reunion

The Spring Reunion has been changed from Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 2nd, 3rd and 4th to Thursday and Saturday, May 16th and 18th. There will not be any Degrees conferred on Friday, May 17th.

Banquet

Our Annual Scottish Rite Banquet, honoring the Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA Class, will be held Saturday, May 18th, at the Holiday Inn Airport, following the conclusion of the Reunion. A cash bar will start at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to treat your lady to an evening of dinner, entertainment, and dancing, so be sure to mail in your reservation now. □

Scottish Rite Bring-a-Brother Night

Burgundy Basin Inn
1361 Marsh Road
Pittsford, NY

Friday, May 3rd

Fellowship-6:00 p.m.
Dinner-7:00 p.m.

4°

Secret Master

Thursday, May 16, 1996
8:00 p.m.

The Fourth Degree emphasizes duty, fidelity, integrity and the necessity for secrecy in all confidential relationships.

Directed by:

Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA
(458-6125)

Assistant Director:

Roy L. Williams (248-2358)

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David W. Taber

Deputy Master:

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R. Keith Stambach

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14°

Grand Elect Mason

Thursday, May 16, 1996
Following the 4°

In the Scottish Rite, this Degree is the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. As the crowning Degree of the Lodge of Perfection, its essence is the holiness of God and reverence for His Holy Name. God will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

Directed by:

Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°
(W475-5261, H461-1254)
and Thomas O'Leary
(288-7381)

Prologue:

Robert Franzen

Thrice Potent Master:

Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°
or *Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°

Deputy Master:

Robert Franzen

Annual Scottish Rite Banquet honoring the Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA Class

Saturday, May 18, 1996

18°

Knight of Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.

Following the 16°
The lessons taught in this Degree are that man must have a new Temple in his heart where God is worshipped in spirit and in truth and that he must have a new law of love which all men everywhere may understand and practice.

This degree affirms the broad principles of universality and tolerance.

Directed by:
Donald A. Rose (458-9005)

Ceremonial Section
Most Wise Master:

Senior Warden:
Donald P. Fox, 32° MSA

Prologue:
Donald P. Fox, 32° MSA

Dramatic Section
Most Wise Master:

Donald Brugger, 32° MSA
or *John E. Zabel

Senior Warden:
Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°

Junior Warden:
Ronald L. Weber

Orator:
Joseph E. Bourcy III

Master of Ceremonies:
William R. Zufall

Knight Captain of the Guard:
Eldon N. White

Assisting Voice:
Donald A. Rose

* Will take part.

20°

Master ad Vitam
Saturday, 12:45 P.M.

May 18, 1996

This degree is a drama of the American spirit confronting the challenge of disloyalty and treason. Masonic principles and leadership are subjected to a crucial test. The Degree demonstrates the Masonic condemnation of all who conspire against the security of the Nation and the happiness of our people.

Directed by:
David C. Clarke (889-9134)
and Herbert Spencer (271-8577)

Prologue:
Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°

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Junior Deacon:
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32°

Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret
Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
May 18, 1996

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

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(482-0994)

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*Will take part.

Sponsor's Responsibility

For every petitioner for the Scottish Rite Degrees there are two Scottish Rite Masons on whom rests a responsibility for the proper training of that petitioner. The two Scottish Rite Masons who sign the petition have a responsibility that does not end with their signature on the petition.

If you invite a guest to a gathering at your home, you make sure that he meets all your guests, and is made welcome and comfortable. Isn't the Master Mason whom you recommend to Scottish Rite Freemasonry entitled to the same courtesy? As his sponsor, is it not your duty to take an interest in his progress?

It seems to us that it is, and that you should see to it that he fully understands the fine lessons of our Degrees. If you recommend a man to the Scottish Rite, satisfy yourself that he is receiving that for which you recommended him. To do so is but a Masonic courtesy and your duty as a Scottish Rite Mason. Let's all give this matter some serious consideration. It will certainly bring forth good results if you attend the conferring of the Degrees at our Reunions.

The Ceremony of the Feast of the Pascal Lamb



The cast members of the Feast of the Pascal Lamb: (Standing) Ill.- Norman H. Selke, 33°, Ill.- Robert P. Zabel, 33°, Terry Wihlen, Richard Friedman, M.W., and Ill.- Earle J. Hino, Jr., 33°, Donald A. Rose, Herbert Spencer, Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., and Ronald D. Mertens, (Kneeling) William R. Zufall and Paul A. Moore.



Reception line after the Ceremony of the Feast of the Pascal Lamb.



Fellowship in the Dining Room after the Ceremony.



M.W. and Ill.- Earle J. Hino, Jr., 33°, and Donald Rose, Most Wise Master, greeting Bruce Horncastle after the Ceremony of the Feast of the Pascal Lamb.

Clifford Vroom is recuperating from brain surgery. James Branigan appreciates cards and phone calls. Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr. had a pacemaker put in. Leo Pancoast, 32° MSA is having back problems. Ray Unger, Jr., 32° MSA had by-pass surgery. Norris Curtis has had heart problems. Would like to hear from you all. Oscar Reber was in the hospital recently for surgery. Please call the Scottish Rite Office at 271-0715 or me at 227-2046 if you hear of anyone that is ill or in need.

Wanted

A Brother familiar with sound systems to train on the Cathedral Hall Audio System. That person would monitor and adjust audio levels of at least 9 channels during the portrayal of the Degrees. He would have to be available for all rehearsals, if needed, for all Degrees as well as for the training sessions. Call the Consistory Office 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA
James Smith is doing well after his heart surgery. He enjoys phone calls at 436-3842. Donald F. Leisten is getting out and about. Eino Laakso would appreciate phone calls.

