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Who Will Remember Me?



I visited my attorney this morning. We spent several hours discussing my estate plan. I lost my wife last year and I knew I had to change my Will. I had put off this appointment for months. George, my lawyer, had advised me that if I didn't update my estate plan and have my Will rewritten, the government would take a large part of what I had spent a lifetime building.

Like every parent, I wanted my children and grandchildren to receive everything. We discussed all the alternatives and decided on what was best...or so I thought. As I was about to leave, George said, "Do you want to leave anything to the Masonic Fraternity to perpetuate some of your philanthropic interests?" I said, "I've given every year to the Brotherhood Fund. I've done all that I can."

Here it is bedtime and I can't sleep. I'm having difficulty dealing with my own mortality. The kids are grown and my grandchildren are miles away. Who's going to remember me? Sure, there's the family album to refresh memories of good times, but when I'm gone and my children are gone, what will my grandchildren and great-grandchildren remember about me?

The Great Architect has allowed me to live a good and full productive life. I've built my own business, and have been active within the community and Masonry. The Craft has done more for me than anyone will ever know, but I won't always be around to tell them. I've lived my life based on the principles of Masonry. I want my legacy to be a reflection of my love for my children and the Masonic Fraternity.

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My thoughts return to my meeting with George and his poignant question, "Do you want to give anything to the Craft to perpetuate your philanthropic interests?" My family won't love me any less if I give a part of my estate to a humanitarian cause such as the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. I have always supported the Laboratory through the Brotherhood Fund. Thanks to medical research, I'm around to enjoy my grandchildren. My gift will be a gift of life for my children and grandchildren. By helping to ensure the health of future generations through medical research my family and friends will long remember me and my invaluable legacy to benefit humanity. Now...I can rest easily.

Truly an Act of Love

In times of grief it is not easy to think straight. To ensure that your wishes are carried out, prepare a list of all your assets and documents, including your will, along with their location. Write down all the procedures that should be followed to get them. Be sure you include the names and phone numbers of your lawyer, accountant, broker, banker, employer, insurance agent, etc.

When completed give that list to your executor and heirs and go over it in detail.

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, a not-for-profit organization, is tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code (Federal Tax ID Number: 13-5648611. New York State Charities Registration Number: 037227). For information on Planned Giving please write: Ronald P. Kamp, Director of Development, Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, 2150 Bleecker St., Utica, NY 13501-1787.

Bermuda Cruise to Benefit Scottish Rite Children's Learning Center

By Don Brugger

*"Mar gha dal it le lamd;
It sfllee cem as whit eas snom."*

This is the way the favorite Nursery Rhyme, "Mary had a Little Lamb", looks to a dyslexic child. There is help for these children as evidenced by the Video shown at the Annual Scottish Rite Ladies Night.

Future Rochester Center

The Frank and Betty Paul Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center, to be dedicated during the New York State Council of Deliberation Meeting in Rochester in July of 1997, will be the beneficiary of the proceeds from a fun-filled Bermuda Cruise. This good news was communicated to the attendees of the Annual Scottish Rite Ladies Night held at the Burgundy Basin Inn on October 18th by Illustrious Harold Aldrich, 33°, Active for Area 1.



Ill. Harold Aldrich, 33°, Active.

Tax deduction

The portion of each fare that benefits the Learning Center is tax deductible. There will be 4 levels of occupancy for the Cruise, the best being a deck cabin with an outside window. The Cruise is scheduled to leave New York City on April 26, 1997 and return there on May 3rd. If you are going to Grand Lodge you will already be in the neighborhood.



Ill. Brother Aldrich explaining options to Jean Brugger, Scottish Rite Office Manager.

Learning Centers

The Scottish Rite Learning Centers are already open in the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite and the Northern Jurisdiction has one in Massachusetts. The Center to be opened in Rochester will be funded by New York State Masons and we in the Valley of Rochester were honored to have our City chosen as the site for the State.

The Centers as described in the Video treat children with learning disabilities, especially dyslexia, with a structured learning regime that has been proven to give substantial results.

More information on the Cruise will be available in the Scottish Rite Office and the Masonic Service Bureau.

Frank Bassett Retires



It is with great regret that we at the Masonic Service Bureau, and especially the Editor and staff of the *Masonic Times*, acknowledge the letter of resignation from Frank Bassett due to health reasons.

Frank has been instrumental in acquiring many advertisers over the years, which allowed the *Masonic Times* to operate without increasing costs.

Frank's knowledge and ability will be missed. Because of the great and valuable service which Frank has provided, and in order to show the high esteem in which we hold Frank Bassett, we have named Frank "Ad Director Emeritus", as a small token of our appreciation.

Last Call For the Grand Master's Ball

The Grand Master's Ball will be held at the Buffalo Marriott on November 16th. The deadline for reservations is November 2nd, no tickets will be sold at the door. An application can be found on page 18. For more information call: Robert H. Bahn (716) 689-7432

The Last Round of Golf, Benefit for the Lakeside Foundation "A Recap"

By Don Brugger

Participation

Five Brothers and one guest enjoyed fabulous weather and excellent course conditions at the "Last Round of Golf", sponsored by the Lakeside Foundation. It is unfortunate that more Brothers could not have joined us for this worthwhile community service effort.

Four of the Brothers, Jay McCullough, Ruel Lovett, Bill Miller and Jim Powell, were from Etolian Lodge and I, representing Wakan/Hubbard, brought my brother, Bob Brugger as a guest. While my brother and I stopped at 18, the group from Etolian went on and played 27. Not bad for \$5.00, free lunch and 1/2 cart included. If all pledges are collected a total of \$200, could be realized for the Foundation.

More participation needed

Although the roster was limited to 40, only 20 showed. I have been trying to promote this as an "Annual Masonic Event" for the area. It is an excellent way for us to support a Community effort and have some fun doing it. One

of those events just made for Masonic participation.

Perhaps next year we can do a better job of getting the word out and participate more fully in this worthwhile endeavor. Talk to the Brothers who participated this year, I am sure that they all thoroughly enjoyed the day and will be with us again next year.



Etolian Brothers Jay McCullough, Ruel Lovett, Bill Miller and Jim Powell who participated in "The Last Round of Golf" tourney.

The Curtain Call Cafe

A new eating establishment has been opened for your convenience and dining pleasure in the Downtown Masonic Temple. A catered dinner is also available. Just call 442-8010 to make arrangements. The Cafe is also open daily for breakfast and lunch.

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger

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Apologies

I must apologize for an error in the October back page Calendar. It seems that when I was entering the O.E.S. Grand Sessions, I put them in the third week instead of the second week; sorry about that.

Rumor mill

It seems that there are still those out there that persist in repeating rumors that are without basis in fact; check them out before repeating them.

Postal service

A lot of our readers received their *Masonic Times* late last month. I checked with the Post Office and there does not seem to be an explanation. They are in the process of changing the way they do business and that may have had some effect.

The *Times*, as well as many of the local mailers, will henceforth be mailed under Periodical requirements; there is no more **Second Class Bulk Mail**. This means a lot of extra finagling on our part to get the *Times* out to you. I can see now why the Postal Service turned a profit this year; they're making us do all their work. Be patient, once we put the *Times* in the mail, we have no further control over it. Complaining to us will not help. Call your local Postal Station, it may be sitting there.

Times presentation

I recently made a presentation at the Shrine Lunch Club. I called it "A Profile and History of the *Masonic Times*"; it seemed to have been well received. If you would like me to make this 30 to 40 minute presentation for your Lodge give me a call.

One more time

I have sent instruction sheets to all our new authors. But, just in case you did not receive yours yet or if it got lost in the mail here are the salient points:

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Please!, get copy in to the *Times* before the deadline. Thank you for your cooperation and the *Times* Staff wishes you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving. □

ter Walk-a-Thon to be held at Marketplace Mall on Sunday morning, November 3, 1996.

The Annual Sale of Paper Dove Christmas Decorations by the Friends of Strong Memorial Hospital, for the benefit of the patients at the hospital, is not expected to be held this December because of the reluctance of the Mall Managers cooperation.

A possible future event is a program for the handicapped Scouts of the Otetiana Council. □

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By Vernon L. Goodrich
Camp DeMolay

Open house at Camp DeMolay was a resounding success. Over 50 persons were there for dinner after which the Board for the Camp met. Elected as Co-Chairmen were Mike Staub and Terry Wihlen. Next year's plans for renovations were made and suggested daily contribution rates were set. Budget data was presented and erosion problems were discussed with John Clarke, President of Lake Ontario Riparian Alliance. Neighbor Jack Steinkamp was also present. We learned that rock barriers have been successfully used along Lake Ontario.

Future plans

Next year we will finish the Anderson Building (kitchen and porch), work on the sleeping cabins and the restroom facilities (including showers).

Contribution rates

Youth events will be free, but we expect adult organizations will make a contribution to the Service Bureau based on the number attending: 1 to 25 persons, the suggested minimum contribution is \$50.00 per day; 26-50 persons @ \$75.00 per day, and greater than 50, the suggested minimum is \$100.00 per day.

Would your Lodge, OES group, or related Masonic organization like to hold meetings and/or picnics at the Camp on the lake at Sodus Point? Please contact me at the Masonic Service Bureau to reserve dates for the use of the Camp. The Anderson Building has all kitchen facilities and a 30 x 50 dining or meeting room with plenty of seating capacity, excellent lighting, and a great atmosphere, cool lake breeze and spectacular lake view.

We can use help in maintaining (clean up, wood cutting, etc.) as well as renovation work at the Camp. We also need help at the Bureau to clean and repair wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, etc.

"Inch by inch, anything is a cinch." □

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

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There has been no activity since the last report. The only scheduled event we will participate in is the Annual Al Sigl Cen-

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

While a life insurance policy is primarily used to financially protect others who depend upon an individual for support, it can also be used to financially protect the insured before he/she dies. Consider the following. A man named Joe was married for 35 years, until his wife, Sue, died due to poor health. Joe's children are all grown, with families of their own. They no longer depend upon Joe for their financial support. Joe saw his doctor last week. He was diagnosed with a fatal illness. Medication will prolong his life, and keep him reasonably free from pain. Joe could use some extra money about now. He has the fully paid life insurance policy. Sure, he could borrow against it, but Joe has other options.

Viatical Settlements

The law in this state now provides a structured and consistent method for Joe to unlock the value of his policy when he needs it most. A viatical settlement would allow Joe to sell his life insurance policy to a viatical settlement company. In return, Joe would receive a lump sum amount which would equal the death benefit of his policy, less a discount.

Because of the circumstances which would motivate Joe to sell his life insurance policy, the State Insurance Law has mandated rules and regulations which mandate disclosure, and prohibit unfair trade practices. Any company or group of individuals who engage in the practice of purchasing viatical settlements, must not only be licensed by the State Insurance Department, but can only use forms and promotional materials which are State approved. In addition, and most importantly, any one who applies for a viatical settlement is entitled to disclosure by a viatical settlement company as to rights and obligations.

Necessary booklet

If Joe were to apply for a viatical settlement, prior to submitting the application itself, he must first receive from the company a booklet describing: how viatical settlements operate; alternatives to viatical settlements; any tax consequences; possible interruption or loss of medical or public assistance programs; right of rescission; and, disclosure of identity of any individual receiving compensation from the viatical company.

If after reading this booklet, Joe decides to submit an application to sell his life insurance policy, then the company, if it decides it is interested in purchasing his life insurance policy, must submit a proposal to Joe. This proposal must indicate how much Joe will be paid for his

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policy, and how it determined this amount. If Joe, when making his application, makes a written request for information on how the payment amount was determined, then the company must also disclose in the proposal a more detailed description of how it determined the proposed payment amount. This means that

the company would have to disclose to Joe what assumptions it actually used in determining the payment amount. If Joe decides to sell his life insurance policy, the law provides a 15 day rescission period. This means that Joe could change his mind, and get his policy back upon returning the money he received. □

Masonic Service Bureau Loan Closet

| Equip. Type | On loan |
|----------------|------------|
| Bathtub equip. | 59 |
| Bed (Acces.) | 1 |
| Canes | 94 |
| Commodos | 88 |
| Crutches | 187 |
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[This is a continuing series of discussions of possible solutions to the problems encountered by financial planners. Should the reader have any questions or desire further information on this or any financial topic, don't hesitate to call this writer].

Everyone's concern

Long term care is a subject that concerns a lot of older people, and rightly so. It also should be of concern to the younger crowd as well, especially the offspring of those older folks.

If proper attention to this subject is not paid, it could affect the well being, not only of the old ones, but also their offspring, in the area of inheritances. That is not to say that one should neglect the older ones to get an inheritance, but the onus of supporting one's parents could fall to the offspring in some cases.

In the old days families lived together, believe it or not, and many of these problems did not exist. As you know, times have changed, for the better?

Long term care is the day to day care that one may need if one suffers from a chronic disease or illness, or just old age. It includes the daily activities that we easily take for granted, such as getting up and dressed, bathing, using the bathroom, and even eating.

Care is available in long term facilities, and in the Rochester area, the cost per month, not including medical care, runs from about \$140 to \$200 per day.

We insure just about everything, such as cars, homes, lives, and you name it. The cost of this protection averages about \$60,000 per year. If a family accumulates an estate of \$500,000, one can see that this can really do a job on this lifetime accumulation.

Long term care can be provided for at varying rates depending upon the age of the individual, and most people can purchase a respectable plan for a cost of between \$4,000 to \$6,000 per year. If one looks at this cost, a year's cost is approximately equal to one month's cost of a stay in a nursing home, so it does make a lot of sense to consider this approach.

One negative aspect is that nursing home care is inflating at a faster rate than inflation, but many plans offer a cost of living clause to help minimize this.

This nursing care consideration is very important in the area of financial and estate planning.

There are many good and many bad sales personnel out there, so beware, and extremely carefully search until you find a good one. □



By R.W. Harold Bollotin
Regular visit

On October 13th, the first Ward visit to the VA Medical Center for the Fall Season was made under the direction of R.W. Tom Paglia. The attendance of the regular Masonic volunteers was lower than usual. Present were: Tom Paglia, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin. Paul and Doris Robertson were not able to attend as Paul had unfortunately fallen off a ladder. He is recuperating at home and getting around with the aid of crutches. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Additional volunteers

We were very pleased to welcome three Brothers from Germania Lodge who joined us for the day. They were: Heinz Gunkel, Treasurer; Ken Kassel, Tiler; and Patrick Mulrooney, Senior Warden. They pitched right in and did a fine job of visiting with the patients. Thank you all! Your visit was greatly appreciated by us, as well as by the patients.

We also had the great pleasure of welcoming Don Rose, Senior Warden of Seneca Lodge. On this visit he enrolled as an official Masonic volunteer to the VA Medical Center. He is now one of us! We welcome him with open arms. He will be a great asset to our group. Welcome aboard, Don!

Remarkable coincidence

During our visit Don Rose noticed a patient wearing a uniform jacket with the rank of Master Sergeant as a Ranger in WW II Airborne Special Forces. Don was also a member of the same outfit at a later date. Needless to say, Don had a most enjoyable talk with him.

Seneca Lodge VAMC Night

On Tuesday evening, October 8th, Seneca Lodge held a special

Information Meeting regarding the Voluntary Service of the Canandaigua VA Medical Center.

Tom Paglia and I were invited to attend. Tom arranged for the presence of Miss Robin Johnson, Chief of Voluntary Service at the Medical Center.

W. Tom Foote, Master of the Lodge, showed an interesting video tape from the Masonic Service Association on the subject of hospitalized veterans and the volunteer program. Miss Johnson then gave an informative talk, with facts and figures, and answered questions. All were well received.

Tom and I gave brief talks describing our experiences and interaction with the veterans.

Upcoming events

Sunday afternoon, November 10th will be our regular visit. We will meet in the Volunteer Lounge, lower level of Building 7 at 1:00 p.m. Parking is available across the road. A delegation from Etolian Lodge is expected to join us.

Tuesday afternoon, December 10th is the annual gift wrapping session in the Auditorium of Building 5 at 12:30 p.m. This is always a fun filled event. The Masonic War Vets are expected to attend.

Sunday afternoon, December 22nd is the annual Holiday Gift Distribution. This will be held in the Auditorium of Building 5, at 12:30 p.m.


If anyone would like further information, or would like to join us for any of the visits, telephone Tom Paglia at 227-2046. □

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The Deadline for the December issue is: November 12, 1996
 If you see your Lodge name here, call your Master; whatever you like!

Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



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

Support appreciated

It was a real pleasure to have Germania Lodge with us at the last visitation to the VA Medical Center. Next month we will have Etolian Lodge with us. Isn't it great the way the Lodges are responding to this call for support? On our last visit on October 13th, four were missing out of our usual group, so Germania came in at the right time. R.W. Paul and Doris Robertson could not make it because Paul fell 15 feet off a ladder while trimming a tree, and was badly injured. Cora Paglia and June Moon each had family commitments.

Thanks

I wish to thank R.W. Terry and Jo Carroll Wihlen for their generous gift to the VA Christmas and Executive Committee Fund. With their support the veterans will have a nice Christmas. Are there any others out there who would like to help?

Those of you who smoke, how about giving the price of one or two cartons of cigarettes? Just think the joy you will give some veteran and give your heart and lungs a break. □

Visit a Masonic War Veteran




Robin Johnson, Chief of Volunteer Services, Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Canandaigua.



(front) R.W. Harold Bollotin, Robin Johnson, VAMC Spokesperson, R.W. Tom Paglia. (back) Gary Stein-JW, W. Tom Foote-Master, Don Rose-SW at Seneca Lodge No. 797 (Photos by Harold Bollotin)



Members of Seneca Lodge No. 797 at Veterans Medical Center presentation by Robin Johnson, Chief of Volunteers.

WWII COMMEMORATIVE GARDEN

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

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

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

A minimum donation of \$150.00 for an individual and \$300.00 for a service organization/corporation will ensure that you and/or your organization are recognized on our commemorative granite wall. Donation levels are listed below. If you would like to contribute, please choose either the 20 letter or 30 letter block and complete the spaces (including blanks between words) with what you would like engraved. Make your check payable to "WWII Commemorative Garden" and mail to Voluntary Service (135) VA Medical Center, 400 Fort Hill Ave., Canandaigua, New York 14424. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Voluntary Service at (716) 396-3640 or Tom Paglia at 227-2046.

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20 Spaces - \$150.00

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

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



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By R.-W.- David Jones

Devoted service

Several days ago I had the opportunity to present thirteen members of the Craft with their 25, 30, 35, 40, and 50 Year Pins at Towpath Lodge's Awards Night. It caused me to reflect on the nature of what I've heard referred to as the "Masonic Experience". All of the men were very proud to receive the pins and certificates, and it was quite an emotional evening. Most of the recipients were in their 60's and 70's, and many apologized for not being very active in Lodge recently.

What is it about Masonry that creates this kind of loyalty and dedication in our members? I suggest that we are more than a club or social organization, we are truly a family. Just like a family, no matter where we are, no matter what our circumstances, we remain kindred to the Craft.

We profess to take good men and make them better, and we succeed. We bring men into our family, and, by word and deed, we set the example of what Masonic conduct is. Many of our Brothers are out in the community today, living the life that we have in some small way encouraged and reinforced. Our values of friendship, charity, and brotherly love are not too popular these days. It seems society has placed a higher value on avarice and selfishness, on materialism and self aggrandizement. Success is measured in dollars, not character.

Values

Many men find our values in line with their own internal sensibilities and are pleased to find a group of men who's own values

are aligned with theirs. It's tough to live the better life when those around you devalue those attributes of character, charity and sincere concern for those in need.

It's easier to feel good about these same ideas when you are among a family who recognizes and supports these values. The values we have discussed are not the property of Masons only, they are universal, but they need our active support. Practice the Brotherly Love we teach. Give to support those in need. Care for your Brother in his hour of crisis, and lend him your presence.

Most of us have it in our power to affect that small part of the world immediately around us, but there are so many of us that all those little areas add up to a sizable part of our planet. Concern yourself with your life, and how you can live up to our principles, and leave to others that part of the world that is theirs.

R.-W.- Cy Kloner and I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and God's Blessings. □

Editor's Award for Lodge Articles

The above article was selected for its concise, straight-forward style and economy of language.

2nd Monroe District

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



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By W.- James A. De Lorenzo
Scottish Rite Award

The Annual Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Program was held on Thursday, October 3rd in Cathedral Hall at the Downtown Temple. Grand Master, M.-W.- Earle J. Hino, Jr.,

was the speaker. This Award recognizes outstanding Blue Lodge service. Our recipient this year was W.- Charles W. Simpson, our present Treasurer. W.- Simpson has devoted many hours to building the foundations and heritage of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge that so many of us take for granted. He certainly exemplifies the meaning of this Award.

October

Our 1st Degree on October 1st was performed excellently by a new team. We now have two new Brothers. Great job guys!!! Our dinner was also excellent. We had chicken parmesan, meat balls, Italian sausage, ziti, mixed vegetables, tossed salad and Italian bread - all served buffet style and all you can eat - WOW - what a meal! Many thanks to Laura Alvarez for a fabulous feast!

Special note

Laura will be cooking our next two dinners - November 5th (2nd Degree) and November 11th (Official Visit). If you don't want to miss a fantastic meal, please sign up as soon as possible. Hope to see you there! Remember, all of our Degrees this year will be preceded by a dinner.

More October events

On October 22nd we had a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night for seven gentlemen. Our dinner was cooked by W.- Cliff Short, cornish hens - WOW, another great meal! On October 23rd our Lodge performed the 2nd half of the 1st Degree at the Grand Lecturer's Convention and did another great job.

On October 26th we held a budget planning meeting, hosted a dinner and meeting place for the Masters & Wardens Association, as well as an Installation of Officers for the DeMolay. It was a busy day.

November

Our 2nd Degree will be conferred on November 5th by the Charlotte/Corinthian Past Masters Degree Team. Our Official Visit will be on November 19th.

Looking ahead

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

Craftsman/ Robertson Lodge No. 969

W.- Carmen Vitali, Master
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1st & 3rd
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

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By W.- Carmen A. Vitali

Attendance up

Our September 17th Lodge meeting was well attended and R.-W.- David W. Jones was welcomed for his Official Visit. Our October 1st meeting was also well attended. Many thanks to all who were there.

Congratulations

It was my pleasure to honor Norm Gauch and George Wilkinson with the presentation of 55 Year Pins! Congratulations!

Traveling Gavel

We had the pleasure of having W.- Donald Darrohn of Etolian Lodge and eight other members attend our September 17th meeting. The Traveling Gavel was turned over to Etolian Lodge.

Thank you

My thanks to W.- Bill Hook and the ladies for putting together a great dinner for over 40 people on October 1st.

Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to the 18 Brothers who will be celebrating birthdays in November. Happy Birthday to you!

Brotherhood Fund

Brother Bob Ogden reported that he has received several contributions for the 1997 Brotherhood Fund Campaign. Brother Norm Gauch will be assisting him. Brothers, please send them your contributions and make this year's Campaign another success.

Fellowcraft Club

We are planning to have a 1st Degree rehearsal on November 12th. All Lodge officers are requested to attend so that we can get some practice for and put on a memorable Degree in the Spring. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. so we can beat the rush for the "Phantom of the Opera" in the Auditorium.

Sickness

Our thoughts and prayers go out to W.- Cliff Field's wife, Ruth,



W.- Don Darrohn (right), Master of Etolian Lodge No. 479 giving up the "Traveling Gavel" to W.- James A. De Lorenzo, Master of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, as Michael Schum, JW of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969, which was edged by one (left) looks on.

and W.- Chuck Strickland's wife, Karen. We hope everyone is well on the road to recovery. If the Lodge can be of any assistance to anyone, please let me know.

November

We are planning to have a dinner before our November 5th meeting. With the "Phantom" in the Auditorium Theater, parking at the Temple will be difficult unless our meetings start earlier than usual. Our Telephone Committee will be contacting the members with details and I hope to see another great turnout.

For our November 19th meeting we are planning to have a Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there! □

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and

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MONROE DISTRICTS

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W.- M. Donald Darrohn 225-1782

Secretary

W.- Donald C. Bell 334-7768

By W.- Donald Darrohn

Ronald McDonald House

The program for this month will feature Executive Director, Bonnie Vahey, of Rochester's home away from home. The Freemasons of Monroe and surrounding counties have, over the last five plus years, provided in excess of \$100,000 to the local Ronald McDonald House. In preparation for this year's Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign we very much look forward to hearing of the fine work accomplished through our local facility.

Incentives

At October's meeting we had eight Masters, seven Senior Wardens, and two Junior Wardens. Each has received, or will receive, an MSA bulletin that should assist them in their current or subsequent Lodge station. If you're not in the afore mentioned numbers, plan on attending the next meeting so you too can receive a copy of this fine bulletin.

Next meeting

Webster No. 538 is the location of the next meeting; dinner at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. For reservations call W.- William Edwards at 872-3993.

The Traveling Gavel

As of this writing the Traveling Gavel is at Etolian No. 479, Spencerport. We understand there will be an attempt by perhaps both Craftsman/Robertson No. 969 and Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088 to obtain the Gavel. If not - why not? All a Lodge needs is seven members present at the opening and through the business session of the hosting Lodge with one of the members being the Master or Warden. The fellowship and camaraderie are special and you really won't know 'til you go for it. Find out where it is and get it! □

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By W.: Dean F. Marsaw

Greetings

This column is dedicated to Captain Wayne Cannon of the Rochester Police Department, to whom Fame Lodge No. 945 had the honor of presenting the DeWitt Clinton Award on September 24, 1996.

Career information

Captain Cannon served in the US Air Force during the Vietnam War. After the service he joined the Rochester Police Department. During the past 18 years he has served in the Highland, Genesee, Maple and Goodman Sections, as well as Research and Evaluation Sections and the Information Systems Unit.

Captain Cannon was Administrative Assistant to the Chief, and was named Officer of the Month in March, 1995.

He was the first on the scene at the truck explosion on 390 in Brighton in April, 1995. He helped in the search for the missing woman in Durand Eastman Park.

Wayne was made Sergeant in 1986, promoted to Lieutenant in 1990, and currently holds the rank of Captain, which he obtained November 11, 1995.

He is presently in charge of the Technical Service Section at the Public Service Building.

One of his outside activities is being active in the Irish Children Program.

Thank you

I thank the members for bestowing on me the honor of receiving the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. I will treasure it the rest of my life.


Meetings

The October 22nd meeting was Move Up Night for the Officers. The Swiss Steak Dinner, put on by Culver Chapter was great.

November 12th will be Official Visit by our DDGM, R.: W.: David Jones. Culver Chapter will again serve dinner; this time it will be Roast Beef.

O-At-Ka
Lodge No. 759

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

W.: Glenn A. Schoerens, Secretary 889-2017
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By W.: Kevin C. Fisher
Congratulations

Congratulations to Brother Larry Blazey, Oatka Lodge's recipient of the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. Brother Larry was Master of Oatka in 1992 and has since, always remained active and extremely helpful in the Lodge. He has sat in many of the officer's chairs when we were in need and is one of the biggest contributors to our Ritual work.

In attendance at the Awards was Larry's 87 year old father, Brother Willard Blazey, a 50 year member of Valley/Simes Lodge. I could tell that Will was very proud of his son, as are all of us at Oatka.

1st Degree

We will be conferring the 1st Degree on November 13th. We were 2 for 2 at our Bring-a-Friend Night earlier this Fall (2 friends came and both petitioned the Lodge). There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. preceding this Degree. Please contact me if you are coming to it. If you are unable to attend the dinner, please come later and show your support to the Lodge and these new candidates. We all know how impressive it can be to see a few long lines of men standing there during this Ceremony.

Breakfast

On the morning of Saturday, November 23rd we will be hosting a "Hunters Breakfast". We do not have the actual time set up or the full menu as of yet, but it will be an early morning so that we can get the hunters off to the fields on time. This endeavor will obviously require many hands in the kitchen, so please call one of the following chairpersons if you can help: Larry Blazey, 889-3854 or Chuck Crevison, 533-2481. By the way, if you cannot come to help, you can surely come to eat and you don't have to be a hunter to do that.

Sickness

Our best wishes go out to Brother John Noah who had a double hernia operation in Sep-

tember. All the guys at Lodge have missed you, John, so we hope you have a fast and full recovery so you can get back and see us soon.

Thanks

Come out and see our new Master's carpet! Thanks to JW Gary Trescott we have a beautiful new black and white checkered Master's carpet. Thank you very much. You did a great job. Thank you, Brother Carmen Valleri, for giving us the idea.

Union Star
Lodge No. 320

W.: William J. Meachem, Master
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2nd Monday
 7:30 P.M.

W.: Joseph Cotteleer, Sec.
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By Lloyd Wood

Introduction

Hello, my name is Lloyd Wood and I'm the Senior Warden of Union Star Lodge No. 320. Our Master, W.: William Meachem, is off in the land of sun and fun receiving flight training for a new career in aviation. I will be filling in for him until he returns North. I'm sure all the Brothers wish him well in his new profession.

Good news!

Under sickness and distress I don't have anything to report, which is great! If any Brother knows of something I've missed, please call me at 334-5429, or drop me a line at 954 Calkins Road, Rochester, 14623.

Merger update

The big news at our Lodge this year is the merger with Henrietta Lodge No. 526. I am happy to report that all is going smoothly so far. The By-Laws revisions have been finished by the Committee appointed by both Lodges and await a vote and Grand Lodge approval. Special thanks to R.: W.: Ken Buckland and W.: Craig Emmons from Union Star; W.: Paul Josephson, W.: Richard Bull and R.: W.: Bob Sanford from Henrietta, for all their work on the revisions.

The Finance Committee has also met several times and everything has been worked out in this regard. Special thanks to W.: Terry Hatch and W.: Joe Cotteleer from Union Star and W.: Ron Morthorst, W.: Paul Josephson and W.: Larry Miller from Henrietta for the committee work.

We are in the process of finishing the three papers we received from Grand Lodge. There will be a vote in both Lodges to approve the new By-Laws at our next meetings. Once they are approved, the papers will be sent to Grand Lodge for review. We hope to have the merger completed by December. I know the members of Union Star No. 320 are excited about this merger and we all look forward to having the new Brothers in Lodge. I'll keep you posted as to further developments.


Charities

Just a reminder, Brothers. Please don't forget the Brotherhood Fund. Your contributions can make a difference in someone's quality of life. W.:

"Bud" Ripley, DSA, is the Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund this year and you will be hearing from him later. Please be generous and please contribute. We are shooting for 65% participation. Thank you in advance.

Henrietta
Lodge No. 526
 1863-1995

W.: Paul B. Josephson, Master
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2nd & 4th
 Tuesdays
 7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Robert F. Sanford, Secretary 292-6383
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 West Henrietta, N.Y. 14586

By W.: Paul Josephson

The only thing left to do concerning our consolidation is wait. The paper work is in and all is up to Grand Lodge now. Hopefully we will receive the OK before our December meeting.

Proud history

This has been a very hard time for me. I wish that there had been another way that we as a Lodge could have gone, but it was just not to be. Henrietta Lodge has a long and proud history in the Monroe area and we as members have a lot to be proud of.

Let us carry this tradition with us to Union Star Lodge. Let all of us remain active in our new Lodge and not use this as a way to become stagnant in our Masonic responsibility. Let us now become proud and loyal members of Union Star Lodge. We have a lot to offer and they have a lot to offer us.


See you in the quarries.

By Ronald Morthorst

We wish a happy one to the following Brothers who celebrate their birthday this month: Thomas Clark and Paul Josephson. If you see these Brothers, wish them a happy birthday.

GERMANIA
Lodge No. 722

W.: David Foster, Master
 244-0194



3rd Tues.
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 7:30 P.M.

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By W.: David Foster

Greetings, Brethren

Our meeting this month is on November 19th. Our program that night will feature a presentation on Masonic history that I'm sure you will find very interesting. Naturally, the Lodge meeting will be preceded by a Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 p.m. Ladies are invited to join us. Officers-business suits are the uniform for the evening.

Super party!

Special thanks to Brothers Andy and Bob McBride and Pat Mulrooney for their work putting on a great Steak Roast! The food was superb and the fellowship top notch. We had some prospective candidates and hopefully we can turn them into new mem-

bers! Those of you who didn't attend missed a super party.

Changes


Brotherhood Fund Chairman Pat Mulrooney tells us that there are a lot of changes in the way the Brotherhood Fund donations are going to be handled this year. You'll be getting a letter shortly (if you haven't already) explaining these changes. What hasn't changed is the need for you to step up and fulfill your obligation as a Mason by sending in your contribution. Our participation goal this year is again 85%. We didn't hit that goal last year, but I know we can this year. All you have to do is send in a dollar!! Almost all of us can spare a dollar. Please help us reach our goal.

Reminder

For our meeting on Tuesday the 19th of November, we will have a very interesting historical talk on Masonry with a Pot Luck Supper starting at 6:30 p.m. Give a call to a Brother who we haven't seen in a while and encourage him to come out. Your support means a lot to the Lodge. Please plan on coming to one or more of our upcoming events. Keep the momentum going! Be part of the excitement!
 See you at Lodge!

NORTHFIELD
Lodge No. 426
 Instituted March 1857

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



W.: Michael J. Herrmann, Master 872-0113
 R.: W.: D. Scott Seltzer, Secretary 473-3515
 17 Church Street
 Pittsford, N.Y. 14534

By W.: Michael J. Herrmann

President George Washington

President George Washington came to Northfield Lodge No. 426 in Pittsford, NY on September 19, 1996.

R.: W.: D. Scott Seltzer donated a very large and impressive picture of President George Washington in a very attractive frame to the Lodge and it was dedicated to the Memory of W.: George M. Adams. The picture is hung on the wall between the Master's station and the Secretary's desk.

W.: George M. Adams became a Mason on May 26, 1947. He departed from this world on September 18, 1996. A Memorial Service was held at Crawford Funeral Home, attended by many Brothers, friends and relatives. This writer was unable to take a head count due to the large sup-

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Captain Wayne Cannon, Rochester Police Department, receiving the Grand Lodge DeWitt Clinton Award for Community Service from W.: Dean Marsaw, Master, Fame Lodge No. 945.

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portive turnout for the respect of this fine gentleman.

Lucille, our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. Masonry is saddened by our worldly loss.

Official Visit

Due to the need to get the Grand Master's Message out, the date was changed to October 17th. R.W. David W. Jones, DDGM for the 2nd Monroe District, delivered the Message in true form, as usual.

It is always a pleasure to have R.W. Dave visit our Lodge in both capacities, as a Grand Lodge Officer representing the Grand Master, or as a Brother visiting from Charlotte/Corinthian.

Sickness and distress

R.W. William D. Spillane was injured at work when a large boulder rolled on to him. The damage to his leg was very severe and has kept him confined to home and he's unable to walk as yet. We wish you our best, Bill.