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Royal Arch Masons
27th Capitular District



R.E. Donald J. Brugger
458-6125 h, 473-4351 w

Constant communications

True to his word, the Grand High Priest has sent me his letter for the month. In it he explains why he did not give us both barrels at Grand Chapter in Albany. He chose a monthly means of communication to stay in constant touch with the Districts. Plans can change and he wants the dialogue with the Districts to be a dynamic one; always up to date.

In his monthly message he reiterated his two main directives for the year: "Reach out and touch someone," and "Go out and make a difference". These slogans are not only for the Deputies, but for all the Companions in the State. If we want Royal Arch Masonry to have a future we must all pitch in and support it. The revitalization of Royal Arch Masonry must be a grass roots movement with each Chapter helping itself to be reborn and grow. Only when the individual Chapters become fully operational can the Grand Chapter grow and recapture its former prominence.

In the Chapters of the 27th District there is plenty of room for revitalization and growth. The effort, however, must start within each Chapter. Stronger Chapters can help those that are struggling by giving temporary assistance and support. The desire to exist, however, must come from the individual Chapter members.

Your choices are limited. Either participate in the "Resolve a Chapter Program" and make it work, merge with another Chapter or surrender your Charter. I hope that all Chapters in trouble will choose the first option.

The plan

You must first come to the realization that some resolution is needed. If you are not capable of conferring all the Degrees, not able to open in Due Form for each meeting or have to cancel meetings for lack of participants,

you are not really in business as a Chapter. You need help.

As I said in my last column, gather together your prime supporters, draft a plan and execute it. I will give you all the assistance I can. At least one Chapter already has a rough 3-year plan in place. Even if your Chapter does not fall under the above criteria, you should still create a Long Range Plan for your Chapter's future good health.

The process involves first making a detailed plan of what you intend to accomplish, how you intend to do it and when you expect to get each task accomplished. None of these details should be cast in concrete. Arrive at the goals through consensus. Once all are agreed on the goals, you can settle on some reasonable completion dates for each phase of the plan. Finally, refer to the plan periodically to see how you are doing. If some goals are in doubt, or if you are ahead of schedule, modify the plan. The main thing is to make each goal realistically attainable; keep the momentum going.

Some examples of goals are: increase membership x%, confer one of the Degrees on your own, establish a telephone tree and contact every member, etc. I will describe more about the program in future columns. However, if you need help now, please don't hesitate to call on me.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

My first official act as your DDGHP was to receive the Grand Lecturer on April 11th. All went well and a goodly number of Companions availed themselves of the opportunity of reviewing Opening, Closing and some parts of the Most Excellent Master Degree. There was a total of 19 at the dinner and 23 at the meeting. I was pleased to see that all of the Chapters were represented and thank all who attended.

District Council Officers' Meeting

The 27th District Council Officer's will meet at Bill Kuehne's on August 4th. Our area Grand Chapter Rep., R.E. Burtiss Goodnough, Grand Master of the 1st Veil, and his spouse have been invited. Make sure that you put this date on your calendar. Details and a good map will be distributed in the near future.

Remember the Scholarship Fund

The Grand Chapter would like to increase the amount of the Scholarship Awards from \$500 to \$1000 each. For this to happen we must all examine our giving and make the necessary adjustments. This is a wonderful cause and one that highlights RAM's community involvement.

Hiram Chapter No. 62



2nd & 4th
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By Paul B. Josephson, EHP

Companions, last month was very busy, and it looks like this month won't be any different. Many thanks to the Directors and Companions who helped in conferring the Mark Master Degree, R.E. Vern Goodrich, Director; Past Master Degree, V.E. William Zufall, Director, and Most Excellent Master Degree, Companion David Jones, Director. My personal thanks go out to the Degree Directors for their efforts on these Degrees. Also, V.E. William Zufall hosted a very excellent Grand Lecturer's Convention, which was preceded by a very tasty dinner, prepared by his wife, Audrey, on April 11th.

Reservations needed

On May 9th the Holy Royal Arch Degree will be conferred with E. Gerald Jones as Director. There will be a dinner preceding this Degree, so mark this date and make your reservation early so we can plan for you and avoid any confusion.

On May 23rd The DDGHP, R.E. Donald J. Brugger will have his Official Visit to our Chapter. A dinner will precede the meeting.

Summer trip

Don't forget the Summer trip to the Renaissance Festival in Sterling, NY. Checks for \$25.00 should be sent to Gerald Jones at 10 Jackie Circle W., Rochester, NY, 14612-3608, to hold your seats on the bus. This trip is on a first pay, first seating basis, so get your money in early and don't be left out.

3x3 Chapter

NO. 333
Royal Arch Masons
(Chartered in 1990)



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By Jeffrey Diehl, EHP

Fellow Companions

Since this article is written at the beginning of the month, I feel as if most of you can understand why I am frustrated with this Spring weather. Our own Official Visit, which was moved to the 3rd of April to better able some traveling Companions to deal with

the weather in a more positive way, became a difficult evening because of all the snow. I really hope we are interpreting the Great Designer's trestleboard correctly. Despite these troublesome and unpredicted obstacles, we still managed to open with 16 in attendance! Good job, everyone. Thank you for your help in making this evening so successful.

Quiet month

Things will be quiet for this month, as far as extraordinary events go. Please do not forget 3X3's regular convocations on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. They will be May 1st and May 15th. See you all in Spencerport.

Past High Priests Association

Western New York



R.E. Keith Church, Sec.
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By R.E. Ruel R. Lovett

Excellent Companions, we are finally into Springtime. This is a time when I'm always full of energy. If you are affected the same way, why not help us make the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund Dinner a complete success?

The first thing you can do is to join the Association. The fee is only \$15.00 for Life Membership. You can't beat that with a stick. The area of association is the 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st Capitular Districts.

The second thing you can do is to get a dinner reservation from R.E. Keith Church at (716) 684-4326, or call me at 494-2546. Your presence will be greatly appreciated. You will be supporting this venture in a very positive way.

The third thing you can do is to buy Royal Arch Seals. The money for these seals goes to the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund. You can also send a check made payable to "The Royal Arch Scholarship Fund". It will be presented to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in your name.

The fourth thing you can do is to challenge your Chapter to write a check to be presented to the Grand High Priest at the dinner.

The fifth thing you can do is convince your Excellent High Priest to deliver the check in person at the dinner. He can also take the King and Scribe with him.

The sixth thing you can do is propose that your Chapter pay for the Excellent High Priest's dinner. This will get him off to a good "jump start", and will make it more likely that he will go to the dinner.

The seventh thing you can do is invite your other members to go to the dinner. Paying their own way isn't so bad, and they'll feel great that they are participating.

The eighth thing you can do is invite all Past High Priests to join. This is a worthy organization with

a worthy charity. It is worth supporting.

Finally, the ninth thing you can do is have your child apply for scholarship funding. What? You didn't know you could? See your DDGHP for information. When you ask for the application form, ask him if he is going to the dinner!

The dinner is at the Marigold Manor at the end of Maryvale Drive in Cheektowaga on Saturday, June 8, 1996. Getting acquainted is at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is at 7:30 p.m. I'll see you there. I thank you for your support. Congratulations to all who have decided to join our team and share our efforts.

Doric Council No. 19

Cryptic Masons
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By Ill. Douglas S. Poole
Changes

Doric Council's Annual Meeting and Election and Installation of Officers will be held on May 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Please note this is the fourth, not the third, Wednesday. This meeting date was changed due to scheduling conflicts. Hope to see you there.

Our September meeting will also be on a different evening. We will meet on Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m. Many of you have commented that we just seem to have so many meeting nights, so it was decided to try meeting the same night as Hiram Chapter. Feel free to let me know your comments, both positive or negative, on this concept. This will be a topic for discussion at our October meeting.

Thanks

A big thank you to everyone who made our Annual Table Council such a big success! We have, without a doubt, one of the best Table Councils in New York State. A special thanks to E. Bill Zufall for putting together the Ritual for the dinner.

Share with a friend

Last but not least, it is time to start looking for new members. It is my hope to do the Degrees in November and December. Let's see if we can have a big class of candidates. The Royal and Select Master Degrees are two of the most beautiful and meaningful in all of Masonry! Share them with a friend!

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By SK Ronald J. Bertie

The last few months have been very busy for the Grand Commandery. Over the Easter weekend a delegation from New York attended the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service. The service was held at 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunday morning at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. The morning air was cold, but it did not rain, nor snow! The service was held outside in front of the Memorial. There were Sir Knights from 20 States present for the service.

Lady Elaine and I will travel to the following locations in the next month:

Dedication of Owego Masonic Temple, Owego, NY; Egypt Shrine Temple, Tampa, FL; Cortez Commandery, Brooksville, FL; Temple Commandery, Albany, NY; Constellation of Jr. Stars, Binghamton, NY; Grand Commanderies of Maryland in Ocean City, MD; Vermont in Burlington, Vt; Pennsylvania in Silver Springs, PA; Florida in Orlando, FL; Virginia in Roanoke, VA; Canandaigua Shrine Club, Canandaigua; St. Augustine Commandery, Ithaca, NY; Genesee Commandery, Lockport; Red Jacket Commandery, Chapin, NY; Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, Rochester; Utica Commandery, Utica; Batavia Commandery, Batavia, NY.

Sickness

SK James Branigan, Em. Associate Grand Organist, is home, and would like to receive cards and visits.

R.:E.: J. Robert Bourhill, PGC, is now home from the hospital. He is feeling much better and will be able to attend Commandery in two or three weeks.



Sir Knights parading into the site of the Easter Sunrise Service.



S K Commanders and Prelates marching to their seats at the Easter Sunrise Service.

Inspections

The Commanderies in New York are now completing the last of the Annual Inspections. In general, the Inspections went very well this year. There are several Commanderies who will exemplify the Orders during the month of May. Each is going to develop a Long Range Plan. The highlights of the plan will include:

1. Business or financial plan for the next three years.
2. Membership Committee (visit Symbolic Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Councils, and other Masonic related organizations).
3. Development of programs for the year.
4. Ritual Committee to exemplify the orders.
5. Development of Ladies Auxiliary.
6. Civic activities, such as parades and honor guards.
7. Assistance in youth programs, DeMolay, Triangle and Constellation.
8. Leadership and quality programs for the officers.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery
 No. 12

Chartered in 1993

2nd & 4th Fridays

SK Lawrence W. Dunn
 Recorder 594-8033

By SK Don Brugger

Inspection

Since this must be written before our Inspection will take place, we know that everything went well. Although last minute changes in the Council Officers did not help much, your Commandery was ready. We will report on that in the June article.

Easter Observances

A number of Sir Knights traveled to Alexandria, Virginia for the Grand Encampment's Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Although there had been some rain and a few flurries on Saturday, the weather was clear on

Easter Sunday morning and the Service went as planned. Over three hundred Knights from several of the Eastern States were present and endured the 40° temperature. The Service was well done and the gathering of so many Sir Knights was very impressive.