DeWitt Clinton Award

On November 7th the DeWitt Clinton Award will be presented to the School of the Holy Childhood. Come to Lodge and show our support to a very worthwhile organization on the 50th year. The Lodge will be open for the presentation. Please bring your wives and neighbors. The presentation will be at 8:00 p.m. with refreshments following.

Winter

The season is approaching. If you feel that you should not drive to Lodge for a meeting or event due to the bad road conditions, give me a call and we will find a way to get you there, and back home again, of course.

On the same note, the Widows Program Committee will be checking up on our departed Brothers' wives to make sure that they are set with the chores before Winter sets in. If there are any Brothers who would like to join us this year, give one of the Committee members a call; W. John A. Dudley, Brother Frederick G. Hull, W. John V. Williams, or me. There are plenty of leaves, gutter cleaning, lawn articles to be put away, etc. for everyone.

Snowbirds

If this article has caught you before you depart for the South, or if you are already there and the mail forwarding has brought you this paper, we wish you our best. The Lodge will miss your presence at our meetings. We will be thinking of you as we shovel out, pay the gas bill, slide into each other, and don't forget the falling on the icy, wet snow. I do envy you. You have worked hard for the comforts of the Winter

months in the South and I hope you have a safe trip. Drop us a line and tell us what it is like. I'll make sure your notes are read in Lodge on a cold snowy night.

Have a safe and enjoyable journey, visit the Lodges near you, and we will see you in the Spring.

Bring-a-Brother Night

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

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

Lodge history revisited

This is a program we will have in April. We need your input now. Past memories, milestones, tidbits, serious or humorous events, old photos, input from Past Masters on things that took place in their years. We also need researchers to read the minutes from the past and locate the oldest living member or Past Master. We plan to use the speaker phone to talk to the Brothers who have moved out of state. Get the picture? We need help to make this a successful event and, of course, we will need help from the widows too.

In the past

On October 3rd we traveled downtown to the Temple for the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night. Our Brother, W. Donald C. Smith was presented the Award by M.W. Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. Brother Don has given his all for the Lodge and its members.

The cheering from the Brethren present was tremendous. If we had a noise counter, we would have come in second. Webster Lodge had their organist there. Thanks, Webster Lodge, for your support!

W. Glenn A. Hedges was recognized for his receiving the MSA Award (Red Hat) in the Scottish Rite. Glenn, it looks good on you!

Brotherhood Fund

W. John A. Dudley is Northfield's Chairman for the Fund this year. Brother John has asked for this job. He believes in the Program and will do a fine job. My Brothers, please give him and the Program your support. This is one of our duties as a Mason. Send your donation to him at 57 Park Rd., Pittsford, NY 14534. Thank you. □

Communicate**District Deputy
Grand Master****Genesee/Wyoming
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Benefit

One of the benefits of being a Mason - "Freemasonry creates a mystical tie among men - regardless of race, creed, theology or personal opinion. It is one of the few organizations in the world where one can go to the four corners of the earth, not knowing a soul, and find a friend" - just one more reason for each of us to promote this great Fraternity!

Official Visits

My Official Visits throughout the District have been completed, the books and records of the respective Lodges have been examined and have been found to be in proper order, and the Ritual work of the officers and the Brethren has been very good. The plans for the upcoming Masonic year by the respective Masters of the Lodges is very encouraging. I anticipate a great year in Masonry in the Genesee/Wyoming District. The Message of the Grand Master should inspire each of us to become better and more active members of this great Fraternity.

Grand Lecturer

Mark your calendar for November 12th when the Grand Lecturer will make his visit and hold his Convention at Attica Lodge No. 462. Make your reservations now for the dinner to be served prior to the Convention. I have every reason to believe that several Lodges in the District will be honored with the "Potts Award" this year. I have been informed of the intent of those Lodges in the respective plans for the same, "Let's do it".

While on the subject of the Convention, I suggest that everyone, wherever possible, attend the communications of their Lodges when the AGL makes his visits to the Lodges. The Grand Lecturer's Convention is the time to learn the proper use of the Ritual and protocol, one more step in making our Fraternity even better and one in which we can take great pride.

Fish Fry

The Fish Fry held at LeRoy this past month was successful and if you missed it, you missed a real treat. A special thank you is in order to Brothers Bob Nicoll and Paul Smith for an excellent job, as well as to all the other Brethren and ladies who worked so hard to make it happen. The support of the Lodges throughout the District was tremendous - thanks to each and every person who supported and participated.

Remember my Brethren - "ingenuity, hard work, perseverance and a positive attitude are the keys to success!" □

**Grand Sword
Bearer****Genesee/Wyoming District****R.W. Richard C. Anderson****Official Visits completed**

As the month of October closed, R.W. Robert Dagen, DDGM, had completed his Official Visits to the Lodges in the Genesee/Wyoming District. He was pleased at the reception that he and the Staff Officer received, as well as the conditions of the Lodges in general.

On October 5th, many Secretaries and Brotherhood Chairmen of this District attended seminars at the Dansville Lodge. Updated information and forms in each group were shared by the Grand Lodge Officers.

The Genesee/Wyoming District training team held its second strategy meet at Batavia Lodge on September 10-19th, a dry run status in preparing for the first training session for the Road to the East Program.

Coming events

November 3rd, 1996 will be Veteran's Visit Day at the Batavia VA Hospital. Please give your support and make your presence known to these people who gave some, and remember those who gave all.

November 12th is the Grand Lecturer's Convention of Genesee/Wyoming District, hosted by Attica Lodge No. 462. Support our District and your individual Lodge in qualifying for the Potts Award. Dinner to be served, reservations needed. □

Triluminar Lodge**No. 543
F. & A.M.**W. Arthur E.
Drew, Master
493-58562nd and 4th
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Main Street
Pike, N. Y. 14024

By W. Arthur Drew

Greetings, Brothers

With this first report from Triluminar this Fall, I would like to thank all the Brothers who helped in any way to make our Summer fundraising activity at the Wyoming County Fair a tremendous success.

Official Visit

R.W. Robert F. Dagen, DDGM, made his Official Visit to our Lodge on October 9th. His message was interesting and informative. I was proud of our Lodge for the excellent turnout and hope all our meetings can be so well attended.

Upcoming events

Plenty of Euchre will be played. W. Chuck Krauss is trying to catch onto the game so he will be ready when the Tournament comes to Triluminar on February 12th. I would like to remind all the Brothers who read this that our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament will be in the Spring, date to be announced. Please start planning to participate in a fun day. Watch for the date of our Table Lodge, hosted by Triluminar.

Take care. □

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By W. Paul L. Sickley

Brotherhood Fund

Brothers, when you receive a request during November for a contribution, be as generous as you can when you write out your check. Mail the check to the address on the envelope. You may rest assured that your donation will be put to good use. The administrative cost for the Brotherhood Fund is less than 10%, one of the most efficient charities in the United States.

Degree Work

The Lodge Brothers are in the throes of Degree work. The 2nd Degree is scheduled for November 7th. Hopefully, there will be a new Brother in our midst during 1996 and the 3rd Degree is tentatively scheduled for December 5th. No amount of praise will fully express the Master's admiration and appreciation for the efforts of the Degree team.

With sorrow

Belatedly the Lodge learned of the death of Brother Arthur J. Wells who passed away on January 10, 1996 in Lansing, NY. Brother Art was raised on June 15, 1939.

An anniversary salute

October saw the recognition of Brothers Ernest D. Olin, Charles R. Chapin, and Gerald R. Newland for their years in Masonry. In November, the anniversary month of their raising, Brothers Herman G. Beaumont, J. Milton Blythe, William E. Burt, Herbert J. Carr, Jr., Gordon L. Chaffee, Gordon H. Link, Gary K. Sherman, Waldo L. VanEpps, and James V. Vickers will be honored. Each of the Brothers will receive a personal invitation to attend Lodge on November 17th.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

A member of Constellation Lodge will sit in the West for the District's Grand Lecturer's Convention to be held at Attica Lodge on November 12th.

Child ID

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200 E. Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020

By W.. William H. Genagon
At our October 8th communication we had the opportunity to combine our talents with Attica Lodge No. 462 in raising two Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

3rd Degree

Attica Lodge will host the 3rd Degree on Saturday, November 2nd, starting at 4:30 p.m. W.. Bob Strang will be sitting in the East. West Star Lodge No. 413 will also have a Brother to be raised that night. I look forward to an excellent turnout with the combined involvement of 3 Lodges.

November meetings

I would like to remind all Brothers that we will be going to Attica Lodge on November 12th for the Grand Lecturer's Convention. I hope all Brothers will be able to attend as this will be an interesting and informative meeting.

On November 26th I would like to be able to get our Leadership Development Course started.

I am open to any ideas on getting the Child ID Program started at Batavia and welcome any and all volunteers to help with this Program.

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837 F. & A.M.

W.. George R. Springett, Master (716)247-3557
1st and 3rd Thursday

W.. John Specht, Secretary 548-2694
12 South Lake Ave. Bergen, N.Y. 14416

By W.. George Springett

Aid for a distressed Brother

The Lodge is providing transportation for R..W.. John Bader for his trips to the hospital for dialysis treatments three times each week. We are urgently in need of additional Brothers to

assist in his transportation as this will be a long term effort by the Lodge. The more Brothers that can help, the lighter the burden will be on each one assisting. R..W.. John would like the opportunity to visit with you during his return from the hospital. Call either Joseph Chimino or John Specht now with your available times to aid in the support of this effort.

Congratulations

I, with the assistance of Ted Paine and John Bader, and under the skillful hands of Ken Barons, transgressed the hills of Southwestern New York to a place near Panama City to meet and chat in a Brotherly way with Walter Hofmann. On this God-given beautiful Sunday afternoon, it was great to sit and talk with Brother Walter about so many of the good memories he could share with us of his life as a man and as a Mason.

For those of you who may not remember, 70 years ago, on April 15, 1926, he was raised a Master Mason and has remained a member of our Lodge ever since. In the presence of his family and this traveling group of Masons, the Certificate of Membership and accompanying Pin were presented to Brother Walter W. Hofmann for his 70 years of membership in the Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York and respectfully given by Hesperus Lodge No. 837. Congratulations to you, Brother Walter. I pray that we can do this again on your next anniversary.

More congratulations

After being escorted to the usual in-route restaurant, the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award was presented to Brother Fred Marrow by Grand Master, M..W.. Earle J. Hino, Jr., with the Assistance of Past Grand Master, M..W.. Bruce W. Widger, on the evening of October 3rd. It was nice to see a member be so recognized for the extensive work that he has done for Hesperus Lodge.

Thank you

Thank you to the Most Wise Master of Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix, William R. Zufall, for bringing light to the membership through his dissertation on the religious objectors to Freemasonry.

Invitation

To the many Master Masons that live in the area, and have not been to a Lodge communication recently, I cordially and fraternally invite you to try to baffle the Master by your presence on the sidelines and make him wonder who you are.

Child ID shoot

From Joseph Chimino, Chair-

man of Hesperus Lodge Child ID Program, his heartfelt thanks to Don Coleman of the Bergen Fire Department for giving of his time to open the fire hall and his maintenance support in this endeavor by the Lodge. The success of this year's shoot was made possible by the aid of Len Mason and Chet MacRae's efforts by bringing the District's equipment. This project was also made a success through the efforts of Maria Chimino, Bob Johnston, Joanne Vian, Aimee Hoover, Norm Austin, and Jamie Chimino.

Thanks to the effort and kindness of these dedicated people, the Child ID Program has continued and is greatly appreciated by the parents of the children and the membership of the Lodge.

November

November 2nd is the date of the Temple Association Annual 20/20 Party at the Bergen Fire Hall. On the 7th Brother Joseph Chimino will be in the East for the 1st Degree, dinner at 6:30 p.m.

November 12th, Grand Lecturer's Convention, Attica, 7:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

November 21st, "Quiz on Masonry" by Jay McCullough.

November 29th - M&W, Perry, 6:30 p.m. dinner.

Looking ahead

On December 5th - 2nd Degree, W.. Garry R. Hutcherson in the East, dinner 6:30 p.m.

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

W.. Neil Parmeter, Master 535-7472
1st & 3rd Mondays

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

By Neil Parmeter

Thank you

First, I would thank the Past Masters who have filled in for me on Lodge nights I could not attend due to my work schedule. I encourage any other Past Masters or current officer of our Lodge who would like to refresh his memory or try his hand in the East, to put his name on our schedule of open nights and have a go.

I also thank W.. Bill Geitner for setting up the slide show with Clark Rice, a staff photographer from World War II. I'm told it was a fantastic presentation and was well attended. Plans are in the works for new roofing on the Lodge. It was recommended this be done before Winter. As always, a show of hands to help out with funds, supplies, and tools would be greatly appreciated.

Come on out

If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, I encourage you to come out on our next meeting night and get back into the swing of things.

Masonic History

In closing, I leave you with a bit of Masonic history from the pages of, "An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry and its Kindred Sciences", published in 1921. Joseph Brant, a Mohawk Indian was initiated in London in 1776. During the War of Independence he was in command of Indian troops on the British side, who captured

Captain McKinstry of the US Army. The Indians had tied their prisoner to a tree and were preparing to torture him, when he made the mystic appeal of a Mason when in danger. Brant interposed and rescued his American Brother from his impending fate. He then took him to Quebec and placed him in the hands of some English Masons, who returned him uninjured to the American outposts.

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

R..W.. Robert Nicoll, Master 768-7922
1st & 3rd Wednesdays

W.. David Ehrhart, Secretary 768-6474
8 West Main Street LeRoy, N. Y. 14482

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

Special meeting

To all the Brethren of Olive Branch Lodge No. 39, a special meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6th. There are many areas of concern that we must address, such as:

- Improved identification of our building.
- Roadside signs.
- Replacing the roof of our building.
- Activities for younger men in the LeRoy community.
- Increasing membership.
- Internal problems and gripes.

On the plus side

Olive Branch is a financially stable organization. To regain our prominence in the community, I ask for your help. Attendance has been 10-12 Brothers. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. This is your Lodge. One person or 12 is not enough to create vitality. Make a special effort on November 6th to attend Lodge.

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

R..W.. Chester W. MacRae, Master (716)-492-1257
2nd & 4th Tuesdays

William Erick, Secretary 492-4426
Main Street Arcade, New York 14009

By W.. Chester W. MacRae

We've been busy

R..W.. Leonard Mason and your Master assisted at Bergen for their Child Identification shoot, worked on shingling the roof of the shelter at the Village Park and sold hot dogs and hot

cider at the Currier's Station of the Arcade and Attica Railroad, for two weekends.

Support your Lodge

I have arranged for a speaker, W.. Robert Mix from Medina, with an important message of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention. We will have a catered dinner at 6:00 p.m. for this and all meetings this year. Show your support for your Lodge and guests.

Brother John Evans will speak about Antique Cars on November 26, 1996.

Do read my articles in the Masonic Times for information of upcoming dinners and meetings.

PI & A

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

Brethren

When does it get better? It never will unless we do something to make it better.

Recently on the late news there was a report on a survey that has been taken in some of our schools and among our teens. The survey showed that 33% of those interviewed are regular drug users and 42% use alcohol often enough to be considered alcoholics. Does this scare you? It certainly does me.

Statistics

Being involved in Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Programs over the years, I have collected a few statistics. Let's see if any of them bother you.

85% of all those confined in our jails and/or prisons are in for drug related crimes.

If you split any crowd into groups of five, at least one in each group has, or knows someone who has, a drug problem in his/her family, work or social group.

We have on record cases where children undergoing rehabilitation treatment for drug abuse are being led through it by children as young as nine years old who have already gone through it.

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person is robbed or is the victim of a burglary.

In the U.S. alone, consumer spending on illegal drugs may exceed the combined incomes of more than 80 developing countries.

Among the industrial nations, Australia ranks first in drug related crimes per 100,000 people. The U.S. ranks second.

Top 7 School Problems in the:

1940's-1. Talking in class 2. chewing gum 3. making noise 4. running in halls 5. cutting in line 6. dress code violations 7. littering.

1990's-1. drug/alcohol abuse 2. AIDS 3. pregnancy 4. suicide 5. rape 6. robbery 7. assault.

Recently AIDS has become number one, and drug/alcohol abuse, number two, BUT, the reasons for this is that people are sharing needles or passing joints around and infecting each other.

If this isn't enough to open your eyes and make you look around, I'll try to have more facts for you next time.

Do you want a program? Call me.

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322-7343

By R..W.. John Stockholm

Sorry about that

I'm sorry I didn't have a column last month, but I sure have had a long bout of sickness. In May I had shingles on my face and head. As I got feeling better and more able to do things, I had a mini-stroke. I was taken to the emergency room and kept in the hospital a week. I've had every available test and am feeling better every day.

September meeting

We have had several activities since my last column, including our Annual Meeting on Septem-

ber 27th. The attendance was poor, but the women from the Rebecca's served a great dinner. The members who were absent have been told more about the dinner than the meeting.

During the meeting we did our regular business and then we had a long discussion for a possible future Grand Lodge Appointment. We understand Grand Lodge would like names on file for the future. There was no name chosen and we may have a special meeting later.

Social times

To continue our social activities, our dinner with the ladies was held at the Hamilton Restaurant located at the Terry Hills Country Club in Batavia.

In closing, I would like to say to those who are ill or confined that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Nun-Da-Wa-Ga
Council No. 92

4th Monday

Ill.. Kenneth Kohlhagen
Master
591-9598
Ill.. Ruell R. Lovett
Recorder
494-2546
West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14482

By Kenneth E. Kohlhagen

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Deputy Master, Recorder and I represented Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council at the Grand Lecturer's Convention for the 8th Cryptic District held at Palmyra Council No. 26 on October 4th. The Grand Lecturer, R..I.. William G. Vassily of Liverpool, went through the Opening, Closing and Balloting and showed us the similarity in the procedures between Council and Blue Lodge. He also gave us hints, using catchy phrases, to help remember the sequence of certain words in the Ritual.

In attendance, also, was R..I.. John Nosal, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, who spoke briefly on plans being made for the 175th Annual Assembly of Cryptic Masonry in 1998, when he will hopefully be the Grand Master. He also stated he would like to have all Council histories brought up to date by then.

All in all, the meeting was very informative and as one Companion said, "It was the best Convention I have attended in 15 years". He has attended many.

Know any history?

If anyone knows of something of historical nature which should be added to our present history, let us know about it. If you haven't seen the history as compiled by R..I.. Layton Vogel, contact the Recorder.

Our officers are anxious to confer the Royal and Select Master Degrees, so Royal Arch Masons, ask for a petition. You won't regret it.

Grand Lodge Staff Officers
of the Monroes

R..W.. Eugene G. Brendel,
Grand Steward



R..W.. William D. Spillane,
Grand Director of Ceremonies

By R..W.. Eugene Brendel
New Programs

In our travels throughout the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts we have been talking about the two new Programs that the Grand Master has authorized us to implement, namely the Shepherding Program and the Road to the East.

The Shepherding Program is aimed specifically at educating the new Brother with a side benefit of adding to the education of a veteran Master Mason. The introduction to the Program states that, "The Shepherding Program consists of assigning a well educated Brother to a candidate, to act as his mentor, educator and companion for a period of one year, thereby, creating an active, educated, and working Brother."

This statement may sound like it conflicts with the first sentence of this paragraph, but for anyone who has been put into a position of teaching or coordinating educational programs or classes, it soon becomes apparent that the teacher cannot be involved without learning something new himself. There are none among us who cannot benefit from being exposed to "more light".

The main focus, of course, is on the new Brother and is twofold: 1. To teach him the basics of Masonry and allow him to be comfortable with open Lodge procedures. 2. To provide him with someone with whom he can relate and turn to for answers to questions that arise.

For most (if not all) members of the Craft, there were times early on in our Masonic years when we came upon situations which we found awkward or confusing and rather than admit to our ignorance, we either stumbled through or bluffed our way out of. Those of us who have tough hides or a close and caring friend survived, but no one knows just how many Brothers we may have lost because of embarrassment or frustration.

For many years (time immemorial???) there has been little or no continuing education in our Lodges and we must not assume that all of our present members are well versed in procedures, protocol, history and even our basic beliefs.

There are four phases to the Shepherding Program:

Phase I is formal training with the candidate, the Shepherd and the Educating Team.

Phase II is a meeting to be held as a part of a Lodge program or as a Shepherd and Brother program.

Phase III provides for continuing Masonic education as part of a Lodge communication.

Phase IV may be used as a brief educational segment for every Lodge communication.

In the Monroes, many of us know the Shepherding Program is already in use in some form and we, as Staff Officers, will be in touch to ascertain the degree of success we are having. For any Lodge not using the program, we are available to provide assistance in its implementation. Education in general and Masonic education in particular is not to be feared, but to be revered. The principles of our Craft must be understood in order to be fully appreciated and it is through the education process that the Brethren will thrive and grow in spirit and in numbers.

The Road to the East is a new Program that is aimed at senior Lodge officers and particularly those who will be soon assuming the office of Master. We are working on the format for this Program which is tentatively scheduled for presentation on January 18, February 15 and, if necessary, March 15. We will discuss this program in another issue.

Until then, give your Master the support he needs and deserves and remember to give thanks to the Great Architect on Thanksgiving Day. See you in Lodge!

Many Thanks

By R..W.. William Spillane

I thank all the Brothers who have taken the time to write, send a card or phone me while I am incapacitated. I am feeling much better and am even getting around a bit. It will still be some time before I will return to normalcy. You really appreciate the contact with others when you are confined to home. I hope, at least, to resume my writing obligations next month. Be seeing you soon.

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By W.. Bill Edwards

Hello Brothers

I hope that everyone is enjoying the Fall season. We have had some gorgeous days. On October 3rd we had a great turnout for Brad Hebner at the Scottish Rite Symbolic Awards. There were 26 Brethren, and with the help of Bill Kuehne at the organ, we raised the roof. Our reputation has been upheld.

Upcoming Lodge events

Our Spaghetti Dinner will be Friday, November 1st. This is a great meal and fellowship at a reasonable price, held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Lend a hand if you can help or stop by and eat. Either way, you are supporting the Lodge. This monthly fundraiser helps support the activities of Webster Lodge and Webster Chapter, OES.

Official Visit

The Official Visit of R..W.. Cyrus Kloner, DDGM of the First Monroe District, is scheduled for November 7, 1996. Cy has been a friend and supporter of Webster Lodge for many years, and will be bringing the message from our Grand Master that evening. Let's show Cy the strength and brotherly love of Webster Lodge by attending this important communication. Dinner will be offered by Webster Chapter, OES. A good Dinner of Sirloin Tips over Noodles and all of the fixings is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid. Call Charlie at 872-1094, or Paul Moore at 872-6633.

Membership Development

R..W.. Bruce Chilton, State Chairman for the Membership Development Committee will be facilitating a discussion with Webster Lodge on Thursday, November 21st. The Fall Degree Class was postponed due to lack of candidates. R..W.. Bruce has some exciting ideas featured in the recent issue of the *Empire State Mason*. Webster Lodge has always been on the forefront of Membership Development. This is a great opportunity for our Lodge to again take the lead.

Fellowcraft Dinner

Masters and Wardens will be holding their November monthly meeting at Webster Lodge. The Fellowcraft Club will be hosting the dinner before the meeting. More details will be announced in Lodge and in the Lodge flyer. Save the date!

Bring-a-Friend

On Thursday, December 5th, a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night is planned. There will be a Lasagna Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Guests will eat free. A Masonic Informational Program will be held at 7:30 p.m. As always, there will be fellowship in the dining hall after the meeting. Call all dinner reservations into Charlie at 872-1094 or Paul Moore at 872-6633. All

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guests will receive a personalized invitation if their reservation is called in by Thursday, November 21st.

The 1st Degree is scheduled for Thursday, February 6th, 1997. This will give us plenty of time to process the petitions.

What would it take?

Last month I posed the question, "What would it take for you to get involved in Masonry?" Let me know...I am sure we can work something out. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Official Visit on November 7th. There are rumors that Canadians might be in attendance!

May the blessings of Heaven rest upon us and all Masons. □

ETOLIAN
Lodge No. 479



W. M. Donald Darrohn,
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2nd & 4th
 Mondays
 7:30 p. m.

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By W. Donald Darrohn

DeWitt Clinton Award

What a great turnout we had for the presentation of this Award to Patricia Smith. In excess of 70 reservations were received for the dinner prior to the program. Please see the appropriate article in the current *Masonic Times* for more details.

Brotherhood Fund

There are several changes occurring this year in the handling and processing of contributions to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. We each will receive a mailing with a donation card included. On the card you will be asked to provide your Grand Lodge number, the number that is printed on your dues card. You will also be asked to determine how the funds you are contributing should be allocated; this is accomplished by selecting one or more of the designating boxes on the card.

When you contribute by mail the envelope is actually going to Chase Manhattan Bank, who immediately processes the contribution, prepares reports for Grand Lodge, who in turn will provide monthly detailed information to the appropriate parties. Please remember, NEVER send cash through the mail.

Contributions made to the Brotherhood Fund by including an additional sum with your dues payment will be handled similarly to the way they were. This may prove the least confusing method for participation.

November events

Sunday, November 10th, we will assist in a visitation at the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital. If you'd like to go along, please call so that car pooling can be arranged.

Our program for the November 11th communication has been changed. It will be a presentation on America's oldest military award and its Masonic connection. Interested? I hope so! Come on out to hear this fascinating bit of forgotten history. November 25th we will exemplify

the 3rd Degree when I will be in the East.

Sickness & distress

Condolences to W. Ray Burroughs on the passing of his mother at age 103. Well wishes to W. John Mattern's wife, Rosemary, who is making good progress after breaking her leg. W. Chalmers Dinger has been hospitalized and Brethren are encouraged to call. On a more cheerful note, W. Chester Carter is improving and getting around well.

Special thanks

To Mrs. Edward Charles for the donation of equipment to the Masonic Service Bureau. Also to W. James Powell for attending to our missing flag.

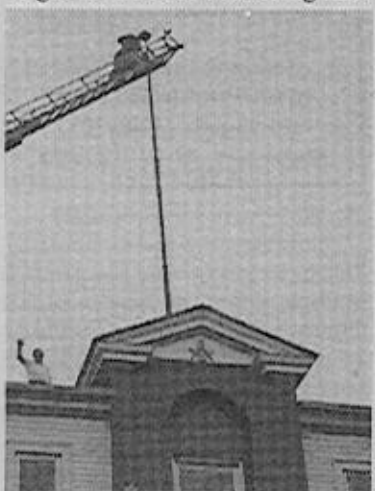
Etolian's flag flies again

By R. W. Jay McCullough

The tallest flagstaff in downtown Spencerport is on the Masonic Temple building. Late last year, the pulley broke loose from the top of the pole and the flag was retrieved from the roof and placed in storage.

On the morning of October 3rd this year, W. James J. Powell met the men of Spencerport Fire Company's Ladder Truck 291 in front of the Temple. They attracted much attention from passersby as they hoisted the ladder to the top of the pole and installed a new pulley and halyard.

Brother Powell literally ran several times between the Village Hardware store in the next building and the Temple, negotiating the several flights of stairs to get to the roof delivering nec-



Jim Powell assisting (?) John Short while he repairs halyard atop Etolian's flagpole.



Firefighters (Ladder Truck) Jim Hall on the bumper and Rick Wolfe at the ladder base and Jim Short (top of ladder) making repairs to Etolian's flagpole

essary hardware to complete repairs.

Firefighters Jim Hall, Rick Wolfe and John Short (the one who travelled up and down the ladder several times) participated in this exercise. As a result of their efforts and Powell's follow-through to get the job done, we can say again, "long may she wave".

**Patricia Smith
 Receives DeWitt
 Clinton Award**

By R. W. Jay McCullough

On October 14th, Etolian Lodge No. 479 presented the DeWitt Clinton Award of the Grand Lodge of Masons in the State of New York to Patricia Smith of Colby Street in the Town of Ogden.

Pat is an American Red Cross Social Services volunteer. She is a certified Social Worker and has served as a social services volunteer for ten years. Pat developed and initiated action in the mental health group and has served as its chairperson. She is a member of the Disaster Action Team and coordinates mental health services at disasters locally and throughout the nation. As a Red Cross reservist she is on 24 hour call involving any national disaster.

Pat is also a national trainer in mental health for the Red Cross, community liaison for the Ibero-American League, Eastman Kodak and Xerox. She has provided emergency services to families of the military and serves in the area of post trauma distress disorder at the Canandaigua VA Hospital and at the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester.

Since 1984 Smith has been called to serve in 27 national disasters or emergencies including floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and explosions. Among the more infamous are hurricane Hugo in 1989, the Western New York ice storm of 1991, hurricane Andrew in 1992, the Southern California earthquake of 1994, hurricanes Erin, Felix and Marilyn in 1995 and the Oklahoma City explosion in 1995, with additional service in 1996.

The fact that 15 of her 27 calls to service have occurred in the



R. W. Cyrus Kloner, DDGM 1st Mon., with the assistance of R. W. Gene Brendel, Grand Steward, and W. Don Darrohn, Master of Etolian Lodge, presenting the DeWitt Clinton Award to Patricia Smith for her exemplary Community Service.



Worshipful Brother Don Walzer, Town Supervisor, presenting a plaque to Pat Smith in recognition of her service to the Community.



Patricia Smith, Award Recipient.



Robert Kincaid, Mayor, presenting commemorative plaque to Pat Smith.

last three years testifies to her dedication, willingness to serve her fellow man and the recognition by her peers of her level of skill and caring.

Pat and her husband, Lesley C. Smith, are lifelong residents of the Town of Ogden. They have been members of the Ogden Presbyterian Church since 1954, the year they were married. Lesley recently retired from full time farming, but does "steal away to help out a neighbor with farm needs, since he can't quite let go yet", according to Pat.

The Smiths have three children, daughters Laurie (Pellitieri) of Wayne County; Leslie, presently in Bosnia for the Red Cross; and son Lee, an aircraft technician residing in Denver, CO with wife, Denise. They have one grandchild.

Pat says there are others much more deserving of this recognition than is she, but is willing to accept if it focuses attention on Red Cross Disaster Relief needs for dollars and volunteer services. The Brethren of Etolian Lodge are convinced her record of service speaks for itself, however, in showing her to be a most qualified recipient of this DeWitt Clinton Award.

Many from throughout the greater Spencerport area attended the Recognition Ceremony at the Lodge hall. Town Supervisor and Worshipful Brother Don Walzer; Village Mayor Robert Kincaid; Town Police Chief Chris Schrank, each of whom presented Pat with plaques. Members of the clergy were among that number. Mary C. Corlett, Coordinator for Disaster Services Staffing for the Greater Rochester Chapter of the Red Cross had intended to be there, but was in Florida because

of the floods. Masonic dignitaries included R. W. Cyrus Kloner, DDGM; R. W. Eugene Brendel, Grand Steward, and Masonic Service Bureau Executive Director, R. W. Vernon Goodrich.

Lodge Master, W. M. Donald Darrohn presided as Master of Ceremonies and his wife, Mickey, was chief cook of the Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner, which preceded the ceremonies.

A check in the name of Patricia Smith was presented to Betsy McCrory by the Lodge for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. □

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By W. Douglas R. Higgins

The Fall is here

Yet another Summer has come to a close bringing with it the beautiful colors of Autumn. I am always amazed at how quickly the time passes.

We had a great October meeting and we missed those of you who were unable to attend. The program for the evening was the Official Visit of R. W. Cyrus Kloner, DDGM of the 1st Monroe District, and R. W. Eugene G. Brendel, Grand Steward. They brought us a very inspiring Message from our Grand Master M. W. Earle J. Hino, Jr. It reminded us that we, meaning ALL of us, are responsible for the future of Freemasonry. Without its members, both old and especially new, our beloved Fraternity will cease to exist. The future of the Craft, my Brothers, is in our hands. It was indeed a pleasure to have our new Grand Lodge Officers with us so early in the year.

November

The meeting for November is scheduled to be open, so please bring your ladies. R. W. David C. Clarke and W. Bill Danley will be with us to give a presentation on the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children. Although my knowledge is very limited about the Shrine Hospitals, I do know they are among the best in the world. Please join us for the evening for what will no doubt be a most interesting and informative program.

Please note!

Parking may be something of a problem. My suggestion would be that you arrive for dinner by 6:00 p.m., if at all possible. The "Phantom of the Opera" will be in the Auditorium and I don't want anyone to have problems with parking. If you have any concerns or need a ride, please contact any of your Lodge Brothers, officers or me.

Don't forget, show the person in the parking lot your dues card and parking is only \$1.00.

Miscellaneous

On October 23rd we attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Webster Lodge.

On November 21st we will be hosting a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Do you know a non-Mason? We're looking for a few good men. The program cannot succeed without your support and above all, new prospective members. Please help us out. If you do

not have any petitions for membership, please contact me at once and I will see that you get some. Without new members, our Lodge will not survive.

That's all for now, my Brothers. I look forward to an opportunity to meet those of you whom I don't yet know. I hope you will come out to Lodge and support, not only myself, but also the other line officers as well. We are all working hard to keep the doors open, but we need your help. □

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By W. Neil Laundry

Official Visit

Our 2nd Fall communication on September 24th was our Official Visit. R. W. Cy Kloner, DDGM, for the 1st Monroe District and R. W. Eugene Brendel, Grand Sword Bearer, visited and impressed upon us both the Grand Master's Message and the need for membership growth and retention. These speak directly to the needs and concerns of Monroe No. 173. Perhaps the most important lesson presented that evening was that Monroe is neither alone nor isolated in its concerns nor is it left without help or workable solutions to its problems. We have a very well trained and enthusiastic team behind us.

Family night

Our 3rd communication on October 8th was dedicated to families and fun! Brother Ron Magargee arranged for a terrific karate demonstration through "Kevin Murray's Black Belt Karate". The 18 presenters ranged from age 7 or 8 to adult. The half-hour demonstration was choreographed to contemporary music and included such diverse acts as a comedy routine entitled "Instructor's Nightmare" and full group martial arts weapon action depicting mock (but very realistic) battles.

Following the presentation the cast joined the audience for a social hour of "Make Your Own Sundaes", coffee and frosted cakes. The audience consisted of several of our own Brothers, wives, kids, Masonic visitors and friends.

Several of the young ladies present represented Constellation and gave a short talk on the activities and benefits associated with Constellation membership.

A troop of young ladies from the dance studio downstairs arrived just as we were cleaning up, but we had just enough cake and

cookies left to make sure that everyone had part of the goodies. SW Keith Denton took advantage of their visit to take the kids from the studio on a tour of the Lodge rooms and gave an informal talk on Constellation and Camp Turk.

Overall we had over 60 in attendance and everyone, kids and adults, had a great time. My only regret is that we didn't have a hundred out or more specifically, that more of the Brothers didn't support the event through their presence and participation.