Perhaps someone will have pictures of the muster and parade so that we can publish them in the next issue.

About 20 of the Sir Knights and their wives gathered on April 12th for Cyrene/Monroe's own Easter Observance. The Commemoration Service was led by Rev. and SK Charles Roberts. It was a simple but meaningful service with a sharing of a communal meal to celebrate the Resurrection of the living Christ. A reception and fellowship with friends and visitors followed.

Installation of Officers

You are reminded of the Public Installation of Officers on May 10th. The Installation will be preceded by a dinner and all friends and family are invited. Let's have a good showing of support for SK Robert Zahn, our new Commander, and his Officers. There will be a reception following. Reservations for the dinner are a must. You will be notified if there is any change in these arrangements.

Eye Foundation Campaign

Don't forget your contribution to the KT Eye Foundation Campaign. The 1995-1996 portion of the drive will end soon. Get your life membership check into SK Doug Poole as soon as you can. Remember the slogan, "That those in darkness may see, give the gift of sight".



SKs Palmer, Peterson, Brugger, Dunn and Brade, from Zone 11, waiting at 6:45 a.m. to get started. If this were a color photo their faces would be blue. The temperature was barely 40°.

Poetry Niche

Contributions welcome

The following are what you might call poetic pros, not strictly poetry. I have included them because they may convey profound insights into the human condition.

Jigsaw Puzzle

Each lifetime is the pieces of a Jigsaw puzzle. For some there are more pieces. For others the puzzle is more difficult to assemble. Some seem born with a nearly completed puzzle. And so it goes. Souls going this way and that Trying to assemble the myriad parts.

Public Involvement and Awareness

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

Summer Camps

Camp time will be here soon. What does this mean? Around the local areas and other locations there are a great many camps that need volunteers. Take Camp Turk for instance. Grand Lodge is always looking for volunteers to help around the camp. Rotary Sunshine Camp in Rush, NY, can always use volunteers. Camp Joy, which I attend, at Rotary Sunshine Camp is another camp that for one week caters to the adult handicapped in August. There are other camps than can use professional people. There is a place for everyone if you care to participate. A certain warm feeling inside of you takes place after you spend a week or two with children or handicapped adults.

Most of these people who go to these camps are shut in all Winter and they cannot wait to go to camp. They have a lot of friendship and love to share with someone. Why not let it be you?

If you wish to participate, look in the telephone directory under "camps", or call the Secretary of your church. I'm sure you can be directed to the proper people.

Most of you have said to someone or overheard them say, "What a long Winter this has been. I sure will be happy to see Spring and Summer arrive". If we are saying this, just think of what shut-ins have gone through, they being in all Winter and not able to go anywhere.

Care to join? Your help is always welcomed.

But know this. No one has within themselves

All the pieces to their puzzle. Like before the days when they used to seal

Jigsaw puzzles in cellophane.

Insuring that

All pieces were there.

Everyone carries with them at

least one and probably

Many pieces to someone else's puzzle.

Sometimes they know it.

Sometimes they don't.

And when you present your piece

Which is worthless to you,

To another, whether they know it

or not,

You are the messenger from the

Most High.

Honey from the Rock

Lawrence Kushner

If I Had My Life to Live Over

I'd dare to make more mistakes next time.

I'd relax. I would limber up. I would be sillier than I have been this trip.

I would take fewer things seriously.

I would take more chances.

I would take more trips.

I would climb more mountains

and swim more rivers.

I would eat more ice cream and

less beans.

I would perhaps have more

actual troubles, but I'd have fewer imaginary ones.

Camp Turk

Area 15 Chairman
 W.:Gordon Oakes

I want to let you in on the best kept secret in Masonry, Camp Turk. It is hidden about two miles off the main road through the Adirondack Mts., near the village of Woodgate, N.Y., about 20 miles South of Old Forge.

It is a Masonic youth camp which is open to children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of Masons, as well as members of the DeMolay, Constellation, Rainbow Girls and Triangle. In addition, a Lodge may sponsor a child in the right age bracket who does not come from a Masonic family. Campers must be between the ages of 12 and 16 during the camping session. Rules for participation are the same for everyone without regard to race, religion, color or national origin.

It is one of the best bargains of its kind. For \$450 plus an additional registration fee of \$50, the kids are entitled to three of the best weeks of their lives. The Boys Encampment is scheduled from June 30th - July 20th and the Girls Encampment is from July 21st - August 10th.

It is not too late to submit an application which will be on a first come, first served basis. To obtain an application contact your Lodge Secretary. If you want more information, please call me at 723-8032.

The reason for letting you in on this secret is the fact that we had only two campers from each Monroe District last year which is very disappointing. You are missing out on one of the best deals in camping history. If you cannot afford to send a child, ask your Lodge for help.

You see, I'm one of those people who live sensibly and sanely

hour after hour, day by day.

Oh, I've had my moments and if I had it to do over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing else.

Just moments.

One after another, instead of living so many years ahead of each day.

I've been one of those persons

who never go anywhere

without a thermometer, a hot

water bottle, a raincoat and a

parachute.

If I had it to do again, I would start

barefoot, earlier in the Spring

and stay that way later in the

Fall.

I would go to more dances.

I would ride more

merry-go-rounds.

I would pick more daisies.

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Grotto News

Spring is here. Now there is no excuse to miss the Grotto meetings in May. The Monday, May 6th, Board of Governors meeting is at 7:30 p.m. The Ceremonial will be May 15th at 8:00 p.m.