Brotherhood Fund

W. Mel Doverspike, Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman, thanks the many Brothers who contributed to last year's Drive and asks that we remember the Fund again this year. Each contributor counts. It is not the amount that matters, but rather your participation in the Lodge's effort to support this most important of our Masonic charities. Send your contributions in and let's see if we can improve on last year's percentage and total. Let's take pride in our Lodge and set an example for others through our generosity and participation.

Dues are due

Our Secretary, W. Roy Goold, asks that the Brothers be reminded that next year's dues cards are in and waiting to be claimed. Don't wait for Roy's official notification to arrive by mail. Beat him to the punch and get your dues in early.

Sickness and distress

Our sincerest Fraternal concerns go out to all of our Brothers, Sisters, and members of our Masonic family who are facing poor health, illness, hospital stays, or loss. Although I feel the need to address each of you personally, I find that this is not the proper forum. I will forego the naming of names and personal comments to avoid carelessly overlooking even one of you. Instead, know that it is you, collectively and individually, to whom we speak when we say that our thoughts and prayers are with you daily.

New members

If you are aware of any worthy individual whom you would like to have as a Brother in our great Fraternity, or more specifically, in Monroe Lodge No. 173, please place a petition in his hands or contact me regarding his interest.

Brothers, I look forward to your company and the warmth of your greeting. Until we are together again, may God bless you and hold you in the palm of His hand. □



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By W. Thomas Foote

Changes coming

Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching as the evenings grow colder and the nights longer. These twilight hours often provide us with a chance to reflect on our good fortunes. How lucky we

are to live in a country where we have so many choices for occupying our time. Should we sit at home, relaxing in our favorite chairs, basking in our satisfied situation? Shall we call a fellow Brother who is less fortunate than ourselves, and see how we might be of service? Should we check our officers and see if there is work to be done in the quarries?

Opportunities

Masonry provides opportunities for everyone to participate at whatever level one finds appropriate. Your current line officers have put together programs that can be utilized by most Brothers to fulfill their Masonic obligations and oaths. Please respond to the challenge of revitalizing our Lodge by participating as fully as possible. If you have suggestions where we might be of help to either a particular person or organization, whereby our presence would be of help, let me know.

My Brothers, don't miss the chance of experiencing Masonry in your heart. Look for ways to share the Craft with others so that they may see its worth. We all will surely have pleasure and profit thereby. □

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By W. David H. Mawhiney

Now that the ghosts and goblins have left our doorsteps, it is time to enter the month of the hunt and Thanksgiving. For those of us heading to the woods this year, please be careful! Those early morning walks up the hill can raise havoc with our "couch potato" hearts.

October events

Speaking of hearts, mine warmed when we hosted the widows of our Brothers for the Remembrance Program on October 28th. I thank the Brothers present for their contributions and the ladies for being with us that evening.

On October 14th, W. Bob Slominski and the Degree Team more than capably initiated three new Brothers into the Fraternity. It was a job well done.

Not really happening in October, but occurring too late for last month's press, was the Chicken Bar-b-que. We were able to serve approximately 235 adult dinners and more than meet our expenses. Look for the next Bar-b-que in early Spring!

November's programs

Brother Tom Richenderfer will be in the East for the first time on November 11th to confer the 2nd Degree of Masonry. Both Brother Tom and the new Brothers deserve the support of every Fairport Lodge Brother. So, come on out and help fill the sidelines.

You can fill yourself on November 25th at a Table Lodge and dinner. Lodge will open early that evening and promptly move to the 1st Degree so our new Brothers may join us. Reserva-

tions can be made either with Brother Tom Richenderfer at 377-7782 or me at 264-9646, so that sufficient "victuals" and appropriate "powder" may be laid in. Good fellowship and a festive board will be the orders of the evening.

News of note

As you can see, Fairport Lodge is in full swing. Over the next several weeks we are looking forward to a Bring-a-Friend Night, 3rd Degree, Ladies Night, and many other special programs. These programs are not limited to stated communications, nor are we closed to other ideas.

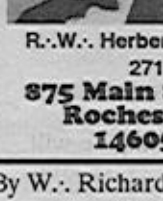
If you have a program that you think will be of interest to the Brethren, let me or one of the officers know. Remember, this is your Lodge. As a teaser, there is a movement afoot to send a delegation to Kingston, Jamaica, in December, 1997 to help them celebrate 200 years of Freemasonry. Would you like to join in? □

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By W. Richard Snyder

Greetings, Brothers

November, the month of Thanksgiving. The month our Snowbirds head South for warmer weather. The month we who are left behind get to rake leaves, and make sure everything is ready and under control for the big amounts of white stuff the weatherman says we are going to get this year.

Sharing time

There is a bright side. We get to share the coming holidays with our families. We also get to share some Brotherhood by attending Lodge meetings, sharing in the activities and programs that are offered.

Step one

The October communication had nineteen Brothers present. Following the meeting we celebrated its on time closing with Octoberfest type refreshments.

The first section of the Lodge System of Masonic Education (L.S.O.M.E.) was presented by W. Gary Burke. Everyone present commented on the excellent training tape produced by Grand Lodge, and that because of it they had re-learned many of reasons they became Masons. Program Chairman for November will be Mike Batz, who will complete step two.

The November communication is also when we conduct our Lodge of Remembrance for our Brothers who were called to the Eternal Lodge this past year.

Parking

Parking at the Downtown Temple will be difficult during November because of scheduled entertainment in the Auditorium. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. To make it easier to attend Lodge this night, the Junior Warden and the Junior Deacon are planning a light supper for those who can

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arrive at 6:00 p.m. Another alternative is car pooling or getting dropped off and picked up. Remember, parking is only \$1.00 for Masons. You may have to show your dues card.

Symbolic Lodge Award

Congratulations to R.W. Frederick Stahl on his nomination and presentation of the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award on October 3rd. The Lodge is very proud to recommend Brother Fred for his many years of service and support to Valley/Simes Lodge.

Following the ceremonies, during which speech making was kept to a minimum, our Grand Master, M.W. Earle J. Hino, Jr., gave an excellent informative speech about Masonry in New York State and the state of Masonry in the world.

Good news

This month I am happy to report that no one is on our sickness list. Wayne Heinkel is up and out, and thanks everyone for their cards and get well wishes. W. George Francis is out of the hospital and recuperating at the County Hospital. He hopes to go home soon. Still no visitors. Contact Mat Gingold for up to date information.

November meetings

On November 5th there will be an all Officers meeting at Rochester Lumber, 2040 University Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a regular meeting on November 12th. We will have a Memorial Program, dinner and refreshments. No tax. Reservations, please call 271-8577.

November 19th is Fellowcraft Visitation Night at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. We will meet for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Mr. Dominic's, 4699 Lake Avenue. ☐

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By W. Michael G. Rice

Tough act to follow

As I sit here staring writer's block square in the face, I'm undecided where to start first. These first two months have been such a tough act to follow, it's hard to select a starting point for this column. September was a great way to begin a Master's first full month in office and October, though just barely under way as this is being written, bodes exceptionally well for ERAC Lodge No. 943. On top of that, I've got to rev everybody up for November. I guess I'll just pick a place and let it flow.

DeWitt Clinton Award

On September 23rd, we proudly presented the DeWitt Clinton Award to Teena Spallina for her unparalleled efforts in educating people about developmental disabilities and, more importantly, about the people who have them.

Ms. Spallina is the public education coordinator for The Advocacy Center, an organization that for the last forty years has advocated for and assisted people with developmental disabilities and their families. Teena has cerebral palsy, but has not let it stand in the way of raising three children, driving, skiing, and most importantly, being a dedicated activist in promoting the public's understanding that people with developmental disabilities can be valuable contributors to society.

The Award Ceremony, much to the credit of our Brothers, was well attended and we in turn were honored by the appearance of Monroe County Clerk, Margaret DeFrancisco, who, on behalf of County Executive Jack Doyle, extended her congratulations to Teena and her family. Perhaps you caught the meeting on the local community access channel.

1st Degree

October 14th marked ERAC's first 1st Degree of the year, as well as the introduction of what we hope will become a tradition in Lodge. Three new Entered Apprentices were brought to light by Carl Scarpulla, our Junior Warden. This reflects the intention of ERAC to involve as many Brothers as possible in as many aspects of Ritual work as it can. It also serves to prepare officers for their future roles in the Lodge. Congratulations to our Entered Apprentices and to our great Junior Warden!

2nd Degree

SW Bob Carlson will confer the 2nd Degree on November 11th. Let's continue the pattern of high attendance and enthusiastic participation at these Degrees. Rehearsal will be on November 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge.

Official Visit marks many Awards

On October 28th, ERAC Lodge No. 943 was honored not only by the visit of our Grand Lodge Officers, but also by the presentation of six 30 Year Awards, four 40 Year Awards, three 45 Year Awards and six 50 Year Awards! Think of it, eighteen Awards for Brothers who have been Masons for 30 years or more. More than that, 18 Brothers who have shown the rest of us the way and who give this Lodge the incentive to develop our membership. Congratulations and thank you to all of them!

Ritual, Scottish style

The Tartan Square Club will present the program for the evening at Lodge on November 25th with Scottish Style Ritual. It has been several years (at least before my time) since we've hosted them at ERAC and their presentation will certainly be interesting, informative and educational. Plan on attending.

Phone lists

Dinners are an important aspect of our Lodge, both financially and fraternally. Please remember whose phone list you are on and call him if he doesn't call you. Better yet, if you can, give him an idea what your attendance at meals will be like in advance and call him if you can't make it. Don't forget, if you say you'll be there to eat and fail to show up, we'll have to ask you to pay for the meal.

Keep it up!

These past few months have made me proud to be a Mason and, even more, the Master of ERAC Lodge No. 943. Your at-

tendance, participation and support have encouraged me and made my job an easy one. With Brothers like you, this will continue to be a great year. Thanks. Oh, and remember the Brotherhood Fund! ☐

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By W. Thomas W. Tanner

Greetings from the East!

I hope that all of you are doing well. Our Lodge meetings have been well attended. It's good to see so many Brothers making the effort to share their time. Thanks to the Brothers that work the Spaghetti Dinners, it is greatly appreciated. However, we still need more help, so don't be bashful. Our previous Spaghetti Dinners have been very successful.

Award

Congratulations to Myron Waterman, this year's recipient of the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. This is the 11th year the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R., has given out these Awards to Brothers who have given their all to their Lodges.

Bring-a-Friend

October 29th will be our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Letters were mailed to all our Lodge Brothers indicating that a reply was necessary. An invitation was mailed to each friend. We plan to do some creative scheduling to prepare and confer the Degrees.

Secretary's Report

By Charles A. Tucker, DSA
Our new Master is off and running with his programs for 1996-97.

Bring-a-Friend

The 1st Program is a Bring-a-Friend Night on October 29th at 6:30 p.m. There will be a free Roast Beef Dinner for all Brothers who bring a friend. Brothers, let's all stand behind our Worshipful Master, Tom, and make it a good year for him and the Lodge.

Sickness and distress

W. Don Stevens has not been feeling well and had a short stay in the hospital.

Our sympathy is extended to Brother Bernard LaDue on the loss of his wife, Marie.

Happy occasions

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Brothers: Harry Bostley, Bud Camp, Harry Adams, Bernard LaDue, George Charlick and Douglas Harris. ☐

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By W. Don Bell

Thanks

Congratulations to JW Sherwin Isaacs on his team's excellent conferral of the 2nd Degree. They did a great job.

November

Our Master's Ball has been changed to November 16th. It's still at the Three Acres Party House at the same time. Plan to be there because we expect a pleasant evening of music and conversation.

Our 1st meeting in November will be the Official Visit of DDGM, R.W. Cyrus Kloner. Let's all be present and receive the Grand Master's Message.

Our 2nd meeting will feature the 3rd Degree. With V.W. John Zabel, directing, we will have another excellent Degree.

Looking ahead

We have only one meeting in December, our annual financial meeting. We will have a Christmas party for our Brothers's children, chaired by SW Frank Briffa.

Our 1st meeting after the holidays will feature the Past Masters, lead by R.W. A. John Tijou. Come and fill the sidelines and watch a Past Master crew conduct an excellent meeting.

A Brother Bring-a-Friend Night will be held on January 22nd. Line up your buddies and bring them out for an evening of Masonic entertainment and enlightenment. On the 27th we will have a dinner and program to be

presented by the Monroe County Sheriff's K-9 Corp. Ladies are invited.

In Honor Of

R.W. Ronald P. Kamp, Director of Development and Communications for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory gave an excellent and well received presentation about the MMRL. The presentation was in honor of Brother Ed Meyer, who made several donations to the MMRL. R.W. Ron gave an inscribed plaque to the Lodge as a remembrance of Brother Meyer's efforts.

News and Views

By Frank Briffa

Our 2nd Degree went well. We had a good crowd in attendance that night. Remember the Master's Ball on the 16th of November. You will be getting a call from me for reservations. It looks like \$40.00 a couple. The Ball will be at 3 Acres Party House and the music will be by DiJames Tunes. Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

News

Betty Schofield had a knee operation and is at home doing well.

Gail Hueston was in another accident, another car bit the dust. We are all glad that no one got hurt. If you happen to see a LeBaron convertible loaded with dogs and/or pet food, it will likely be Gail. Give her a toot of the horn.

Brother Mike Roberts was less fortunate with the accident he had. He suffered several bruises, broken bones and an assortment of cuts. He will likely be out of action for several months.

I received word that Brother Bob Clark was diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Our condolences to R.W. Don Brugger and his wife, Jean, on the passing of her mother. I talked to Jean and she said her mom was 91 years old, but had only been ill 3 months. Our prayers are with them.

Give all these Brothers and sisters a call and a prayer. Thank you. ☐



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Greetings Brethren

We begin this month's column by thanking everyone who participated in the September School of Ritual at Etolian Lodge. Special thanks to the Brothers of Etolian Lodge for being such fine hosts and for the delicious pie afterwards.

School of Ritual

Since our last article was due before the School, we could not give an accurate report. However, that was then and this is now. The "Work" for the evening was Opening and Closing Lodge and Reception of Grand Lodge Officers. The Chairs were filled on a volunteer basis. V.W.M. John Zabel only had to "volunteer" a few Brothers to fill various positions. Between Opening and Closing, R.W.M. Scott Seltzer facilitated a discussion on receiving Grand Officers. This was a different twist to the School and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone. Many questions were answered, particularly concerning large delegations of Grand Lodge Officers visiting a single Lodge for awards ceremonies, Official Visits and other special occasions. Once again, we will stress the use of the "Grand Marshal's Guide to Protocol/Order of Entrance" (which has been printed in this year's Monroe Districts Masonic Directory).

This was the 1st School for your new AGLs. We felt very positive about the entire evening. Perhaps the most positive part of the School was the attendance. Yes, the usual Lodges were there, in full force, but we were also joined by strong delegations from Seneca and Clio Lodges. We hope to see a larger increase in participation in the future Schools. We will be sending a list of dates and locations for this year's Schools to all the Masters.

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If any Lodge is interested in hosting a School or participating with the "Work", please let us know.

New phone number

One more very important note: the new phone number for R.W.M. Scott Seltzer is (716) 247-0334 - home and pager - (716) 291-4399 (numeric).

Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention was held on October 23rd at Webster Masonic Temple. The Convention was moved from the Downtown Temple due to the opening night performance of the "Phantom of the Opera" at the Auditorium Theater. Your AGLs and District Deputies felt that a different location was necessary to avoid parking problems, etc.

We would like to thank all the Brethren who attended the Convention, both to learn more about the Ritual and to support their Lodge. We hope that everyone had a great time. □

Membership Retention

R.W.M. Joseph Privitera
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By R.W.M. Joseph Privitera

Membership Retention

When does it start? Some think that it begins when a Brother is about to be dropped for nonpayment of dues. In most of these situations, it's too late. Many say that it starts when the 3rd Degree is over. The "fourth meeting" concept is a good plan and really is a later step along the path of membership retention. Also, the time lapse between the handing in the petition and the fourth meeting could take many months. Yes, that's it, membership retention begins where membership development ends, when the petition is handed in.

Tools

Among the many membership retention tools the Master and officers of your Lodge have are the "24 Inch Gauge" which includes a 20 meeting plan and the revised "Officers Training Guide". There is also the L SOME (Lodge System of Masonic Education) book and video, the Shepherding Manual, and Leadership Training Courses. However, the most important tool the officers of your Lodge need is your support. Encourage your officers to use these tools and offer your assistance.

Need help?

In the following months we will be giving more information on what the tools of membership retention are and how they can be utilized. For now, we can ask the officers of our Lodges how we can help train our new candidates, make visitations to the sick, and serve on phone tree committees.

In the meantime, call a Brother you haven't seen in a while. You are not just retaining a member, but spreading Brotherhood. □

The Custodians Corner



R.W.M. Maurice Solomon
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The column this month is devoted to questions which were entertained during an address to Webster Lodge in October, and for which replies were requested in writing.

1. The Mark Degree has not been conferred in the Grand Lodge of the State of New York since 1810, and for this information I am indebted to Brother Bill Moore, Director of the Grand Lodge Library. Why it was discontinued as long ago as that is not certain, but it is suggested that the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch began exercising greater authority, with the result that the Mark was discontinued by Grand Lodge and became the 4th Degree of Royal Arch. I am endeavoring to obtain more information for future publication.

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

Having been required to produce a Lodge dues card or a certificate of good standing, and provided proof of having been initiated, passed and raised in Craft Masonry, I am at a loss to understand why it still becomes necessary to swear to an "Oath" testifying to your status. If you are indeed a Mason, surely your work is good enough. If you are not, but have acquired the knowledge required to pass a test, then taking an "Oath" is obviously meaningless. "When in Rome, one does as the Romans do."