ESGA Spring meeting

Hat's off and a big thank you to our ESGA Committee and the Prophets of Lalla Rookh Grotto for a super Spring Meeting, April 25th, 26th and 27th at the Radisson Inn. A job well done, as usual, by Lalla Rookh Grotto. If you want fellowship-join us. (Note from Barbara-the flavor at the Ice Cream Breaker was chocolate!)

May special

Ten prizes will be available to 10 lucky Prophets who attend the meeting. Be at the meeting and you could be a lucky Prophet. □

Auditorium Calendar

Check the Auditorium calendar on the back page of this issue. If there is a show on, get there early (7:00 p.m.) for a good parking place at the Temple or the Red Cross lot on Prince Street. Tell the attendant you are a Mason, and the charge is only \$1.00. □

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors will meet on Monday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Grotto Office. □

Editor's Column

Continued from page 2

money. The next week, the young man returned the money just as promised.

Some months later, the young man was initiated in his local Lodge. After the ceremony, he looked around the room and recognized the shop owner. He attempted to avoid the pawnbroker, but the man came over to congratulate the new member. The young man apologized for

Legion of Honor

By Leon VanHuben

Changes

The May meeting date has been changed to the 3rd Monday, May 20th, at Younger's Restaurant. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Don't forget your tickets, and turn the proceeds over to the Finance Officer, PC Frank Muerrer.

Think Summer!

The Summer picnic will be at Prophet Don McDill's cottage on July 21st.

The Legion of Honor is now accepting associate memberships.

Prophets, please remember PM Gordon Dodge in your prayers. He is at home. □

Cast News

By Ron Morthorst

Spring Ceremonial

The Cast members rehearsals will be as follows:

Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m., and Monday, May 13th, at 7:00 p.m.

Both rehearsals will be in Cathedral Hall. Please be on time. □

Shrine Circus

Chief Justice Jan Lughart and Prophets, Frank Murrer, Dick Topel, Howie Topel, Ron Morthorst and Jim Powell manned Booth 19 at this year's Shrine Circus. □

his lie. He explained that he had always heard that one Mason looked after another. Seeing the pawnbroker's Masonic emblem, he had decided to ask for the loan. The owner's charity so impressed him that he petitioned for the Masonic degrees.

The Pawnbroker then confessed that he too was not a Mason on the day the young man entered the shop. He was wearing the emblem only because he thought it was pretty. He had bought it from an earlier customer in his shop. He said that he also had heard the same things about Masons. When the young man asked for the loan, he felt compelled to give, though he never expected to see the money again.

When the young man repaid his debt as promised, he was impressed and decided to petition a Lodge. He wanted to associate with more men like him.

Information Line

Need an update on Grotto events and happenings and membership? Yes, we are taking in new Prophets every month. Need a petition, information, help or assistance? Call Ron Morthorst on the Information Line at 334-4196. □



Membership

We have some petitions outstanding. Please get them in by May 6th, so the Brother can partake in our Ceremonial on May 15th. Thank you! □

Many have heard of the good things that Masons do for others and for each other. This may be the main factor in a man's decision to join the Fraternity. Let's each try to be the kind of Mason that influences a man to join with us in this wonderful institution. (Courtesy Masonic News Network, More Light The North Carolina Mason Vol. 121 - No. 1) □

Patrol News

By Gordon Dodge, PM

Spring has "sprung"

We look forward to seeing ALL of the marching and social members of the Patrol at the May 17th dinner at the Red Men's Club on Lexington Avenue. You should have all received a flyer on this event. RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST. Send in your choice of dinner, along with your check to me at 153 Faircrest Road, Rochester, 14623. If you have any questions, call me at 334-3660.

Condolences

The Patrol lost two of its staunch supporters last month when Past Monarchs Ron Bishop and Charley McClary both passed away after long illnesses. Our sympathies go out to their families and to their many friends throughout the realm.

Tip of the Fez!

The Patrol assisted the Grotto in hosting the 1996 Spring Convention of the Empire State Grotto Association here in Rochester. If you couldn't make the functions and parties, you missed out on a lot of good times. A "Tip of the Fez" to Past Monarch Mike Bell and to Venerable Prophet Ron Morthorst for their hard work in co-chairing all of the events at the Convention. See you at Drill. □

Let's Play Golf

By Ron Morthorst

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

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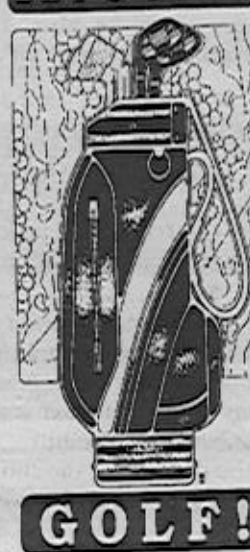
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HiLights

Order of the Eastern Star
GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT

Rt. Wthy. Thelma Shaw
District Deputy
437-5230

Welcome back home to all the Winter travelers. It just seems that those April showers have frozen this year. Never fear, May will soon be here with all its flowers.

Official Visits

Our Official Visits have started and are well attended. It is great to see the sidelines with visitors present. Plans are moving forward for the Official Visit of Mt. Wthy. Sandra Cleason and Mt. Wthy. Richard Mason to Genesee/Wyoming District. It will be held at the United Methodist Church, Lewiston Rd., Batavia, N.Y. on Thursday, May 16th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. A tour of the new facility at the Veterans Hospital will be at 1:30 p.m. Make your reservations with your Matron or Chapter Secretary.

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Thanks

Rt. Wthy. Harry Brown and I thank all those who helped to make our dance a success, especially Wthy. Chuck and Rt. Wthy. Wanetta Krauss and their square dance friends.

Annual Fun Night

We hope that this article reaches you before our April 27th Fun Night. A Chicken and Biscuits Dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided, all for the nominal cost of \$8.00. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Come and spend the evening with us. This event is not limited to Eastern Star members and Masons. What better way to introduce a prospective member to our "fun" times.

Special date

The Annual Mother's Day Bar-B-Q will be held on May 12th at Attica Lodge No. 462. Thorpe Chapter will be selling baked goods.

Get well wishes

Get well wishes are extended to Mt. Wthy. Mary Strong who is recovering from recent surgery.

Order of the Eastern Star Highlights

MONROE DISTRICT STATE OF NEW YORK



DDGM Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings



DGL Rt. Wthy. Raymond DiJames

By Wthy. Barbara Spano
Something to be happy about - thinking happy Summer thoughts.

Future dates

Greetings from Rt. Wthy. Carol and Rt. Wthy. Ray. The West-East Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 11th at the Downtown Temple at 12 noon.

The Past Matrons Association is May 16th. Meeting at 4:30 p.m., followed by a dinner. This will be held at Etolian Chapter in Spencerport. See your Jr. Past Matron for tickets. The cost is \$6.50. Hope to see you there. Reservations are a must, no tickets will be sold at the door. Reservations must be in by May 8th.

The Past Grands will meet on Thursday, May 23rd at Webster Chapter.

Peaches 2 will meet on May 30th at Webster Chapter.

Project Membership will meet on May 29th. It would be good to see a larger number of folks there; we are planning a Pot Luck Dinner on June 15th. We need help in this endeavor, especially from the Associate Matrons.

Grand Matron's Official Visit

June 7th will find us at the Diplomat. There will be a Brunch at 12 noon, the cost is \$10.00. Reservations by May 27th to your Club President.

The dinner is at 6:00 p.m., your menu choices are Roast Sirloin of Beef or Chicken Florentine (chicken cutlet in a wine and butter sauce over a bed of vegetables). Again, reservations by May 27th to your Chapter Secretary.

The Lilac Luncheon will be Wednesday, June 26th. Chapters will be receiving this information soon.

Rt. Wthy. Carol has asked that you save June 29th for a District Fun Day at the Mosque. There will be fun, food and other good things. This will be held from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. There will be more information real soon.

A Monroe District Emergency Relief Fund has been set up by the Past Grand's Association. Each Chapter will receive all the pertinent information in the near future.

Official Visits for May

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| Henrietta-May 1 | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oatka-May 2 | 8:00 p.m. |
| Etolian-May 6 | 8:00 p.m. |
| Charlotte-May 13 | 8:00 p.m. |
| Irondequoit-May 20 | 8:00 p.m. |
| Webster-May 21 | 7:30 p.m. |

Rt. Wthy. Carol would like us all to make a special effort to attend the Official Visits.

Mt. Wthy. Wanda sends her greetings to us all, hoping that now that we have set our clocks ahead, we will "spring" forward, also.

Condolences

Rt. Wthy. Laura Reynolds joined Nola Chapter No. 368 on December 4, 1922. She affiliated with Irondequoit Chapter No. 572 on December 2, 1935.

She was very active in our Order; Worthy Matron in 1960, Grand Chaplain in 1965. Rt. Wthy. Laura served as the Town of Irondequoit Health and School Nurse for many years. Laura was in Hill Haven Nursing Home for the past 6 years, where she passed away on March 30, 1996. She will be sadly missed.

Gray skies and heavy clouds, we can still walk in the Sunshine of our Lord.

Until next time, I wish you Peace.

NOLA Chapter No. 368

Order of the Eastern Star

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

Wthy. Mary Ann Sovacool Matron
Wthy. Jean Stewart Secretary

20 South Main Street
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Wthy. Avis Theis

Wthy. Mary Ann Sovacool and Wthy. Bill Baxter will relax now that our Official Visit is over. They thank all who attended and helped make this a lovely evening to welcome our own Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings and her companion officers.

Thinking of you

Best wishes to Wthys. Dorothy Erion, Charlotte Bayne, Anita Drake, Sara Stephens, Sister Ethel Hall and Brother Ken Robinson.

Meetings

May 7th will be our Mother's Day Tureen Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Bring your dishes and a dish to share.

We will have the Draping of the Altar on May 21st and a presentation of cooking by Rt. Wthy. Bill Baxter.

The Committee is Rt. Wthy. Bill Baxter, Sisters Florence Smith and Liz Morris, Wthy. Judy and Brother John Lenzi.

Something different

We will have a "Too Hot to Bake Sale" this Summer. We will appreciate any amount you can send to save us a lot of time and yet have a successful project. Send your donation to Vickie Gross, 875 Palmer Road, Churchville, 14428.

Save these dates

The Chapter will have a Family Tureen Picnic on June 4th at the Riga Town Park. Bring your dishes and a dish to share at 6:30 p.m.

The Past Matrons will meet for a luncheon at my home on June 30th. More on these dates in the next paper.

Welcome home

Wthy. Madeline and Brother Marvin Beattie are back from Florida and will now reside in New York State for good. We hope they can come to our meetings again.

Happy Mother's Day

Mother has ears to listen
Arms that always hold
Love that's never ending
and a Heart
That's made of Gold.