3. Here, in short-form, are the suggested guidelines to be used in examining a visitor to your Lodge.

The Master should appoint a small committee of competent Brothers (one of whom at least, should be a Past Master) who should set up in a private room, with Bible, square and compasses. The committee should introduce themselves, and ask the visitor for a dues card or other certificate, check the date, seal, signature and Lodge number, to be checked against the list of Lodges obtained from the Lodge Secretary. Check the visitor's signature against a license, charge card, or even a blank piece of paper.

Next, ask the visitor to place the square and compasses on the Bible as he last saw them, and endeavor to obtain the password, grip, sign and any other relevant points. If this is too much, ask the visitor what, if anything, he can remember about any part of the work, or to recite any part he may know. If the answer in all cases is a negative one, you have a problem, and must decide if it is proper and reasonable to admit the visitor without satisfactory proof.

Remember - always maintain a friendly, unrushed atmosphere, and above all, exercise patience.

Following the examination, one of the committee should act as conductor for the visitor; see that he signs the book and clothes himself as MM, introduce him to the Tiler and present him in Lodge. He should also see that the visitor is not left alone after the meeting by introducing him to other members. □

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By V.W.M. John E. Zabel

Spooks, goblins and turkeys

George was feeling good about himself after the 2nd Degree. He was also enjoying the Fall, its sights and sounds. The activities of Fall, specifically Halloween and Thanksgiving, got George to thinking.

George had heard for quite a while that there were people who didn't like Freemasonry. He didn't really know why, so he went looking for information. He found some in a local book store. After reading it he felt he had a better understanding of the people against Freemasonry. His understanding was not perfect nor complete, he knew.

An interesting analogy occurred to George. Some people outside of the Fraternity looked at Freemasonry like George saw trick or treaters on Halloween. They looked scary on the outside because they were hidden by a costume. You could not see the person inside, but George knew that inside every costume was someone who was out to have fun and get some candy. The same was true of Freemasonry. To some people the Lodge room, being closed to non-Masons, was like a scary costume. These people did not know how to look inside to see the real people, they were scared by the "costume". George knew that if people could or would see beyond the tiled door, inside the "costume", they would not be afraid of Freemasonry or its members.

George decided that in talking to people who were not Freemasons about Freemasonry, he would emphasize the Masons as people. He would talk about the quality of the person, their beliefs and aspirations. George examined his faith and decided he could talk about it and how he saw his faith and Freemasonry. This would be his own personal beliefs, but he knew that the Fraternity taught each to follow his own beliefs. He realized that Freemasonry gave no directions for his faith other than encouragement. He truly felt that this was good.

With further insight, George was thankful that he had become a Mason. He was building good friendships and relationships. He knew it was right for him. This got him thinking of Thanksgiving, turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings. George was getting hungry just thinking about all this.

"Dear, what's for dinner? I'm starved", yelled George.

What's happening

The Bureau is working with the Grand Lodge Staff Officers in

arranging for the next presentation of the Leadership Development Course. As arrangements are firmed up, information will be sent to the Lodges served by the Times. Further information will also be in the next issue. □



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Leon VanHuben, Commander
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William Golding, Adjutant
266-2384

By William H. Golding, Adj.

Awards Night

On October 3rd Rochester Consistory held its Symbolic Lodge Awards Night, at which time, the James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 Color Guard, consisting of Harold Bollotin and Past Commanders Robert Belt and Frank Jansson posted the colors. We, as a Post, enjoy doing this and would like to do it more often for any Masonic or veteran's events. Please keep us in mind.

Dean Marsaw, Master of Fame Lodge No. 945, was the recipient of a Symbolic Lodge Award. On behalf of myself, the members of this Post and his fellow Brothers of Fame Lodge, we sincerely extend our congratulations. He is most deserving of this Award. As you probably know, W.M. Marsaw is on his 2nd term as Master.

Euchre Tournament

On Saturday, November 16th the Post will host its 2nd Annual Singles Euchre Tournament at the Fame Lodge Hall, corner of Culver and Park Roads. This event is open to the public and is a fundraiser for the benefit of all veterans. All those who attended last year had a good time.

The specifics are as follows:

Registration fee - \$5.00, doors open at 6:30 p.m. for registration and play commences at 7:00 p.m. The Post will furnish snacks and there will be soft drinks available. There is ample parking in the church lot across Culver Road, and last, but not least, there will be prize money to go along with the fellowship.

Thank you

Brother Don McDill has put a lot of effort into this, as he did last year. We owe him a great deal of thanks and we can show our appreciation by giving him the support he deserves. Help him by getting the word around to all your friends and relatives.

Christmas Party

The date to keep in mind and to mark on your calendar is December 19th. This will be our Post Christmas Party. All those who attended last year had an enjoyable time. We will keep you posted on this and all other doings in future communications. □

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO

News

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Earl K. DeSmith, Monarch

Grotto News

Lalla Rookh Grotto made a pilgrimage to our birth place, Mokanna Grotto in Hamilton, NY, on Saturday, October 5th. We visited and conducted our Fall Ceremonial with Mokanna Grotto. This was done in fine form under the direction of Prophet George Knierim and his cast. All enjoyed lunch put on by Mokanna Grotto.

We enjoyed the bus ride on this beautiful Fall day, passing through the rolling hills abounding with Fall colors.

Monarch's Ball

The Monarch's Ball was great-great attendance, great food, great dancing music and our hospitality room capped the night off. If you missed this event, you missed a good time.

Caldron Installation

Lalla Rookh Grotto Officers and Prophets were honored to be present at the Caldron Installation on October 26th. We congratulate all the officers and the Mighty Chosen One, Christina Eeckhout. May they have a great year and all their plans and dreams come true.

The next regular Grotto meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20th at 8:00 p.m. It will be Move Up Night with a FREE DINNER at 6:00 p.m...with a reservation. We will have Goulash and all the trimmings. Call MC, Dick Topel, at 663-2547. No reservation, no eat!

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

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

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors will meet on November 4th in the Grotto Office at 7:30 p.m. Plan to attend.

Membership

We have some petitions outstanding. Please get them in by the Board of Governors meeting on November 4th. Thank you!

Dates to Remember

Mon., Nov. 4th-Board of Governors-Grotto Office 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 7th-Caldron Meeting, Downtown Temple 8:00 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 11th-Legion of Honor-Youngers-Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Nov 20th-Grotto Meeting, Downtown Temple 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Reservations needed

Thurs., Nov. 21st-Caldron Executive Meeting-Christina Eeckhout's home

**Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship**

Ceremonial Cast

The Lalla Rookh Cast traveled to Hamilton, NY and conferred the Degrees on four candidates on October 5, 1996. This is the home of Mokanna Grotto No. 1, the first Grotto formed on June 13, 1890. The Grotto was formed in Hamilton, NY, by a storekeeper named Fairchild, who had close ties with the Masons who were either students or taught at Cornell University. The drop shown in the pictures is part of the original scenery used in 1890.

Lalla Rookh Grotto was formed in 1892 in Rochester and celebrated its Centennial in 1992.

ESGA Spring Meeting

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

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

256, 209). This series was also 175 pins over his 1995-96 average, which qualified him for a patch for a series 150 pins over average.

Other notable series rolled by Don Weiss - 673 (214, 226, 233), 670 (259, 229) and 647 (218, 235), Mike Pastore - 653 (221, 211, 221), 626 (222, 225), and 605 (235), Rex Edwards, Jr., - 644 (212, 201, 231), John Harris 635 (225, 256), Rob Goodyear - 624 (212, 210, 202), John Flynn - 616 (248), Angelo Pastore - 607 (222), Gary Bonisteel - 606 (223), Warham Quinlan - 603 (238), and Dick Topel - 602 (219).

Notable games were rolled by Dave Mawhiney - 261 and 256, Scott Weis - 245 and 224, Ron Lay - 237, Rob Goodyear - 235, Dick Topel - 234 and 223, Dick Snyder - 234, Richard Rohring - 233, Bud Crane - 228, Mark Noto



Lalla Rookh Cast and new members at Mokanna Grotto No. 1 to confer the Degree: (some out of order, front) Unknown, Brian Phillipps, William Earl II, Joe Minas, Robert Bareham, Frank Murrer, Ken Milner, Bill Wood, Frank Ghysel, Leon VanHuben, Craig Josephson, Ron Charron and Mike Bell. (back) William Earl, Sr., James Powell, Richard Topel, Earl De Smith, Ron Morthorst, Gordon Dodge, Robert Young, Ken Hutchinson and Howard Topel.

Caldron News

By Christina Eeckhout, MCO
The Executive Council enjoyed their annual Officer's Banquet at the Maplewood Inn, on October 18, 1996, coordinated by Marcia Morrison.

Thanks

On Saturday, October 26th, the Installation of Officers took place at Doric Hall, at the Downtown Masonic Temple. I wish to thank you all, including Grotto members, for your help, support and best wishes. It has left me with a most pleasant memory of our special event. My congratulations to all the Installed Officers. I look forward to working with you for a successful year to achieve our goals for the Humanitarian Service and other worthy projects.

November meetings

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 7th, at 8:00 p.m. This is a week early to accommodate our members' busy schedules. All other meetings will take place the 2nd Thursday of the month. The Executive Council meeting will be November 21st at my home.

Sickness and distress

We are pleased to note our PSMCO, Jean Wood, is making a successful recovery from her Oc-



(back) William Earl, Sr., Monarch Mokanna Grotto No. 1, Jan Lughart, Chief Justice and Earl DeSmith, Monarch, Lalla Rookh Grotto No. 2. (front) William Earl II and Brian Phillipps, new members Mokanna Grotto, Richard Bull and Craig Josephson, new members Lalla Rookh Grotto.

tober surgery. Keep up the good work, Jean!

We are sorry to announce the loss of PSMCO Wynn Sandborn from Hindoo Koosh Caldron on October 1, 1996.

I wish all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Information Line

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

Legion of Honor

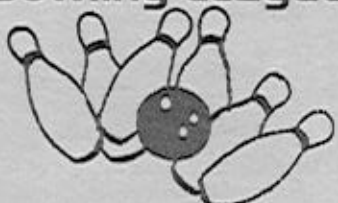
We will meet on Monday, November 11th at Youngers on Winton Road. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Make your reservations with Dick Topel at 663-2547.

Check the

Auditorium Calendar

If there is a show on, get here early (by at least 7:00 p.m.) for a good parking place. Tell the attendant you are a Mason and the cost is only \$1.00.

Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

By John J. Flynn

The 1996-97 bowling season is a month old already. The league added two new teams this year and all eight of last year's teams have returned.

John Harris earned a 700 Series Patch for his 721 series (256,

- 227, Mike Holberton - 226, Harold Reynolds - 225, Mike Bell - 224, Rich Flanagan - 224, John Blodgett - 223, John Kenney - 222, Chuck Gillens - 221, Rex Edwards, Jr., - 219, Steve Neitz - 211, Corey Kent - 201, and Rex Edwards, Sr. - 200.

The league bowls at 6:45 p.m. at Maiden Lanes. Both Masons and non-Masons are welcome. Stop in and see us sometime.

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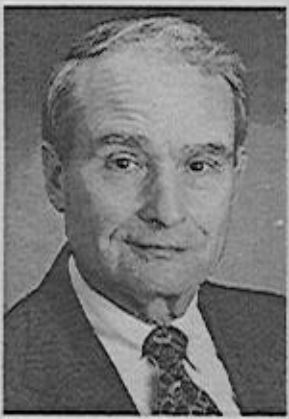
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Scottish Rite NEWS

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

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



Awards Night

Many thanks to Leon VanHuben, Chairman of the Symbolic Lodge Awards Night, for a very well organized Program and to Ron Mertens for an excellent performance as Master of Ceremonies. The work of the evening went smoothly, allowing the large crowd of 210 that attended to fully enjoy the two major events of the evening, the presentation of the Awards and the Grand Master's Address.

Fall Reunion

By the time you read this, those of you participating in the Degrees for the Fall Reunion will have received your letters notifying you of the rehearsal and degree schedules. If you know you cannot make it to the rehearsal or to the degree, call the director and tell him. Give him as much time as possible to find a replacement. Remember, the director is a volunteer just like you are. Give him the same consideration you want him to give you.

Family Program

A reminder - don't go to 875 Main Street East on November 7th for the monthly meeting, all

you will find is the "Phantom of the Opera". The November meeting will be the Family Life Program Dinner Theater at the Shrine Mosque, Sunday, November 10th starting at 2:00 p.m.

December Program

The December 5th meeting will feature a program called, "Buffalo Soldiers" by David Green. Bring family and friends; the entertainment will be well worth the trip through the dark and gloom of a late Autumn night. The Chapter of Rose Croix will be hosting the Program, with Terry Wihlen and John Zabel as Chairmen.

11° Vig.

Sublime Master Elected
Thursday, November 21, 1996
7:30 P. M.

This vignette dwells on good citizenship. Evil doings should be punished. Honesty and respect for others should be rewarded. Be earnest, honest and sincere.

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

King Solomon:
Herbert Spencer
Hiram, King of Tyre:
Mathew Gingold, 32° MSA
Adoniram:

Garry R. Hutchurson
Nadab:
Charles O. Hancock
Jonathan:

Joseph E. Bourcy III
Adinadab:
Dean A. Hiler

Abijah:
Donald E. Freeman, Sr.
Narrator:

David C. Clarke
Masters Elect of Nine:
Michael C. Ferguson
Norman H. Johnstone
Kenneth D. Robinson
Leon J. VanHuben
Eldon N. White
Members of the Class

14°

Grand Elect Mason
Thursday, November 21, 1996
Following the 11° Vig.

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
Senior Warden:
Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA
Junior Warden:
Jonathan H. Trost

Orator:
Robert E. Cameron
Captain of the Guard:
Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA
Inquisitor:
Philip Averbach

Moses:
Richard C. Friedman
Master of Ceremonies:
Lawrence K. Canfield
Guards

Mathew Gingold, 32° MSA
Peter S. Nichols
David W. Taber
John E. Zabel
*Will take part

15°

Knight of the East
or Sword
Saturday, November 23, 1996
9:00 a.m.

This degree teaches the important lessons of loyalty to conviction and devotion to right.

Directed by:
Lawrence E. Hood, 33°
(396-9848)

Prologue:
Glenn A. Hedges, 32° MSA
Zemira, Master of Entrances:
Harold Bollotin
Cyrus, King of Persia:

Ted Honea
Abazar, Master of Ceremonies:
Lawrence E. Hood, 33°

Ratim, Master of Dispatches:
Derek E. VanHouten
Nebuzaradan, Master of

Infantry:
Eldon N. White
Sysina, Master of Cavalry:
Douglas C. Spencer

Daniel, Master of the Palace:

Donald A. Rose
Zerubbabel:
John E. Zabel

Oracle:
Howard W. Smith
Captain of the Guard:
Thomas Paglia, 32° MSA

Guards
Ronald J. Bertie
Ronald L. Weber

Satrap:
Gordon J. Ball
Harry W. Ellender

Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA
Stanley Peterson, 32° MSA
David W. Taber

18°

Knight of Rose Croix
of H.R.D.M.
Following the 15°

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:
Philip A. Trautman
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.

24°

Prince of the Tabernacle
Saturday, November 23, 1996
12:45 p.m.

This Degree teaches that mutual belief in one true, living God should bind men together in the service of humanity and in a worldwide brotherhood.

Directed by:
Charles O. Hancock
(223-1850)

32°

Sublime Prince
of the Royal Secret
Saturday, November 23, 1996
2:00 p.m.

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.

Directed by:
Lawrence E. Hood, 33°
(396-9848)

Ronald D. Mertens
(482-0994)

Ceremonial Section
Commander-in-Chief:
Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°

1st Lt. Commander:
Ronald D. Mertens
2nd Lt. Commander:

Charles O. Hancock
Master of Ceremonies:
Oscar H. Reber

Engineer and Seneschal:
Robert Franzen
Orator:

Roderick C. Meier, 32° MSA
Hospitaler:
Richard A. Henderson

Worshipful Master:
Robert P. Zabel, 33°
Thrice Potent Master:

Garry R. Hutchurson
Sovereign Prince:
James W. Smith

Most Wise Master:
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Norman H. Selke, 33°
Constans:
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27th & 29th Districts - RAM
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York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
Judas Maccabeus

District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
27th Capitular District



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

Disappointment

The best-laid schemes o' mice
an' men
Gang aft agley,
An' lae's us nought but grief and
pain,
For promised joy!

These words penned by Robert Burns, the Immortal Bard, seem quite apropos to our present situation. No candidates, no exaltations. It seems sad that there was not one candidate to be had in the whole District. Consequently the Degrees were canceled, unfortunately, the day after the *Masonic Times* had gone to press.

I have sent a letter to the High Priests of the 27th suggesting that they form a Telephone Committee (if they do not already have one) and conduct a telephone survey of their members. As I said at my Official Visit to Livonia Chapter, mergers do not necessarily reduce the amount of work that has to be done to rescue a failing Chapter. The merger is just the beginning, if we are serious about securing the new Chapter's existence.



Group presiding at the Harding Temple dedication in Pike: (front) R.E. Vernon Goodrich-GTreas.; M.E. Charles Reilly, GSec.; M.E. Robert DelDuca, GHP; V.E. Daniel Evans, AGL 29th; R.E. Don Brugger, DDGHP 27th; R.E. Kenneth Kohlhausen, PDDGHP 29th. (back) R.E. Arnold Palmer, GCapt.H; R.E. David Stoy, R.E. Dale Tynan, GPS, R.E. Charles Roberts, GChap., R.E. Donald Lounsbury, GRACapt.; R.E. Donald Markham, GChap. and R.E. Burtiss Goodnough, GM3rdV.