Webster Chapter No. 171

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

Wthy. Joy Woodley, Matron 671-6152
Rt. Wthy. Faythe Rowell, Sec. 594-4449
30 Orchard Street
Webster, New York

By Wthy. Joy A. Woodley
"Come tiptoe through the tulips with me".

Spring is in the air and all is beautiful! Many wonderful things have been happening and it makes life very sweet.

May dates

On May 3rd come relax with old and new friends at the Spaghetti Dinner at Webster Lodge. Enjoy a great meal for a small price.

Come join us on May 6th for a day of card playing. The hours are from 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Coffee and donuts will be served in the morning and there will be a hot lunch at noon. The cost is \$5.00 and there will be prizes and fun for all.

On May 7th, after our Tureen Supper, we will be planting a Lilac Tree in a little garden called "Love" in honor of all our mothers. Watch by the Lodge front door for its first sign of a blossom. At our meeting that evening we will practice for our Official Visit.

May 21st is our Official Visit at 7:30 p.m. We will have a new Sister join our OES family.

On the pedestal at the station of Ruth we will have a new sheaf of wheat given by my family in memory of my mother. This will be a proud evening for all.

My husband, Paul, has rejoined his Blue Lodge, Wakan/Hubbard, and I'm very proud to call myself a Mason's wife.

Please remember Wthy. Patron, Charlie White and his wife, Marlene, in your prayers.

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

Rochester Chapter

No. 314

Order of the Eastern Star

Wthy. Linda Zahn

Matron 381-3032

Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS

Secretary 482-0994

First Saturday

7:30 P.M.

875 East Main Street

Rochester, N. Y. 14605

By Wthy. Barbara E. Spano
Long talks. German Potato Salad. Opera Under the Stars. Euchre. Love and so much more. Happy Mother's Day.

May events

Our Garage Sale will be here before we know it. We need your goodies to make it successful. It will be held May 2-4 at the Mertens home, 518 Merchants Road. Come one! Come all!

The May meeting will be Memorial Night. That means white gown and gloves. This is a special evening and it would be so nice to see a few more members there.

Get-together

We gathered at Rt. Wthy. Barb's on April 9th for a get-together and to go over the Ample Form. It was a very nice evening and for those of you who were not able to be there, we missed you.

Sickness and distress

Wthy. Gail Clarke has been ill and we would like her to know that our prayers and thoughts are with her. A special hello to Sister Gail Caraballo, we pray that everything will soon work out for you. We love and miss you. Sister Georgia is back home.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Sister Sharon King whose sister passed away in March.

Returning home

Our Matron and Patron will be back soon and Wthy. Linda will again be writing these articles. I have enjoyed writing them in her absence.

Fidelity Triangle No. 4



Lynn Arthur Beloved Queen

2nd & 4th Saturdays

By Nancy Lynch, Junior Deputy, Fidelity Triangle

New Officers

Well, Easter has come and gone! Our Triangle has been active. On April 13th we elected a new line of Officers. Our new Queen was installed April 27th at Fame Lodge Hall.

October event

We are still looking for former Triangle girls who did not receive their Majority Degree. In October during our mini-convention we plan to include this as part of the evening. Please contact a Triangle member or our Jr. Advisor, Holly Gorall, at 458-5255.

Contact your friends

If you know a young lady between the ages of 11-21 who might be interested in having fun with a group of friends and learning along the way how to lead them, contact Lynn Arthur at 586-7498 or me at 334-7953.

In Memoriam

March

Stewart, John

John was in Florida when he died on March 18th. He was a member of Oatka Lodge No. 759 and is survived by many family members and friends.

Smith, Robert S.

Northfield Lodge No. 426 lost a 50 year member with the passing of Robert on March 22nd. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law.

Schmidt, Frederick

Death claimed Frederick on March 26th. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, and is survived by his wife, Carolyn, children and 3 grandchildren.

April

Bishop, Ronald L.

A Past Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto, Ronald died on April 5th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple. Ronald is survived by his wife, Shirley, children and 8 grandchildren.

Attridge, Willard C.

Willard was a member of John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032 and Rochester Consistory when he was called Home on April 7th. He is survived by his wife, Jane, children, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

McClary, Charles

Towpath Lodge No. 163 lost another member with the death of Charles on April 7th. He is survived by his children, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

Banister, Robert M.

April 14th was the date death claimed Robert. He was a member of Germania Lodge No. 722 and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth, children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Paull, Milton

Milton also passed away on April 14th. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163 and Rochester Consistory. He is survived by his wife, Anna, children, and 7 grandchildren.

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

Browne, Mark H.

Mark was a member of Monroe Lodge No. 173 and passed away at his home in Dickinson, Texas.

Cook, Louis E.

Triluminar Lodge No. 543 lost a member with the death of Louis on March 29th.

Faulkner, Howard

Howard was Senior Warden of Oakland Lodge No. 379 and died April 4th.

Laben, Earl

We have been advised that Earl died on December 6, 1995. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. No. 1088.

Lane, Laurence B.

Laurence died on March 17th and leaves no survivors. He was a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475.

Rodgers, Edward C.

A member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and Rochester Consistory, Edward passed away on March 12th.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

1996

- Jun. 1 Triluminar Golf Tournament, Rolling Acres - Pike
- Jun. 3 Joint Investiture - Downtown Temple, Dinner
- Jun. 13-16 New York State Council of Deliberation, A.A.S.R. Lake Placid, NY
- Sept. 19-22 Grand Commandery, Rochester, New York Rochester Marriott Thruway
- Sept. 26 School of Ritual, Etolian Lodge, Spencerport
- Oct. 9 O.E.S. Testimonial Dinner, Grand Chapter
- Oct. 8-10 O.E.S. Grand Chapter Sessions, Rochester
- Oct. 23 Grand Lecturer's Convention
- Oct. 25 Grand Master's Town Meeting, Area 15 Downtown Temple, Rochester

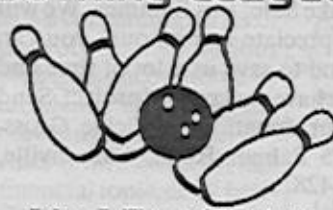
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- Jan. 30 Finger Lakes Chapter, Philalethes
- Apr. 30 Finger Lakes Chapter Philalethes

Banquet and Meeting Directory

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| Arena's Banquet Center P.O. Box 306, Webster, NY 14580, (716)872-4000, Jay Arena | Diplomat Banquet Center & Hotel , 1 Diplomat Way, Gates, NY 14606, (716)647-1566 |
| Avon Inn 55 East Main St., Avon, NY 14414, (716)266-8181 | Maplewood Inn 3500 East Ave. Rochester, NY 14618 (716)381-7700 See Pat |
| Burgundy Basin Inn 1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford, NY 14537, (716)248-2660 | The Party House 677 Beahan Rd. Rochester, NY 14624, (716)235-5654 |
| Cartwright Inn 5691 W. Henrietta Rd. Henrietta, NY 14586, (716)334-4444 | Red Men's Party House 1001 Lexington Ave., Rochester, NY 14613, (716) 254-6220 |

Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

The 1995-96 Masonic Gothic Bowling League ended the season with probably the closest finish in League history. Three teams finished within one point of each other. WTP and Hubbard tied for 1st while Maiden Lanes finished one point back. WTP and Hubbard will have a three game roll-off to determine the League Championship.

Since my last column, league bowlers have rolled 3 - 600 series and 43 - 200 games. Series of note include John Harris - 699 (269, 236), John Flynn - 620 (216) and John Blodgett - 602 (214). John Harris' series earned him his 2nd ABC Award patch for a series 153 pins over his average.

Individual game scores of note include Rich Rohring - 242 and 221, John Kunz - 226, Rob Goodyear - 225, Gerry Duell - 224, Don Weis - 224 and 221, John Flynn - 224, Chuck Gillens - 224, Rick Flanagan - 223, Mike Holberton - 221, Mark Noto - 220, Dave Mawhiney - 217, Casey Brennan - 203, and Corey Kent - 200.

Now that the 1995-96 season is over, it is time to start planning for the coming Fall season. We are looking for two teams of four

bowlers to bring our league back to 10 teams. The league is open to both Masons and non-Masons. This is a good opportunity for you to introduce your non-Mason friends to other Masons and possibly gain new members. Please contact me at the above phone number if you are interested in joining us next season. □

Grand Representative to the Moon

The Grand Master of New Jersey appointed Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., a member of Montclair 144, as Grand Representative of New Jersey to the Moon. The ceremony occurred on March 17, 1970, when Aldrin attended Montclair Lodge on his 14th anniversary of being made a Freemason. Aldrin was the second man and the first Mason to set foot on the moon, July 20, 1969, 26 1/2 years ago. (From *Trestle Board Thomasville 214 - The North Carolina Mason Vol 121 - No. 1, Courtesy MNN*) □

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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> 1996 APRIL 1996 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 </div> <p>Let us not forget those who gave courageously of their time as well as those who gave that last full measure of devotion for our freedom.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>Constellation Lodge Chicken Bar-B-Q</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>OES - Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Germania - E & I Oakland - Castile Towpath - East Rochester Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>Service Bureau Luncheon</p> <p>Churchville - E Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Clio - Spaghetti Dinner</p> <p>RAM - Webster Chapter OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City - E - Dinner</p> <p>RAM - Hiram - HRA Degree Dinner</p> <p>KT - Batavia Commandery Caldron</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner</p> <p>Hesperus - Fish Fry</p> <p>Scottish Rite Bring-a-Brother Night Burgundy Basin Inn Dinner - 7:00 p.m.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile</p> <p>Fidelity Triangle</p> <p>Police & Fire Square Club Ladies Night</p> | |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>Webster Lodge - PI</p> <p>West Star Lodge Pancake Breakfast</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>John A. Robertson West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>Victoria Day (Canada)</p> <p>OES - Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton - E Craftsman - E & I-Dinner Germania Oakland - Castile Towpath - East Rochester Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>Churchville - I - Dinner Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Clio - Spaghetti Dinner</p> <p>RSM - Doric - E & I</p> <p>OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City - DeWitt Clinton</p> <p>RAM - Hiram - OV - Dinner</p> <p>KT - Batavia - I</p> <p>Tall Cedars of Lebanon Royal Court Degree</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>Past Master's Supper Club</p> <p>KT - Cyrene/ Monroe</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>Fidelity Triangle</p> | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">26</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>Memorial Day Observed</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>Arcade Batavia - I Fame Henrietta - I Hesperus - Bergen Monroe - Brockport Valley/Simes</p> <p>OES - Leah</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>On May 10, 1893 the Empire State Express, headed up by engine number 999 with Chas. Hogan at the controls, trav- elled from Batavia to Buffalo at an average speed of 112 1/2 mph, her 80* Drivers taking man to a land speed of over 100 mph for the first time in history.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>Grand Lodge Officer's Apron Presentation and Retirement Dinner Logan's</p> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> 1996 JUNE 1996 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 </div> | | |