What's required

As soon as merger discussions begin, there must be an accounting of the membership and of their opinions. This requires a Telephone Committee and a verification of the members names, addresses and numbers. I am sure that you would agree that would be a bare minimum. I don't mean a verification to the best of the Secretary's or any one person's knowledge or recollection, but an old fashioned, press the flesh contact with each member.

This may seem like just so much busy work, but it is essential. The survey should be designed to determine:

1. Correctness of name, phone number & address.
2. The well-being of the member and possible reasons, whether physical or personal, for his not attending meetings if inactive.
3. The members opinion of a possible merger, willingness to have the Chapter survive and his willingness and ability to participate in revitalizing the Chapter.

These are the bare essentials and they should not take a lot of the person or caller's time to collect. The same questions should be asked of each member and their responses documented. This will give the Chapter a fair amount of information to digest and it may point out some of the reasons for the Chapter's problems. Hopefully, taking into account this information may contribute positively to the New Chapter's survival.

Dedications

I attended two Dedications in October, one in Pike and one in Owego. Both were impressively done by the Grand Line and I was happy to have been able to have participated in the Ceremonies. Look for the picture in this section.

Dedication

The thing that also is impressive to me is the fact that the Companions of these Chapters were willing to change meeting

places or, if necessary, build a new structure to insure the continuation of their Chapter. This stands in stark contrast to others who are ready to throw in the towel. I guess it becomes a matter of priorities. How much effort are you willing to put into rescuing your Chapter? How much are you willing to change? □

Harding Temple Dedication

By V.E. Daniel Evans, EHP

On September 28, 1996, the Officers and members of Arcade Chapter No. 322, Royal Arch Masons, hosted the Dedication of the Harding Temple for the use and service of Capitular Masonry.

The Ceremony was conducted by M.E. Robert DelDuca, Grand High Priest, and the Grand Line Officers of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, State of New York.

The affair was well attended by the various Masonic Bodies of the Genesee/Wyoming District. We were honored to have Rt. Why. Thelma Shaw, District Deputy Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star, join us.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the Dedication Ceremony, along with unparalleled camaraderie.

Thanks

At this time I thank the Grand Line Officers and their wives for their attendance, and the Officers, members and wives of the Arcade Chapter for their participation and help. Most of all, thanks to the Brethren and Companions of the Genesee/Wyoming District who had given me direction and support in making this a most memorable occasion. □

Hiram Chapter

No. 62



2nd &
4th
Thursdays

Paul B. Josephson, EHP
334-7353

Richard J. Oliver, Secretary
594-2380

875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

By E. Paul Josephson

Thank you

First of all, I would like to thank E. Tom Paglia and R.E. Bob Zahn for all their assistance on organizing the Canadian Visit. Without their help and leadership the trip would not have been the success that it was. More on the trip later.

Auction

On November 14th we will be holding our annual Auction. There will be no meeting that night so that after the dinner, we will be going right into the Auction. Bring wrapped items to be auctioned off and money to purchase other items and join in on the fun. Our ladies are invited to this gala event so don't forget to include them for your dinner res-

ervations. Don't forget to put a description of the item to be auctioned off and an approximate value on the package so that our auctioneer can come up with his usual off-the-cuff remarks about them. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Funds. This will be the only meeting in November as the 4th Thursday is Thanksgiving Day.

Cancellation of Degrees

I am very sorry and disappointed to cancel the Fall Degrees. I am sure that there are many good Masons in your Lodges that would love to become Royal Arch Masons, but just haven't been pushed in the right direction. Let's start now in our preparations for the Spring Degrees. Don't wait until the last minute to try to get petitions in. Remember that Royal Arch Masonry is special and all good Masons should have a chance to see and be a part of our wonderful Degrees. □

3x3 Chapter

NO. 333

Royal Arch Masons

(Chartered in 1990)



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

Jeffrey A. Diehl, High Priest
964-3443

Karl Heintz-Reich, Secretary
426-6836

133 S. Union Street
Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

By Jeffrey Diehl

October

Although this article was composed and subsequently submitted well in advance of the Chapter's October meeting, you can rest assured that 3X3's session for the month of October was held as planned and was as prosperous as anticipated. You all either are aware or should be mindful of the fact that there are two rules that I live by and adhere to daily. They are as follows:

1. Plan your work and work your plan.
2. Say what you mean and mean what you say.

With these rules in mind, I remind everyone of some upcoming events and express some of my immediate concerns.

Future meetings

I remind all that after taking the advice of and while under the watchful eye of the 29th Capitular District's DDGHP, I have cancelled the 1st meeting of November for this Chapter. Three Times Three's remaining meetings for 1996 are on November 20th and, of course, our Installation of the 1997 Chapter Officers on December 4th. You may receive all other dates and times of various upcoming RAM events by calling me at 964-3443. The time taken by you to dial my number will be time well spent.

"A Pilgrim's Path"

I have borrowed a copy of John J. Robinson's book, "A Pilgrim's Path", from Companion Donald Happ. This book has made me realize something that I am, and

I'm sure everyone else is, knowledgeable of. Three Times Three, and all other York Rite Bodies, draw their members from existing local Symbolic Lodges. This Chapter might cease to exist if more support and involvement is not realized on this, the Royal Arch level, or at least on the Blue Lodge level. I'm very concerned, Companions. We are all on the same tier and all of us need to show more pride in the fact that we are members of this Great Fraternity, that which allows us to call ourselves Freemasons. □

Past High Priests Association

Western New York



R.E. Keith Church, Sec.
684-4326

81 Deborah Lane
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

By R.E. Ruel R. Lovett

Companions

This is my last communication as President of this Body. I have had a very good time working and building for the last two years. I want to express my sincere thanks for all the help and cooperation you have extended to me.

Fine work

Congratulations to the officers and members. Your fine work has been realized as a large growth in our membership. The By-Laws have been re-written and will be voted on. The fellowship has been exceptional. Your contributions, and those you have encouraged others to give, have gone to a most worthy cause. You have my very special thanks.

May God be with you. Keep building! □

By R.E. Vernon Goodrich

Membership-have you ever heard that word before? If you are a current or Past High Priest and do not belong to the Past High Priest's Association, you are missing the bargain of a lifetime. For only \$15.00 you may become a member for life. You can't beat that price!

We only meet a maximum of 4 times per year, one of which is our Scholarship Fund Dinner with the ladies invited. The Grand High Priest is expected to attend the dinner and, hopefully, the Grand Master will also be at Batavia Downs Race Track next April. Great fun! Great event! Great Cause! Great people!

At the October 29th meeting new officers were selected and a great meal was enjoyed by all.

Join! Join! Join! □

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By Stephen A. Licht

Greetings Companions

For many of you, this newspaper is your primary contact with Capitular Masonry. Often it seems our cabletows are not as lengthy as we would like. The responsibilities of family life, our careers and church all rightfully take precedence. Remembering back to the Charge we received at the conclusion of the 1st Degree and the explanation of the Working Tools with which we were presented, helps to establish our role as Masons in a balanced perspective.

A long time ago

Brief reading of our minutes taken nine generations ago has provided me with an idea of what Masonic life was in the Batavia area while our nation was engaged in a war with Great Britain. This period saw our nation invaded and our Capitol burned - "the ruthless hand of barbarous force". I would like to share some of these records with you by preparing some brief articles for future publication, extracted from these minutes.

The time has arrived to appoint a Nominating Committee for the ensuing year. If you have aspirations for a particular office, let your voice be heard. I am certain that Meritorious Companion Lund will not have any serious challenges to the office of Secretary, but would welcome the rest!


Convocations

November 7th will be dedicated to a rehearsal of the MM Degree. This will provide an opportunity to fine tune our Ritual for the conferral. All members of the team are requested to be present at 7:30 p.m. with your Ritual books. Every Companion is urged to be present to fill the roles as several characters which have limited speaking parts, but are very necessary for the importance of this Degree to be instilled in our candidate. The important lessons taught in this Degree give a Brother, thus advanced, something he will take with him throughout his Masonic life.

MM Degree

The MM Degree will be conferred on November 21st. Chapter will open at 7:30 p.m. R.E.- Vernon Rupert will preside as the Right Worshipful Master. All Companions of the area are cordially invited to be present and lend their support to the evening's work. Light refreshments follow.

I have been diligently studying the role of Principal Sojourner and hope to put my efforts to the test in the near future. I have enjoyed E.- Brown's and R.E.- Robinson's work and have been attracted to this role as a result. Whenever the movie, "The Ten Commandments" is being aired, I give Charleton Heston some competition on the Mountain of God. From talking to others that fill the role, it is not too unusual.

Doric Council
No. 19
Cryptic Masons
 (Chartered in 1861)
 Douglas Poole, Ill. Master
 584-3601
 L. Edward Walker, Recorder
 647-2382

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

By Ill.- Douglas S. Poole

Taking a chance!

Ever have to write something knowing full well that the entire article might prove to be incorrect? That is how I feel about this month's column. If we vote at our October meeting to continue to meet with Hiram Chapter most of this will be wrong. So I will take a chance and state our plans for November.

There will be a dinner that evening (November 20, 1996) at 6:30 p.m. I will have details at our October 16th meeting. The program in November will be by the Illustrious Master. I will be showing some very interesting slides of Letchworth State Park taken by my late grandfather. He was a 40 year employee of the Park and got some very interesting pictures over the years.

Membership

Now is the time to start looking for new members for Doric Council. We now have one candidate waiting for the Select Master Degree. It would be far better to have at least two more candidates to go through with him. Membership is one matter we must address this year.

Ideas needed

Your Illustrious Master is looking for ideas for our Annual Fun Night Outing. The trip to Batavia Downs is out due to the fact they close on October 19th! I have yet to get anyone to answer the phone at Finger Lakes. Maybe I'll have something positive by November.

See you at Council. □

Cyrene-Monroe
Commandery
No. 12

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

By SK Robert Zahn

Having fun while learning

At our last conclave, SK David Goodwin, Grand Captain General, presented a School of Instruction on the Order of the Temple. SK Dave has a way of instructing and having fun at the same time. I believe we all learned a great deal.

Pilgrimage


The Zone 11 Pilgrimage will take place at the Downtown Temple on Saturday, November 2nd. Coffee and doughnuts will

be ready at 8:00 a.m., with the Pilgrimage to start at 9:00 a.m. A lunch will be served. Please make reservations for this by calling me at 381-4241.

November

Our next conclave will be November 18th. There will be a Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 p.m.

Remember, we are now meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:45 p.m. □

Batavia Commandery
No. 34
Knights Templar

 Meets
 2nd & 4th
 Thursdays
 SK Keith C. Denton,
 Commander
 SK Allen L. Capwell
 Recorder 786-3897
Masonic Temple
200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

By SK Keith Denton

Thanks for instruction

After expressing concerns about Batavia Commandery No. 34's proficiency with our tactics, SK Steve Licht invited Zone Commander Barwell to visit us on September 26th. Everyone present benefited, thank you, David! I'm only sorry SK Licht couldn't be there as well.

Committee is hard at work

SK Norm Austin needs history and archives. Please send any information you have on our Commandery to his attention at 1669 Reed Rd., Bergen, NY 14416.

SK Ruel Lovett is working with Blue Lodges and Royal Arch Masons to schedule KT Programs. This year we will use excerpts from our orders and inspection (flag, sword and drills) along with a presentation of membership requirements and KT charities to spread our message and sign up new recruits.

SK Gerald Brade is working on our relocation to Attica and arranging for us to have our Christmas Toast there on December 12th.

No books or 3X5 cards

The deadline for all officers to order their new tactics book is past. I hope you have memorized your parts. We have called for a Full Opening, including reception of visitors, so please, put in a few extra hours and learn your parts!

Thanksgiving Dinner

On November 14th, our only meeting in November, we will have our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and the public is welcome. The Knights and their ladies will be contacted with a request for a dish to pass. My Lady, Sharon, and I will provide the turkey and stuffing. Please call us if you have any questions or would like to bring friends to join us. We will use this gathering to hear from the ladies about their organization and plan for our public Christmas Toast.

Batavia No. 34 is on the move! Plan to bring some friends and impress them with the honor pride and pageantry of Commandery! □

Grand
Assemblage

 Gerald J. Glaser
 Acting Gnd. Comm. 442-5825
 Herbert Hirsch,
 Grand Recorder 226-2390

By Gerald J. Glaser

The Order of Judas Maccabeus is an organization connected with the York Rite, and is an alternate way to enter the Shrine, instead of using the Commandery, for those Brothers who cannot take the obligation of that Body.

In Rochester we have the Premier Chapter called Genesee Valley Assemblage, No. 1. Over the past several years, attempts have been made to make it a viable and active organization, with little effect.

We have about 35 members at the present time, and this message is intended for them as well. We are looking for new people to join us and help to reactivate this unit.

November Meeting

There will be a meeting in November, date and time to be determined, at the Downtown Masonic Temple. If you are interested in meeting with us, please call me at 442-5825 (home) or 381-4500 (business) and let me know your intentions.

Inquiries

We have received inquiries and interest from many sections of the country so this is the opportunity to be a real large organization in the future. □


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FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

William Lindsay, President
 621-3573
 Bill Edwards, Secretary
 872-3993

By William Lindsay, President

On September 19th I visited Lord Harlach Lodge No. 165, Grand Lodge of Ireland, in Sligo. I arrived at 7:45 p.m. as the Brothers were setting up the Lodge for their first meeting of the year. I was warmly welcomed into the Lodge by Brother Robert Hunter, who held the office of Director of Ceremonies. I was seated in the East near the Worshipful Master. The Lodge room was unusual in that the East was a completely raised dais from North to South with room for numerous chairs, flags, entry to which was by three steps. In addition to the Master, the Chaplain sat to his left and the Senior Deacons sat to his right. At the foot of the three steps was the altar with the lights. The altar was attended throughout the evening by the Director of Ceremonies, who sat in the South sidelines next to the altar. The

Lodge was opened on the 1st Degree and part of the opening ritual included a Masonic song.

Grand Honors

In addition to the regular business agenda, I was introduced by the Master and had the opportunity to extend Fraternal greetings. In response to my brief comments, I received their equivalent of Grand Honors.

Degree work

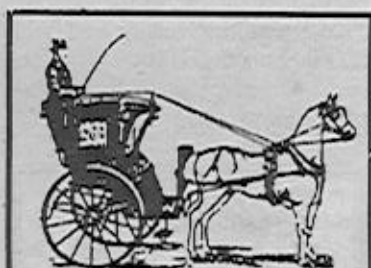
Next on the agenda was the raising of a Brother. Lodge was ritually changed over to the 2nd Degree, then the 3rd Degree, then the Brother who was to receive the Degree was brought in, in costume, but not hoodwinked. The symbolic temple was formed and the obligation given by a Brother who stepped forward from the sidelines. Another Brother stepped forward and continued in a narrative fashion what would be the equivalent of the dramatization, historical lecture, and charge. This did include placing the candidate covered on a carpet and ritually raising him in the usual fashion. Two signs were demonstrated along the way which were unfamiliar to me - "distaste and anguish" - but in other respects the Degree, while handled narratively, was the same. At the conclusion of the Degree, the new Brother was seated on the sideline.

Pump organ music

The remaining business was two separate ballots. After the principle officers had voted, the ballot box was placed on a table behind the Senior Warden's station and each Brother moved there to cast his vote. This was followed by the usual inspection and the results announced. Lodge was then closed with a few Ritual remarks and song. The music, by the way, was provided by the organist who was playing a pump organ - a very elaborate Victorian model.

Some other observations: both the Senior and Junior Warden's stations had an open Bible on the table in front of them. One of the Lodge officers

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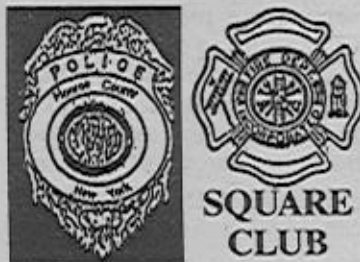
is the Inner Guard who performs many of the duties we usually see performed by the Junior Deacon. They do not use the sign of fidelity, the only deferential sign used is the Degree sign of the appropriate Degree.

After Lodge we all gathered in the fellowship room where tea, coffee, and juice were available along with a variety of pastries and sweets. Brothers milled about and chatted for about 15-20 minutes. Then the table was cleared and set up with bottles and glasses and a circle of chairs drawn up. Once everyone was seated, the Director of Ceremonies asked me to stand and say a few words and respond to questions about Masonry in New York. When I had finished, I sat down and was toasted, praised in song-"For He's a Jolly Good Mason", which was followed by the traditional, "Hip, Hip, Hooray". I was followed by two other Brothers who also spoke-the newly raised Mason, and a Brother who was playing in an International Golf Tournament in Spain the next day. Both were toasted as I had been.

Following a few announcements, the groups stood and clasped hands over/under for the singing of "Auld Lang Syne". The evening concluded. One of the Brothers gave me a ride back to my lodging.

It was a very pleasant evening. One last comment, Lodge actually opened about 8:15 p.m. and was closed by 9:45 p.m., so that we could adjourn for refreshments downstairs. It seemed to me that they have managed to effectively address the important issue of Lodge meeting length without sacrificing the quality of the experience for the Brethren. We could learn from that. □

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By Donald L. Lacy
Great time

What a great turnout at our Annual Steak/Chicken Roast at the Damascus Shrine Mosque. Everyone enjoyed a fine cookout and the food was cooked to perfection, thanks to our chef, Brother Steve Thayer. Our special thanks to Brother Patrick Mammano from the Maplewood Inn for his preparation of the macaroni salad and baked beans. Thanks to all the great help in setting up and providing the special touch to make it a really fine program. Sorry many had to miss out on this great time.

Thank you
Our contribution to help the families of the Dunblane Tragedy was well appreciated, along with the many other gifts from

HiLights Order of the Eastern Star GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT Rt. Wthy. JUNE LEE D.D.G.M.

By Rt. Wthy. Thelma Shaw

Grand Chapter

Since this writing is due at the same time as Grand Chapter, I cannot report on the 1997 plans or projects, but we all know they will challenge us. Our esteemed leaders, M. Wthy. Sandra K. Cleason, Grand Matron and M. Wthy. Richard E. Mason, Grand Patron, turned over the leadership to M. Wthy. Constance Carter and M. Wthy. Kenneth Irwin. In next month's issue I am sure a report will be given.

Our Leaders, Rt. Wthy. June Lee, District Deputy Grand Matron, and Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss, District Grand Lecturer, have many plans in support of our Grand Matron and Grand Patron's projects.

Like to dance?

Did you miss the Round and Square Dance in the Spring? Well, get your dancing shoes out and join your Genesee/Wyoming District friends on November 2nd at the Bliss Community Building. Music by Ken's Western Ramblers. You may dance or just listen to the music, of which they will offer a good mix. There is always someone willing to help those of us with two left feet. Your Matron's have information and tickets, which will also be available at the door.

November meetings

The Study Club will meet November 9th at Thorpe Chapter,

the Brethren and Masonic Lodges. Our prayers and sympathy accompanied our gift, for they did need them.

Important meeting

On October 9th two bus loads of members of the Association of Rochester Police & Area Law Enforcement Retirees, Inc. (ARPALER) traveled to Cheektowaga, NY to attend a meeting with NY Comptroller, H. Carl McCall. Over 900 NY State retirees from Western New York to hear Mr. McCall's plan for an attempt to pass the bill to give police and fire, teachers and other State civil retirees a permanent COLA. I was very impressed with the supportive turnout and perspective plans to pass the bill.

Support needed

If only we could get the support and participation of the Brethren to pursue our goals and Masonic fellowship, what a great organization we would present. Let's all try to get a Brother Law Enforcement or Fireman to join us.

Our thoughts are with those of the Brethren that are ill and hope for a quick recovery so we can enjoy our fellowship once again. May you enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving with your family and give thanks for the many blessing we do have. □



Attica Masonic Temple. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m., and reservations would be appreciated.

The reception for the 1997 Grand Officers will be held at Thorpe Chapter, Attica Masonic Temple, Main Street, Attica, on November 14th at 8:00 p.m. Let's support Rt. Wthy. June Lee, DDGM; Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss, DLG; and Rt. Wthy. Newton Shaw, Associate Grand Sentinel.

Thanks

Our final project, the Grocery Give Away, was a great success. A profit of \$150.00 was realized, which will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House and the Batavia Veteran's Facility. The presentation will be made in Rochester during our trip to Grand Chapter. I am most thankful to all who supported this project and the others of 1996, especially the local food pantries and Pounder Hall. You all "Reached Out and Touched Someone's Lives".

Memorable year

This will be my final article as District Deputy, so again, I will say thanks to all who have made my year so successful and memorable.

A man or woman is rich according to whom he or she IS, not according to what he or she HAS.

Be thinking of December and election of officers in our Chapters. □

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By Wthy. Joy A. Woodley
November's events

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the November 1st Spaghetti Dinner! This is a great dinner. A special thanks to the guys and gals who serve us, feed us, offer us cheer, set the tables, make the coffee and wash the dishes for jobs well done.

The Card Party will be November 11th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 for Chicken and Biscuits.

November 19th is Memorial Night. Wear a long white dress. The meeting at 8:00 p.m. will be preceded by a Tureen Supper at 6:30 p.m. "When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure."

We wish you all the joys and blessings of a Happy Thanksgiving!

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

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By Wthy. Avis Theis

In appreciation

We thank everyone who helped make our 90th Birthday Celebration and Rt. Wthy. Carol Wyrning's Homecoming memorable evenings. Many members made plans and many current and Past Grand Officers, members and friends joined us. We were especially honored to have our own Past Matron, Wthy. Alta Smith and her son, Brother Bob Hickok come from California to join us at our 90th. Rt. Wthy. Carol was also honored to have members present from her other Chapter in Erie District. We thank Oatka Chapter for helping us with our social hour.

Best wishes

We are glad to have Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff back in the swing of things after a bout with the flu. We send our love to Wthy. Dorothy Erion, Sisters Irene Maurer, Pat Cork, and Ethel Hall. Hope you are all keeping well.

Love and support

Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi has now been installed as Grand Historian, so she and her husband, Brother John, are well on their way. We know, and the State will find out, what a capable Sister Rt. Wthy. Judy is. With Brother John giving his help, they will make a great team. You both have our love and support.

Meetings

There will be a regular meeting on November 5th.

November 19th is Neighborhood Night. The Committee is Wthy. Jean Stewart, Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff, Rt. Wthy. Lucille Mason, Wthy. Susan Prevost, and Sister Betty Oakley.

On November 14th we will have the combined reception for Grand Officers in Webster.

Past Matrons

We will meet at a luncheon on November 9th at Stone's Country Side in Churchville at 12:30 p.m.

We thank Thee that America Has always had Thanksgiving. We know, Dear Lord, it teaches us A happy way of living. Enjoy the day! □

**Rochester Chapter
No. 314**
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Wthy. Linda Zahn
Matron 381-4241
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Secretary 482-0994

First Saturday
7:30 P.M.
875 East Main Street
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By Wthy. Linda Zahn

What a way to start a day! Open the paper early in the morning and see Rt. Wthy. Bill Zufall staring out at you-I hear some people thought it was a leprechaun!

Chapter news

Several members continue to need our prayers, cards and calls. Gail Caraballo's sight is gone. Gail Clarke is on her eighth change of medication and, hopefully, this one will work. Rt. Wthy. Audrey Zufall is recovering from double knee replacements. If you would like to see her or take lunch to her some day, it would be greatly appreciated. Call first so we don't have 10 people all on the same day. Sharon King has been getting treatment for a bad back. Sister Georgia Coates sister passed away. Georgia suffered from pneumonia, but she was able to attend our last meeting. Please continue to remember our shut-ins.

Both Norma and Mat Gingold and Bea and Clyde Buck have celebrated 50 years of marriage and our heartiest congratulations to them.

Good times!

Sister Deavera Bundoc chaired a very successful information and getting to know you meeting for several prospective members. A brief history of the Chapter was presented, along with informal talks and stories of the good times we enjoy as members.

November meetings

Our November 2nd meeting will be preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Come earlier if you wish. There will be a Pound Auction after the meeting. Wrap a pound of something up so we don't know what it is and bring it, and yourself, and have some fun. I advise you to come early even if you aren't coming for supper, as there is a show that night in the Auditorium.

Remember to treat the trick or treaters; and come to Chapter on November 2nd. There will be a District Membership meeting on November 7th at Rt. Wthy. Carol Wyrning's. I hope some of you will be able to attend.

Words of Wisdom

Don't look for the faults as you go through life;
But if perhaps you find them,
'Tis wiser and kinder to turn a blind eye,
And seek for the virtues behind 'em! □

**Fidelity Triangle No. 4
2nd & 4th Saturdays**

Lynn Arthur
Beloved Queen
586-7498



By Lynn Arthur

Meetings

Fidelity Triangle No. 4 held its 1st meeting of the Fall season on September 4th when our newest member, Crystal Bundoc was initiated. On September 21st we were received at the Grand Commandery Knights Templar Conclave. We were all impressed with their beautiful Memorial Service.

October

On October 12th the Monroe, Erie, and Niagara Districts held its Mini-Convention, presided over by our own Junior Advisor, Holly Gorall. Holly, you did a super job!

October 26th was the Homecoming of Melissa DuBois, State Representative of the Organization of Triangles. There were many dignitaries in attendance. Missy, you had a great term and we were all very proud of you.

Looking ahead

On November 9th we plan to have our End-of-Term Dinner and elections. On November 23rd we will install our new Beloved Queen Erika Hansen. We encourage everyone to attend and give her your support.

Poinsettias

Once again it is the time of year for us to sell poinsettias for Christmas. This is one way we have to raise funds for our charities. They are \$5.00 each, the same as last year. They have protective sleeves and are wrapped in foil, have 5-6 blooms and are 15-16 inches high. They come in six inch pots and are available in red, pink, white and marble. All orders must be turned in no later than November 23rd. You can place your orders by calling Flora Arthur at 586-7498 or Jr. Deputy Nancy Lynch at 334-7953. We thank you for your support.

This will be my last article as Beloved Queen, and I thank all the girls for their support and willingness to do whatever was

asked of them. My best wishes go to Erika. I hope you have a great term. Mrs. Lynch, thank you for all your help and understanding, I couldn't have done this without you. □

**Rochester Chapter
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Charlotte/Corinthian Temple

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Dave Gorall
Master Councilor

458-5255

Jeff Wood, Chapter Dad
342-1947

By Robert Crystal

Installation

On October 26th, at 2:00 p.m., our new Master Councilor and his line, along with the Chapter Advisory Committee, were installed by Past Master Councilor, Jason Staub.

Rochester Chapter meets every first and third Friday at the Charlotte/Corinthian Temple, 4550 Lake Avenue (North of Stutson Street Bridge). We invite any reader of this article to refer his sons, grandsons, nephews, neighbors, etc., age 13 to 21 to join us for ritual, friendship, athletics, social activities such as bowling, miniature golf, basketball, ritual contests across the State, full dinner dances and sodas after the meetings. Rochester Chapter has something for every guy eligible to join. Call the Master Councilor or Chapter Dad for a petition.

Pictures of the Installation, a list of officers and Master Councilor Gorall's term plans will be in the December issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Advisory Council

At the recent Advisory Council meeting, Area Governor Mike Staub gave details about the new Chapter forming in the Village of Pittsford. We will be helping them by initiating candidates from the East side and forming a DeMolay Club for them to attend. Then, when they get enough to fill the seats, they will form their own Chapter. Dad Staub says their Advisory Council must be up and running, too.

Dad Wood was elected our new Chapter Dad (342-1947) and Dad Cooper was "promoted" to Council Chairman.

Thanks

We want to express our thanks to the Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge members and Trustees for their support and the *Masonic Times* for spreading the word that we are here and working to take good young men and make them better!

Rochester Chapter leads the way! □

In Memoriam

September

Henrie, John C.

A member of East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943, and a 33° Mason from Indianapolis, John died September 7th while vacationing in North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Ellen, a son and two grandchildren. □

Kraemer, Karl P.

Karl was a member of Germania Lodge No. 722, Rochester Consistory, and Damascus Temple Shrine. He passed away on September 16th, and is survived by his wife, Louise, and other family members.

Lauzon, Robert H.

Death claimed Bob on September 16th at the age of 85 years. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154. Survivors include his 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Adams, George M.

A recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, Past Master of Rochester Lodge No. 660, which is now Northfield Lodge No. 426, and a member of Lalla Rookh Grotto, George died September 18th. He is survived by his wife, Lucille, 2 daughters, and 3 grandchildren.

Cooper, Lillian C.

Lillian was a member of Monroe Chapter No. 57, and Lalla Rookh Caldron when she passed away on September 21st at the age of 91. She is survived by 4 children, one of whom is Jean (Don) Brugger, 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Dills, Henry O.

Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 lost a member with the passing of Henry on September 21st at the age of 94. He is survived by his wife, Clara, children, 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Pancoast, Leonidas H.

The Grand Architect Above called Leo Home on September 27th. He was a member and Past Master of Churchville Lodge No. 667, received the MSA in the Valley of Rochester and was named Class Sponsor of the Fall 1996 and Spring 1997 Reunion Classes. He is survived by his wife, Frances, 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

October

Wright, Parker C.

Parker was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163 when he died on October 3rd. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, 4 children, and 9 grandchildren.

Robinson, Carleton B.

At the age of 85, Carleton passed away on October 5th in Florida. He was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797 and is survived by his wife, Mary, 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

Deuel, Burton H.

Rochester Consistory lost a member with the death of Burton on October 6th. He is survived by many family members.

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

Perrin, John H.

John belonged to Doric Council No. 19 and Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, KT, when he passed away on June 1st.

Reber, Douglas S.

Death claimed Douglas on July 30th. He was a member of Rochester Consistory.

Rogan, Raymond C.

Rochester Consistory lost another member with the passing of Raymond.

Weidman, George H.

George was a member of Warsaw Lodge No. 549 when he died on September 16th. □

Invitation

Fidelity Triangle No. 4
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Brookport, New York 14420

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

1996

- Dec. 5 Hanukkah
- Dec. 5 Scottish Rite Open Program Meeting
- Dec. 25 Christmas

1997

- Jan. 30 Finger Lakes Chapter, Philalethes
- Feb. 6 Scottish Rite Open Program Meeting
- Feb. 22 Monroes Widows Luncheon, Logan's
- Mar. 6 Scottish Rite Open Program Meeting
- Apr. 17, 19 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
- Apr. 19 Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet
- Apr. 30 Finger Lakes Chapter Philalethes
- July 10-13 New York Council of Deliberation
Rochester Holiday Inn, Genesee Plaza
- Oct. 13 The Last round of Golf (Lakeside Foundation)
- Oct. 25 Grand Master's Town Meeting, Area 15
Downtown Temple, Rochester

**Save the Date: The 1997 Widow's Luncheon
Saturday, February 22nd, Logan's Party House**

Banquet Meeting Directory

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| Burgundy Basin Inn 1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford, NY 14537, (716) 248-2660 | The Party House 677 Beahan Rd. Rochester, NY 14624, (716) 235-5654 |
| Diplomat Banquet Center & Hotel, 1 Diplomat Way, Rochester, NY 14606, (716) 647-1566 | Red Men's Party House 1001 Lexington Ave., Rochester, NY 14613 (716) 254-6220 |
| Maplewood Inn 3500 East Ave., Rochester, NY (716) 381-7700, Pat Mammano | Please consider our advertisers when planning your next event. |

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7:30 p.m. Sun.

Matinees

Thur., Oct 24, 1:00 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 2:00 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18

No performance

Tues., Oct. 29 - Nov. 24

8:00 p.m. Tue. thru Saturday
7:30 p.m. Sunday

Matinees

Sat. & Sun. 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 25 - 30

8:00 p.m. Mon. thru Saturday

Matinees

Fri. & Sat. 2:00 p.m.

OH, BROTHER!

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I don't care if he is King Solomon tonight! Tell him the Queen called, his Throne sprung a leak and the palace is filling up with water!

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Calendar November 1996

○ Deadline for the Masonic Times

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>3</p> <p>Beware of the Phantom for all meetings and rehearsal dates. Check the Auditorium Schedule.</p> | <p>4</p> <p>West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>KT - Cyrene/Monroe Commandery</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Election Day Exercise your Freedom, Vote!</p> <p>Charlotte/Corinthian, 2nd Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson - Din. Germania Oakland - Castle Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine</p> | <p>7</p> <p>Constellation - Perry - 2nd Hesperus - Bergen, 1st Dinner Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p> <p>Caldron (Nov. only)</p> <p>RAM - Western Star</p> <p>OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Fri., November 1st Webster Lodge Hall Orchard Street Webster</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Zone 11, Knights Templar Pilgrimage - 8:30 a.m. Rochester, Downtown Temple</p> <p>Attica - 3rd - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>OES - Rochester Chapter</p> <p>Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile</p> <p>Fidelity Triangle</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>10</p> <p>Scottish Rite Family Day Shrine Mosque - Webster</p> <p>Veteran's Day Nov. 11</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Veteran's Day</p> <p>ERAC - E. Rochester - 2nd Etolian - Spencerport Fairport - 2nd Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Pnflid, OV</p> <p>RAM - Arcade</p> <p>OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit - OV Henrietta Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Gimes - Dinner Q/W - Grand Lecturer's Conv. - Attica RAM - Dansville, Wyoming</p> <p>OES - Leah</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Service Bureau Luncheon</p> <p>Churchville Oatka - Scottsville - 1st Triluminal - Pike</p> <p>RAM - Webster</p> <p>OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Eagle Valley - Biles Flower City - Dinner</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p> <p>KT - Batavia Commandery</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> <p>O.E.S. - Rochester Chapter</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>17</p> <p>Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners 2nd & 4th Wednesdays November 13th & 27th Clio Lodge Hall Hilton</p> | <p>18</p> <p>West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>KT - Cyrene/Monroe Commandery</p> <p>OES - Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Charlotte/Corinthian-OV Craftsman/Robertson - Din. Clio - Hilton Germania - Dinner Oakland - Castle Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy</p> <p>Grotto</p> <p>R&SM - Doric Council</p> <p>RAM - 3X3</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Constellation - Perry Flower City - BAF Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p> <p>RAM - Western Star</p> <p>Scottish Rite Fall Reunion - 11th, 14th</p> <p>OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Past Master's Supper Club</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Scottish Rite Fall Reunion (cont.) 16th, 18th, 24th, 32nd 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>M&W - Webster Lodge</p> <p>Fidelity Triangle</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>24</p> <p>ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport - Table Lodge Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield - 3rd</p> <p>R&SM - Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council</p> <p>OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Henrietta Monroe - Brockport</p> <p>OES - Leah</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike</p> <p>OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Q/W - Masters and Wardens - Perry</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |