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## Local Brothers Numbered Among Grand Chapter Line Installed at Albany



(front) Burtis Goodnough, Grand Sentinel, Dale Tynan, Grand Captain of the Host, Edward S. Newsham, Grand King, C. Richard Trust, Grand High Priest, Arnold E. Palmer, Grand Scribe (Dansville Chapter). (back) Ambrose R. Kurtzke, Grand Master of the First Veil, William L. DuPree, Grand Master of the Second Veil, Charles Reilly, Grand Secretary, Ted L. Diehl, Asst. Grand Treasurer, Hobert C. Cook, Grand Lecturer, Don Lounsberry, Grand Principal Sojourner, Edmund D. Harrison, Grand Royal Arch Captain, David F. Stoy, Grand Master of the Third Veil, Walter A. Collins, Grand Chaplain, Donald C. Markham, Grand Chaplain, Vernon L. Goodrich, Grand Treasurer (Hiram Chapter). (Photo courtesy Dave Taber)

## W.: Herman Wood Celebrates 75 years in Masonry

By Robert Helling

On February 18, 1997, 13 Brothers from Eagle Lodge No. 619, Honeoye, New York, traveled to W.: Herman Wood's home to present him with his Service Pin and Certificate for 75 years of membership in the

Lodge. The Certificate was signed by the M.:W.: Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York.

The occasion was also W.: Wood's 97th birthday. To help celebrate, W.: Herm's son-in-law, W.: Gary Fitzgerald, also a member of Eagle Lodge, drove in from his present home in Kenton, Ohio.

W.: Wood is the oldest living Past Master of Eagle Lodge. He served in 1927.

Congratulations to W.: Herman Wood. □



R.: W.: Terry Leonard, GSB, OSY (left) and W.: John Hunt presenting Service Certificate and Pin to W.: Herman Wood.

## Freemasonry on the Internet-2

By W.: David G. Upham, Sr.

Let me open by sharing that I have received seventeen responses from area Masons who have checked out some of the sites in my last article and were kind enough to respond. It's nice to see that there really are Masons out there who read the *Times* from cover to cover.

In that article, I started off at a dead run describing some Internet Web Sites on Masonry and I alluded to the fact that this article would deal with Web Site Creation. I really didn't give that enough thought at the time...and, on reflection, I realized that I really need to go back a bit and talk about the concept of the Internet.

### What is the Internet?

If you visualize a spider's web, you will see many strands of spider silk running outwards from the center and many more running around the center intersecting with the outward running strands. Most spider webs are only inches across, but the web we are constructing in our minds is huge. In fact, it is so large that it would cover the entire earth.

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(Hmmm, maybe we could call it the World Wide Web!)

Now visualize your home or office computer connected to the end of one of the strands running out from the center. On the other side of the web is another home or office computer connected to the end of another strand. If you both have the right kind of software, you can send and receive information between each other along the strands to which you are connected.

As that information travels along the strand running from your computer, it will reach "intersections", called "hubs", in the web strands. At each hub there is another computer, slightly larger than your PC, that is acting as a router. Its function is to take a quick peek at the information you are sending and figure out where it is supposed to go. Then it takes a look at the most direct strand to get there. If everything is OK on the strand ahead, it will let your information pass through. However, if there is a break in the strand ahead, it will reroute your information to the next best path. This procedure will occur over and over until your information arrives safely at its destination.

There are a couple of requisites to making this happen, though. Generally speaking you have to have a modem (short for modulate/demodulate) attached to your computer (with its own software in place) which will take your computer data that you are sending and transmit it piece by piece over a telephone line that was designed primarily for voice transmissions. Then you have to be attached to the World Wide Web or the Internet, again by special software. This software is

called a web browser and is usually available through your web service provider-the company that provides you with a special phone number to use to connect to the web. And, of course, you must have an address for the location to which you are sending the information-as well as an address for your own computer-and this address must be in a format the computer can understand.

Enough of the technical stuff! What all this boils down to is that you have to "log on" to the web and type in a web address, such as <http://www.Frontiernet.net/~dupham>-which will get you to the Clio Lodge home page. When you do, the web browser looks on the web for the address you just typed in, finds it and displays whatever information is there on your computer monitor. And, way cool, you're surfen', Dude!!

### More to come next month, Internet - 3

### Finger Lakes Chapter Annual Feast

Apr. 30th - 6:00 p.m.  
TCC 3rd Floor Dining Room

### "Mormonism and Masonry"

by  
R.:W.: George Peter,  
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Swiss Steak

Clio Lodge Annual Ox Roast, April 26th  
Hilton Temple, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

RAM Scholarship Dinner, April 26th  
Batavia Downs, 6:00 p.m.

## Allen E. Roberts, Noted Masonic Writer, Passes



By Don Brugger

Allen E. Roberts of Richmond, Virginia, one of the most prolific Masonic writers of our day, died after a prolonged illness. Brother Roberts was probably best known for his books: "A House Undivided", "The Craft and Its Symbols", "The Key to Freemasonry's Growth" and "The Sword and the Trowel". These were only part of the 19 books he wrote in his Masonic career. He also wrote, produced and directed 16 motion pictures on Freemasonry.

He was cited by Harold Van Voorhis, FPS, Past President of the Philalethes Society, as "the Masonic author and educator who had done more than any other in modern times to further and encourage Masonic Education".

Brother Roberts became a Master Mason in 1948 and became Master of his Lodge in 1959. He was a member of many Research Societies, Past President of the Philalethes, current International Executive Secretary of the Society, Editor of the Philalethes Magazine and wrote, "Through Masonic Windows", a regular feature. He

was referred to by the late Jerry Marsengill as "the most knowledgeable Masonic educator of the present day".

Local Brethren may remember Brother Roberts being a member in the cast of the "Virginia Craftsmen" who visited here a few years ago. He was an Honorary Member of the Finger Lakes Chapter, Philalethes Society. □

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# Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger  
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## Umbrellas

A couple of years ago a grand plan for Masonic cooperation and communication was launched with the establishment of the District and State-wide Umbrellas. As Editor of the *Masonic Times* I expected to be deluged with articles from each Umbrella Coordinator publicizing and pushing Grand Lodge programs. That has not happened. I have received some information and articles, but, the response has been sporadic. What happened? If there is some news out there, let's hear it!

- Public Involvement and Awareness
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention
- Membership Development
- Membership Retention
- Fellowship and Family Involvement
- Brotherhood Fund
- Christmas in March

You may have noticed that we had a group of pictures in the *Times* involving the Christmas visitation at the Canandaigua V.A. These were included because these volunteers perform a very real service to the Community and should be applauded for their efforts. If you or your Lodge are performing similar services that increase the visibility of Freemasonry in the Community, send in pictures and copy documenting it. Enough said!

### Scottish Rite Degrees

Those of you who are Tall Cedars and Scottish Rite Masons might be interested in the Spring Reunion of the Valley of Rochester. One of the Degrees, the 22nd, is based on the same historical background as the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Incidentally the cast for this Degree are all members of last year's Scottish Rite Class.

### Poor Communicating

The following are some excerpts from our archives, they are not fictitious. In them the authors have either tried to economize or use an excess of words to communicate with their Brothers. Sometimes it is difficult to use just enough to clearly convey the message. After each original excerpt there is a suggested rewrite. This exercise is meant to help, not demean. I think most of these miscues could have been avoided if the author had just proofed more carefully.

1. We opened on our first meeting with our District Deputy coming for his annual meeting and heard his message to our Lodge. It is always nice to have R.W. X X come because we always enjoy him. Br. X X our newest Br. put on a fabulous meal of which we all couldn't get enough of.

1C. Our first meeting was the occasion of the Official Visit of the District Deputy. It is nice to have R.W. X X visit because we always enjoy his company. Our newest Brother, X X, prepared a fabulous meal; we all could have eaten more.

2. Our S.W. is taking the East as we have our Master in the hospital and we hope he is doing well.

2C. Our S.W. will be taking the seat in the East, filling in for the Master, who is in the hospital. We do hope that W.: XX is doing well and will return to us soon.

3. We hope to see all our snowbird Brothers in Lodgesoon before they start to go South for the Winter. But if we don't we wish them well.

3C. We do hope to see our snowbirds in Lodge before they start their trek South, but if not, we wish them well.

4. As a follow-up of the request made a year ago from XX to set up a XX at an accessible place within the XX is still unanswered.

4C. The setting up an XX at a convenient location, requested a year ago, has still not been addressed.

5. The Lodge breakfast was well attended as we ran out of bacon three times.

5C1. Our Lodge Breakfast was well attended; we ran out of bacon three times.

5C2. Our Lodge Breakfast must have been well attended, because we had to replenish the bacon supply three times.

rental format, they have once again demonstrated their desire to work with us. We all thank you, Ray.

### Spare some time?

We need help in cleaning and repairing our medical equipment. If you can spare a few hours, we would appreciate your assistance. This is a continuous need as we constantly process equipment, both lending and returning.

### Welcome

We welcome the possibility of having Damascus Shrine as a new subscriber to the *Masonic Times*. This is a win, win situation for both of us. In unity there is strength.

The Shrine Hospitals, each organization's special charity, the Masters and Wardens assistance in helping the Eagle Scouts and certainly everyone's help in the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign, tell it as it is. Masons care!

Individually we may only be a speck in the sand, and on the historical time line, a momentary pause. We can, however, each make our mark and collectively, a significant difference.

So mote it be. □

## MSB Community Service

By Harold Bolotin

No activities have taken place since the last issue. Personal contacts have been made with both the Executive Director of the Handicapped Boy Scouts and the Director of the School of the Holy Childhood to be scheduled for future events.

My offers of service to both of these organizations were on behalf of Freemasonry, and have been warmly and enthusiastically received.

Other possibilities to be investigated are Camp Good Days and the Special Olympics. □

### Masonic Service

#### Bureau Loan Closet

Equip. Type	On loan
Bathtub equip.	60
Bed (Acces.)	1
Canes	94
Commodos	94
Crutches	197
Walkers	169
Wheelchairs	116
Miscellaneous	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>741</b>



#### FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

William Lindsay, President  
621-3573  
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872-3993

In my last two columns, I posted some questions which I thought might generate some interest, and they did. Here are the answers.

Question 1: How many Lodges currently are on Grand Lodge rolls?

## Hot Numbers

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Answer: 690.  
Question 2: Could I affiliate with a Connecticut Lodge and then without censure visit a local Prince Hall Lodge?

Answer: To affiliate, I would have to meet the GL Conn residency requirement, then strictly speaking, could sit in a PH Lodge as a Connecticut Mason.

Question 3: In a Lodge where the VSL is not the Bible, how are the S&Cs placed?

Answer: Still waiting for clarification on this. Through the wonders of the World Wide Web, I am in communication with a Brother in Malaysia who has promised to supply the answer, but had not responded by press time.

### Research

I am currently researching why a tract of land granted by New York in 1771 was called the "Freemason's Tract". I have received a great deal of assistance

from the University of Rochester's Rare Books Library and the librarian, Karl Kabelac. Others who are doing research might want to visit. The University's libraries have a home page and the entire collection can be searched on the WEB. Their Web address is-http://groucho.lib.rochester.edu.

My research also took me to the Grand Lodge Library (Livingston Masonic Library) via the WEB. I e-mailed questions to the librarian, Jennifer Somerwitz, and she was able to check some information and get back to me by the end of the week. She was extremely helpful. Her address is: livmalib@pipeline.com Using this address, Masons can also sign up for the various reading courses offered by the library.

Along the way I discovered that the Grand Secretary also has an e-mail address. Those wishing

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## Are You Moving?

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United Way has a new "Donor Choice Designation Form". The two main areas have, however, remained the same. The choice #3, Provider Designation needs to be filled out.

A: Print in the boxes the amount you want to donate; print Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester; and print in the boxes our number, 1060. We hope you will be generous with the United Way format for giving to your Masonic Service Bureau.

### Working together

Brethren, in negotiating with the Saucke Brothers for the new



## Financial Planning Solutions

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

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

Here are some ideas regarding savings and investing.

If saving effectively was as simple as putting some dollars in a safe place for use in future years, we would not have to discuss this in our column, and financial planners would not be needed to assist people. However, and unfortunately, in ten, twenty, or thirty years, those dollars would most likely be worth a fraction of the original purchasing power, or you might even wish to spend it and take your chances on the lottery, or some other such device.

In order to secure your financial future, you MUST invest your savings, so that they grow larger as the years go by, therefore, you should understand how money, and the purchasing power of money, varies with time.

Investment decisions involve at least three basic tradeoffs.

1. Risk. There is always a chance that, for unforeseen reasons, you will not actually receive that future dollar as promised!

2. Inflation. Even though you do receive that future money on schedule, it will have lost some of its purchasing power because of increasing prices.

3. Rate of return. Money invested at compound interest (or dividends reinvested in good stocks) can produce steady growth of your savings. The higher the rate of return, the greater and faster the growth.

These three concepts are important in considering what to do, or what not to do with the money you have to invest. These concepts are also inter-related, but they are different, and we all juggle risks, inflation, and rates of return when we are looking at prospective investments.

For example: 1. If we expect higher inflation we may seek higher rates of return; but that in turn means that we must accept higher risk.

2. If we decide to avoid risks, by putting our money in the safest place that we can find, we must accept a lower rate of return, which may guarantee that inflation will also get us. We lose by not putting our money in an investment where it will grow at a decent interest rate, which is to say that we can lose more because inflation reduces its buying power. Sometimes, what appears to be the "safest" investment can turn out to be a real loser.

Finally, people buy lottery tickets with odds of millions to one, but they will not take a reasonable risk on a good investment with proven track records.

## Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.



### Your tax return is being questioned

As a child, the thought of vampires terrified me. As an adult, the sight of a letter from the IRS comes close. In my situation, I was able to resolve the matter by correspondence with the IRS.

### Audits

There are basically two types of tax return audits; office examinations and field examinations. Office examinations can be conducted by correspondence with the taxpayer, or by an interview at the local IRS Office. If the examination takes place at this office, then as a taxpayer, you have the right to bring your accountant with you, or by written designation, have the accountant (or whomever you choose) represent you in your place. You can even have the proceeding tape recorded provided you give the IRS 10 days prior written notice, before the examination. If an office examination doesn't resolve matters raised by the IRS, then an IRS Revenue Agent will conduct a field examination.

In a field examination, the Revenue Agent can inspect the taxpayer's books, records and entire return, at the taxpayer's place of business or home. At the conclusion of his/her examination, this Revenue Agent will make findings based on the investigation. The taxpayer can either accept or reject these findings. If accepted, then whatever deficiency is found, has to be paid by the taxpayer. If however, the taxpayer disagrees, then he can take the dispute to the IRS Appeals Office.

### Closing agreement

The office will hold a conference with the matter with the taxpayer in order to resolve those disagreements between the IRS and the taxpayer. If a settlement is reached, then both parties will enter into a closing agreement, which is a final disposition of tax liability for a certain period or tax treatment of an item or items. The agreement is considered by the IRS to be a final disposition of the matter which gave rise to the examination in the first place. If however, the matter cannot be resolved by conference, then the IRS will issue a deficiency notice popularly known as a "90 day letter". This letter serves to officially notify the taxpayer of the IRS' claim for additional tax.

### Options

The taxpayer has three options upon receipt of this letter (ignoring it isn't one of them). He can: 1. pay the tax; 2. pay the tax under protest and file a claim for refund in a Federal District or Claims Court; or 3. elect not to pay the tax and petition for redetermination in the U.S. Tax

Court. If the amount of the dispute is \$10,000 or less, the taxpayer can elect to have the Tax Court handle the matter as a small claims tax claim. As in other "small claims", the technical rules concerning procedure and evidence are relaxed. If the taxpayer feels confident enough (and has done his homework), he could go it alone without a lawyer. The public library has books on this subject. The IRS has three publications: #5-Appeal Rights; #556-Examination of Returns; and #594-Understanding the Collection Process. □



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## Open House May 17th

Come and celebrate

"Spend An Afternoon At Acacia Village" is the theme for our Open House on Saturday, May 17, 1997. Take a dip in our indoor swimming pool, play a set of croquet or try your hand at a game of Bocce on our back lawn. Take a stroll around the pond and enjoy a delicious lunch and ice cream social.

Then put on your dancing shoes! In honor of Armed Forces Day, local musician, Sal Alberico, and his band will play your favorite big band swing sounds from the 40s for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Circle Saturday, May 17, on your calendar. Please give us a call at 1-800-593-3353 or 1-315-798-4775 for more information and to confirm your attendance. Bring a guest and another couple and make it a "double" date. □

## Join in the Excitement

The Masonic Home Campus in Utica, NY is the place to be on Saturday, June 21st for Grand Lodge's Annual St. John's Day Celebration. The day promises to be full of fun and exciting events for everyone in the family.

Everyone will want to be a part of the District's celebration for your Deputy and Staff Officer as they receive their "charge" for the next year of their term in office. Be a part of the excitement as they are thanked for their first year and give them the extra boost for this coming year.

The residents from your Lodge and/or District eagerly look forward to the extra activity that St. John's Day bring. They would welcome a visit from their family, friends, and especially their Lodge and District Brethren. The residents look forward to talking with their visitors and discussing the events that created the fond memories of yesterday. They also want to know all the news from "back home".

Your Lodge and/or District can become one of the crafters or vendors who display their talents for the Fraternity and the people from the community. For the last four years the craft fair has grown, and with your participation, we will ensure that it grows this year. Crafters from the community and our residents show their creative and artistic talents. Masonic and community groups will also offer

a wide variety of food items that will please the palates. This increased participation by the Fraternity, coupled with the involvement of local organizations, enhances our image with the community and makes our St. John's Day an event that people look forward to attending. It is a great opportunity for Masonry to showcase the good works that are being done on our campus.

Fun is the key word for the events planned for the children. Clowns from across the State, magicians, dance & gymnastic demonstrations, Buster the Bus and McGruff the Crime Dog will be on the campus entertaining. There will also be a K-9 Demonstration, fire truck on display, musical entertainment, gymnastics and dance demonstration, and the parade, with a marching band, the Grand Lodge Officers and all the groups including the Shrine's Motor Corp. The children can even have their faces painted.

The Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee will recognize those students who have been designated to receive an award for the next school year. The presentations will be made at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Scheduled tours of the facilities on the campus including the Retirement Community-Acacia Village, the Health Facility and the Masonic Medical Research Lab will be available. You won't want to miss seeing the newly remodeled Short Term Rehabilitation Wing. The Rehab program is the fastest growing new service available to the Fraternity members.

While you are in the Utica area, there are other activities to enjoy. Munson Williams Proctor Institute is an internationally recognized fine arts center. It serves diverse audiences through the Museum of Art, the art reference and music libraries, the School of Art and sponsorship of more than 100 Performing Arts events during the year. The F.X. Matt Brewing Company offers an interesting tour of their facility. The Children's Museum near the Utica Train Station has "children friendly" displays that will keep the children's attention and interest because they are so unique. The polar bears at the Utica Zoo are always looking to welcome the family and "entertain" the visitors as they play in their pool. The Utica Blue Sox baseball team is home on Friday evening. If your schedule permits, the local golf courses will be able to accommodate you.

The St. John's Day events will be fun and exciting for all members of the family. Please contact W.: Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator, Masonic Home, 2150 Bleecker St., Utica, NY 13501-1788, 315-798-4923 or 800-322-8826 with any questions you may have about the events or to confirm your participation as a crafter or vendor. □

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## Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



R.-W.- Thomas M. Paglia  
REPRESENTATIVE  
& UPSTATE COORDINATOR

Many of you have read what is happening at the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua and to most of the Centers in our part of the country. It is not a pretty picture. How soon they forget what the Veterans have done to preserve what we take for granted. A good many veterans are being released into the community and are now roaming the streets with no permanent place to call home. You veterans who have your health, why not write a letter to your Congressman and let he or she know what you think of this cutback. Like the saying for Lotto, "Hey, you never know". It could be your turn to have a VA Medical Center in your area for treatment. A flood of letters will start the ball rolling for putting back the necessary funds to keep the Medical Centers fully staffed and able to provide full services to patients. If the people in Washington don't hear from you, they will do nothing. The volunteers at the Medical Center are doing their best to stop the downsizing in all Medical Centers, but we need you.

### Visitations

Would you like to join our Masonic group and volunteer for the Sunday visitations? We need more volunteers. If you care to be part of the group, please contact me at 227-2046. If there is no answer, leave a message or call Harold Bollotin.

By being a volunteer you will not only make the veteran feel good, but you yourself will feel better for doing something nice. You will be telling the veteran that you have not forgotten him. Thank you for all of the support you have been giving us. Our group wishes to thank all of the Lodges who have assisted us in the Sunday visitations. See Harold Bollotin's article. □

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### Spring

We are now officially into the Spring season and with it come all those niceties that we have longed for these past few months. The rebirth of nature - the flowers, green lawns, planting of the gardens, etc., Spring activities - baseball, golf and the mowing of lawns. For most of us, it is a time of a revitalized physical feeling and well-being, renewed with vigor and aspirations of the season.

### Vim and vigor

Within the confines of our Fraternity during those cold and Wintry months, which have now become a thing of the past, much activity has been on-going, but as respects our great Fraternity of Freemasonry, it too is about to flourish with new vigor and vitality as we are making plans for choosing our new leaders of the Craft with their respective plans on the trestleboard. Along this line, I am planning a mini-seminar, similar to what was presented last Spring, for the leaders of the Craft for the upcoming year, a time when we can share our thoughts and plans for another successful year of Masonry. Full details will be personally provided to those involved as soon as the necessary plans are complete.

### Grand Lodge

Plans for the annual trip to Grand Lodge are in the final stages. I take this opportunity to thank our Staff Officer for his efforts in coordinating this event. I think this will be an unforgettable and valuable experience for all who are participating. I encourage every Lodge to make every effort to be represented. It is the duty and a golden opportunity for each and every Lodge to have their respective say and impact on our institution of Freemasonry in New York.

### Finally

A reminder to all of us who practice Masonry. As written in our "Grand Lodge Book of Constitutions": "Masonry reaches man to practice charity and benevolence, to protect chastity, to respect the ties of blood and friendship, to adopt the principles and revere the ordinances of religion, to assist the feeble, guide the blind, raise up the downtrodden, shelter the orphan, guard the altar, support the Govern-

ment, inculcate morality, promote learning, love man, fear God, implore His mercy and hope for happiness."

Remember and practice this, my Brethren, and we can and will make a difference - God bless each and everyone of you. ☐

## Grand Sword Bearer

Genesee/Wyoming District



R. W. Richard C. Anderson

### Masonic Education

Congratulations to those Brothers who completed the Road to the East training. At the same time I would like to thank the members of the Training Team for their efforts and time.

Thank you, R. W. Chester MacRae for the distinguished name badges.

The Leadership Development Course is scheduled for April 5th at the Downtown Masonic Temple in Rochester. We thank the Monroe Districts for allowing the Genesee/Wyoming District to join their day of instruction.

### District activity

The District has become very active in the Child ID Program. A number of the Lodges in this District have organized and completed a Child ID shoot in their area. I would challenge the remaining Lodges to become involved and schedule a program of its own for the public involvement. The protection of our children is vital, for they are our most valuable resource of life. Please contact R. W. Len Mason for information pertaining to the Child ID Program.

### Brotherhood Fund

R. W. Keith Granger, the Brotherhood Chairman, will be visiting each Lodge in the near future to answer questions and offer his assistance. If you have not contributed to the Brotherhood Fund as yet, please find it in your heart to do so. Thank you.

### 216th Grand Lodge Communication

Hopefully by this time those who are planning to attend have made their reservations. If there be some of you who did not, but would like to go, please contact R. W. Robert Dagen, DDGM, or me to see if we can place you. Those not going with the District, but on your own, please notify us for seating arrangements.

### Future events

On April 5th the LDC will be at the Downtown Temple in Rochester.

The Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner at Batavia Downs will be April 26th.

On June 7th the Annual Masonic Golf Tournament will be at Rolling Acres, Pike, NY. It is sponsored by Triluminar Lodge. ☐

## PI & A



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W. Robert D. Mix 798-0335



### Brethren

I know you have not heard from me in awhile, but I'm still here. Once again I'm asking for your help. You may or may not know that a new Grand Lodge Chairman was appointed for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention last December. I was contacted on January 30th and asked if I would withdraw my resignation and see if we could get something going again. So, once again, I am the Area No. 16 Chairman and we'll see what happens.

### New tape

I have been contacted by three Lodges to put on a program in the near future, so things are looking up. Any of you who have a TV and VCR in your Lodge might be interested in a new tape I recently acquired. It shows how drug deals are covered up and I think it will knock your socks off! It runs for about forty-five minutes, but once you start watching it you won't want to miss any of it.

### War

Once again we are trying to set up a TV program to create some public awareness. We need to make more adults aware of what is going on in our country. A lot of them still have their heads in the sand hoping that the problems will go away. Well, I'm here to tell you they won't go away by themselves. We have to declare war on drugs and the drug dealers.

I don't have the answers any more than you do. I probably have just as many questions as you do. Maybe if we work together we can come up with some answers.

There are people from all walks of life involved in drug traffic and addiction. I've mentioned this before, but I'm going to repeat it; in any crowd you can divide the people up in groups of five and at least one in each group has, or knows someone who has a drug problem. It's a proven fact. Try it.

### Working together

Brothers, we have to join forces and fight this problem. It's killing people right and left. Believe me, I know what I'm talking about. Please, call me and set up a date for a program. Together we can come up with some new ideas.

I recently found that a very good way to increase attendance is to have a program where the ladies are present, such as at a Masters and Wardens meeting with the ladies. Let me know when and where and I'll be there with a program and some handouts. ☐

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



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After my recent stay in the hospital, hopefully I'll be on the mend and able to fulfill my responsibilities.

### A Short Talk

By Elbert Bede, 1945

What is being done by Masons of today?

A great deal of time and energy have been expended during the years in attempting to prove that Freemasonry is of great antiquity, that we once held our meetings in Solomon's Temple and that old Solomon himself was a distinguished patron. We have taken great pride in listing the dignitaries and patriarchs of history who, legendary history informs us, patronized our mysteries.

These things are all right as something to intrigue us and as subjects of discussion, but I am not greatly concerned about the antiquity of Freemasonry, nor am I greatly concerned as to whether Masons ever held meetings in the Great White Temple that crowned Moriah's Mount and sent back to the beautiful noonday sun a million spears of scintillating light. I am not greatly concerned as to whether or not old King Solomon was a Mason.

I am not greatly concerned about any of these things. I do not think these things make a particle of difference to us one way or another, but I am concerned about "what is being done by Masons of today".

Of course I have a certain pride, just as you are proud, to be a member of a Fraternity that has numbered among its votaries thousands whose names have been emblazoned on the pages of our nation's history. We are proud to be members of such a Fraternity, but we should not be content to live in the past. We should not be content to rest upon laurels won by Masons of another day, of another age.

We are not content to live in the past. Today, in every branch of our government, in the highest of national offices, in the highest of state offices, in country government, in city government, in the school district, Masons are to be found carrying the highest responsibilities, and discharging their duties (we hope) in accordance with obligations by which you and I are bound.

With "isms" of every kind threatening us on every side, with our free institutions attacked even by those who were born under them, there is no limit to the work there is for Masons to do, and you and I are not living up to the traditions of the past, we are not worthy successors of Masons who have preceded us, we are not performing the service we will be expected to perform if we are not giving something in time and effort to civic, social and political affairs. Masons of today should not be less assiduous than the Masons of yesteryear in that

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service to which our obligations bind us whenever and wherever opportunity offers.

### Appreciation

I would like to thank W. Scott Mason for filling in for me for the past few months. ☐

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



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### Fish Fry

April 4th is the date of the Genesee/Wyoming Masonic Activities fabulous Fish Fry at the LeRoy Masonic Hall, 8 West Main St. The menu is Fried North Atlantic Haddock, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, homemade pies and beverage. All this for: adult - \$6.00, children under 12 - \$4.00, and children under 5 - free. Serving times are 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. with take-outs starting at 4:30 p.m.

### Congratulations

Congratulations are in order to Brother Lynn Saulsbury. On December 2, 1936 Lynn was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Sixty years of continuous membership in our illustrious Craft and Olive Branch Lodge. Lynn is wintering in the South and when he gets home, there will be a celebration.

### Storms

We have had two very strong wind storms, the latest on February 27th. Winds reached 70 mph. We had shingles blown off the roof of our building. Any Brothers that would like to help with our roofing project, send your donations to Brother Dave Ehrhart, Secretary.

### Brotherhood Fund

Brother Bob Clow, Brotherhood Fund Chairman, states: "Our '96-'97 Fund Drive has gotten off to a slow start." Due in part to the new central donation processing set up in New York, reports are running 6 to 8 weeks behind. Shortly after you receive Brother Clow's newsletter, a 2nd mailing for the Brotherhood Fund will go out. If you have sent your contribution, thank you. If not, take a minute and send a dollar.

### We need members

My Brothers, we need young men to join our Fraternity. Please write to young men in LeRoy and the surrounding area. See if you can "sell" them on Masonry. We are planning to have a dinner meeting inviting them, their wives and families, to explain the Fraternity and our goals. Please send me the names of possible candidates.

### Past Fish Fries

The February 14th and March 7th Fish Fries were very successful. The fun, fellowship and cooperation of the ladies of the Eastern Star and we Freemasons were gratifying. We were able to have more neighbors and friends join us at the tables for good food, good times, and good fellowship.

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#### Euchre winners

This year's Euchre Tournament is over. Brother Chuck Krauss emerged as the winner. Congratulations to Brother Fletcher Parker and Brother Jim Ratigan who finished 2nd and 3rd.

#### Molly

As I write this, Molly, the Genesee/Wyoming Traveling Trophy, resides at Triluminar after an extended visit to Hesperus Lodge. Since we claimed Molly on February 20th, Constellation Lodge took her from us and we reclaimed her a week later. Molly will probably be gone by the time this is published so that means she's doing her job.

#### Grand Lodge

Five Brothers from Triluminar are preparing to go to Grand Lodge in May and I hope the other Lodges are represented as well.

#### Golf Tournament

The correct date for our Golf Tournament is June 7th. We always have a good time. Great food and hospitality are included in the entry fees, along with some trophies and cash prizes, \$120.00 for first place. Call any member to sign up or call Rolling Acres Golf Course, 567-8557. The Tournament is open to everyone.

### Constellation Lodge No. 404



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1st & 3rd  
Thursdays

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#### Euchre Tourney

Charles J. Krauss, Fletcher Parker and Jim Ratigan were the winners in the Euchre Tourney just completed. W.. Charles J. Krauss, the First Place winner, has proposed a regional tourney to give him a chance to be the king of a bigger hill! He commended W.. John Cook for his interest and effort in making the 1997 Euchre Tourney a success. Seriously, Brother Chuck believes that a regional tourney may cement the bonds of Craft friendship and understanding.

#### Miss Molly

A team of Brothers from Constellation Lodge traveled to Triluminar Lodge on February 26th to successfully capture our Traveling Trophy. Barely had she been installed and displayed in Perry's Lodge room when a team from Triluminar Lodge arrived on March 6th to reclaim her.

#### Joint venture

A Swiss Steak Dinner will be available on Sunday, April 6th in the dining room of Perry's Temple. Meals will be served from noon to 3:00 p.m. It is sponsored jointly by members of the OES and Constellation Lodge. Tell your friends to join you there for a delicious repast.

#### The 3rd Degree

Members should contact the Master to participate in the re-scheduled 3rd Degree. Let us raise a new Master Mason before the Summer recess. Strike while the iron is hot! We have a ready candidate.

#### Sorrow revisited

Samuel M. Seltzer, age 70, a long time Mason and former Master of Mount Morris Lodge No. 122 in Livingston County, died on Saturday, March 8, 1997 in Lockport, NY.

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



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#### Child ID

On February 22nd, Batavia Lodge held its first Child ID taping. We videotaped approximately 10-12 children. Not a great start, but not a bad start either, considering this was our first attempt at this.

On March 8th we held our second taping session and we videotaped 38 children that day. It was the hard work and effort of the Lodge Brethren that made that session better than our last one. It was decided to hold yet another Child ID taping on April 12th, time and place to be announced. It only takes ONE Brother in a Lodge to set the date for a taping, then ask for help whether it be from Brothers in your own Lodge or from within the District. After our first taping session I had Brothers say that they actually had fun that day, and when are we going to do this again. This is not a project that requires a lot of physical labor or many hours of preparation time. With the help and guidance of R..W.. Len Mason of Arcade Lodge, this can easily become one of the best community oriented projects we, or anyone, can ever hope to achieve.

#### Widows Dinner

We will be holding our annual Widows Dinner on Friday, April 18th at the Methodist Church on Lewiston Road in the Town of Batavia. Due to many scheduling conflicts, this was the best possible date we could come up with. R..W.. Bob Dagen will be sending out more information on the dinner in the very near future. If anyone knows of any recent address change for any widow of Batavia Lodge, please let R..W.. Bob Dagen know as soon as possible. His phone number is (716) 548-7148. We do have a nice evening planned, so mark the date on your calendar, and plan on coming to renew old acquaintances and catch up on the latest gossip.

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



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Mondays

R..W.. Kenneth E. Kohlhausen,  
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#### Greetings

It looks like Spring is just around the corner. Just in time to hand out pumpkin seeds for our Giant Pumpkin and Best Pumpkin Carving Contest to be held this Fall. Seeds will be handed out March 29th at West Star Lodge in Varysburg from 9:00 a.m. until noon. If your kids, grandchildren, neighbors or you would like to grow pumpkins, seeds and registration are only \$1.00.

#### Events

There will be a Roast Pork Dinner at 7:00 p.m. on May 25th, noon until ?

We have a list of events coming up so mark your calendars. A Table Lodge will be on May 31st.

Neighborhood Days are June 14th and 15th, with a Chicken Bar-B-Que on Saturday from noon until ?

The Pumpkin Judging Contest will be October 11th (possibly a Chicken Bar-B-Que). You will want to attend all of these activities. Anyone who wants to help out with these events, speak up - many hands make short work.

#### History

A bit of Masonic history: Brigadier General John C. Robinson, called "The Hairiest General...in a much bearded Army", fought at the Battle of Gettysburg. Robinson became a member of Binghamton Lodge No. 177, Binghamton, NY. He was the 1st Worshipful Master of Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 205, Camp Floyd, Utah. He was knighted a Knight Templar in Monroe Commandery No. 12 in Rochester, NY on February 4, 1851.

### HESPERUS Lodge No. 837



W.. George R. Springett  
Master  
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1st and 3rd  
Thursday

W.. John Specht,  
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#### Spring has sprung

Now that Winter has officially ended for this year, it is time to see fabulous Winter birds return to the nests of the North. Welcome back, my Brothers, it is good to see you all again. You have not missed much in the way of the 70° February weather we have enjoyed this year.

#### Reminder

A reminder that the Brotherhood Fund Drive is still in progress. If you have not forwarded your contribution to Grand Lodge, now is the time to do so. Your participation is needed to

assist in the extension of our brotherly love to all mankind. If you are in the possession of the envelope from Grand Lodge, please put it to its proper use, otherwise submit your contribution to the Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Brother Joseph Chimino, for forwarding to Grand Lodge.

#### Sickness and distress

Brother Ralph Marsocci has had a continued series of setbacks in his health over the last several months, but is now making significant improvement. Brother Farrell Fisk's health has not improved as hoped.

R..W.. John Bater still has his good and bad days, but his friendly smile indicates his acceptance of his situation. He is thankful for those Brothers who offer their assistance to him.

Brother Ira Hinsdale was hospitalized for surgery and is not doing well.

Please keep all of our Brothers in your prayers to the Great Architect of the Universe for his blessings on them.

#### Looking ahead

On April 3rd we will review our By-Laws. Guest speaker night will be on April 17th. The Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philalethes Society will hold a dinner meeting on April 30th. It will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Downtown Masonic Temple in Rochester.

Move-up Night is on May 1st. Grand Lodge Communication is May 5th & 6th in NYC. Our Election of Officers will be held on May 15th and May 17th is the date of our Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que.

Mark your calendars now for the Annual Golf Tournament at Rolling Acres on June 7th.

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



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Wednesday  
(Jan-Feb-Mar  
3rd Wed Only)

R..W.. Donald Van Son,  
Secretary 591-1390  
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Attica, N. Y. 14011

#### Old routine

It is said that April showers bring May flowers. Well, April also brings back two meetings a month for Attica Lodge. The old routine of the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays starts again this month so mark your calendars accordingly.

#### Remember input?

In the March issue of the *Masonic Times* we had set April 1st as a deadline for your response to whether or not Attica Lodge should continue to subscribe to this publication. To date, we haven't received one reply from our membership. Therefore, we must assume that none of our members read our articles or you just do not care if you receive it or not. The officers are disappointed in this lack of interest and will take this "no response" into consideration when the time comes to renew our subscription.

#### Lodge income

Annual Lodge dues account for nearly 40% of our yearly income. The other 60% is received from Lodge sponsored events

such as our monthly Pancake Breakfasts, Chicken Bar-B-Ques, and many other special fundraisers and donations from some of our members.

Last year's expenses were nearly \$9,700 of which Lodge dues offset this by \$3,885 (if all paid), and the balance of \$5,815 was from Lodge sponsored events and donations. What is our point of mentioning these figures? The point is we need the members to pay their dues within a reasonable time after they receive the dues notice. We need more help from the members living within driving distance to assist us in Lodge sponsored events.

To date, 85% of the dues have been received and we thank you for this. To the remaining 15%, please send them in soon. To area members, please take some time to offer your assistance for Lodge supported events.

#### Those to remember

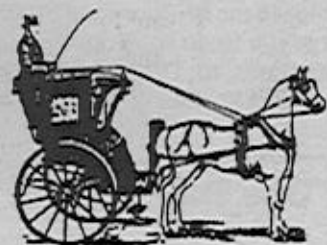
One of our oldest living members has been confined to the hospital for the last several weeks. R..W.. Norman Godfrey, a 68 year member who will be 96 years young on May 28th, is in the Wyoming County Community Hospital. I know he would appreciate a card and wouldn't it be a good Masonic gesture to flood him with birthday cards on his birthday? His hospital address is: Wyoming County Community Hospital, North Street, Warsaw, NY 14569. His home address is: 35 North View Park, Attica, NY 14011.

Brothers Newton and Clayton Shaw's father passed away February 17th. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families.

#### Brotherhood Fund

W.. Dennis Turton, Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund reports that only four members have contributed a total of \$105 so far. We need to do better, Brothers. Please send in your donations as soon as possible.

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



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### Good Friday, Good Fish

Our Annual Fish Fry is on March 28th, Good Friday, at our Lodge in Castile. Serving time is 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Prices are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Takeouts are available.

### Thanks

Sorry for the inconvenience to all the Brothers who came out for the Euchre Tournament. I apologize for having to move to the Legion Building due to more trouble with our boiler. Thank you for sticking around. We would also like to thank the Wallace-Jeffers Post No. 753 for the use of their building.

### Support appreciated

Thanks for the support from all my Lodge Brothers for the donation that will help me go to Grand Lodge in May. I will try to represent our Lodge well.

### Important date

To all Brothers reading this article, the date of April 15th is very important. That is going to be Bring-a-Brother, Bring-a-Friend Night. I have a nice program set up to help each Brother think of a Brother or a future Brother who would lift our Lodge to new heights. You will all be hearing from me in the near future on this very important meeting and program.

### Brotherhood Fund

Funds are still coming in slowly. If you haven't already donated to the Brotherhood Fund, I urge you to do so. You can send donations to D.J. Beardsley, 8 Prospect St., Castile, NY 14427.

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By Cyrus Kloner

Our great Fraternity is founded upon many excellent tenets, a few of which are unity, brotherly love and harmony.

### Unity

As it is said, "How good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity." This infers that the same will be done in peace and harmony. "No community can protect character where petty strife is born of mischievous tongues." All members of the Fraternity must work together, rather than be divisive or uncooperative. "In Union is strength, in harmony is peace".

### Brotherly love

"...there is no term so often used within our midst, no words more freighted with the strength of man's very best characteristics, no claim so glistening with the ties of honest affection, as our password of greeting, 'My Brother!' We as Free and Accepted Masons are taught to "...spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, that cement which unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and Brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree".

### Work harder

With all of the aforementioned in mind, it is incumbent upon you as a Mason to exert your every effort toward the perpetuation of these principles. We cannot let minor piques and/or quarrels interfere with the noble works of our Fraternity. We all must exert a little more effort to extend brotherly love and thereby maintain harmony and unity in the Craft. Brotherly love is, among other things, being friendly, considerate, thoughtful, good-natured, accommodating and avoiding being unkind, inconsiderate, malicious, mean, spiteful, caustic, harsh, cruel, etc.

We, as Masons, cannot escape or shirk our share in this responsibility to always promote brotherly love, unity and harmony. □

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By R.W. Gene Brendel

### Grand Lodge Programs

As we have stated in our Official Visits to the various Lodges, "Education is the primary tool by which Masonry in New York will revitalize itself." This should not come as a surprise to readers of this publication as, for several years now, previous Grand Lodge Officers of the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts have played an important part in the development of Grand Lodge Programs. With the implementation of these Programs we are beginning to see the fruits of our labor as many new candidates petition for membership. The keys to success are education and the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program.

### Presentations

There may be some among us who may be concerned that we may be violating our obligations in the way the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program is presented. To those doubters we would recommend the Lodge System of Masonic Education or volunteering to be a Shepherd to a new Brother. At the very least we recommend reviewing the obligations of the three Degrees.

### Myths

There are many myths about Masonry's secrets and most of them are just that, myths. It is time to dispel those myths and educate the membership. Our forms of recognition we must protect, but we must also inform the public of the benefits of the Masonic Fraternity to society. To paraphrase a local retailer: An educated candidate is our most important customer. We must always keep in mind that we are not just Masons, we are Free and Accepted Masons.

### Freedoms

As Freemasons we are free in our choice of religious and political pursuits and we are also free to review how we go about attracting new members. The Brother Bring-a-Friend Program gives us the freedom to seek out men of strong moral character, show them the benefits of Masonry and point them to the Lodge. To do less than that will condemn our Lodges to extinction.

### Acceptance

As Accepted Masons we find ourselves on a two-way street. When we submitted our petition we sought acceptance of the Lodge. Following a favorable report by the Investigating Committee the Lodge voted to accept us. In the 1st Degree we were assured that we would find nothing in the Obligation to conflict with our moral, social or civil values and we accepted the Lodge. To grow and spread the Light

which we have received in Masonry we must work to be accepted by the general public and we must do it through education. First we must educate ourselves and then we must educate our communities. □

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Zabel  
1st MONROE  
DISTRICT



By V.E. John Zabel

Scott and I thank Monroe Lodge for the use of their facility for the School of Ritual held on March 3rd and for the excellent refreshments provided after the School. The 1st Section of the 2nd Degree was exemplified by Northfield and Etolian Lodges. The work by both Lodges' Officers was excellent. Several points were made during the exemplification. We also thank the Brethren who attended the School of Ritual and hope they went away having learned something or at least enjoyed the evening.

Scott and I were disappointed that more Lodges were not in attendance. We know that there are Lodges that know the Ritual and how to confer the Degrees. We encourage those Lodges to attend the School of Ritual to impart their expertise to the Brethren of the Monroe Districts. There is nothing more exhilarating than watching or participating in Ritual and share view points and fine points of the Ritual.

The next important event is the Joint Investiture for newly elected Masters. Before a newly elected Master can be installed, he must be invested with the Secrets of the Chair. It has become a tradition in the Monroe Districts to have a Joint Investiture Ceremony. This year's Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 16th. The Ceremony will be held at the Downtown Temple and will be preceded by a dinner. The Ceremony is for newly elected Masters, current Masters and all Past Masters. The guest speaker will be R.W. John Fuller, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. This is a speaker you cannot afford to miss.

All newly elected Masters are encouraged to attend with the current Master of their Lodges. While it is true that a newly elected Master can be invested by the Past Masters of his Lodge, the Joint Investiture is not to be missed. This is the best way to start your term as Master of your Lodge. More information will be sent to the Lodge Secretaries in the Monroe Districts. Do not miss this event.

The Lodges in the Monroe Districts will be conferring Degrees on candidates as we progress towards Summer. Scott and I offer our assistance at Degree rehearsals or just clarifying portions of the Ritual. Please do not hesitate to call either one of us with questions.

It is our job to assist the Brethren in the Districts to learn and confer the Degrees of Freemasonry in the best manner possible. □

## Masters and Wardens



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1st & 2nd  
MONROE DISTRICTS

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W. M. Donald Darrohn 225-1782  
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W. Donald C. Bell 334-7768

### February meeting

The Maplewood Inn was the site of our most recent meeting, February 22nd, hosted by W. Richard Snyder of Valley/Simes Lodge and his wife, Rita. There were 44 for dinner with the Senior Wardens taking the attendance honors with 11 present.

We had the pleasure of having M.W. Gary Henningsen, Grand Secretary, and his wife, Ada, join us for the dinner and program. He offered a number of comments, several of which are noted here: He indicated his pleasure at seeing the ladies present, encouraged Masonry to involve the family in its activities, and was very complimentary of the Monroes wishing to clone them and take segments and spread them throughout the other Districts of the State.

### April

Clio's Ox Roast is the attraction that takes us to Hilton on April 26th and the next Masters and Wardens meeting. W. Tom Tanner, Master, will seat us together at approximately 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.00. Please be prompt so that others are not unnecessarily delayed. Our meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. in the Lodge room on the main floor.

This meeting should be attended by all Masters, Wardens and particularly all those who will be Junior Wardens next year. This will be a planning meeting and we will review and discuss the successes and opportunities for improvement that occurred this year. Our objective will be to transfer the information that will enable all the members of next year's M & W Association to assume ownership and share their commitment to the organization. It should not be Masters and Wardens in name only.

### Traveling Gavel

The Traveling Gavel hasn't done much traveling! It's still at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays and have had the Gavel since November. I'm certain they'd enjoy your visit - just bring seven Brothers, one being the Master or Warden, all being present at the beginning of the communication. □

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## 2nd Monroe District

### Charlotte/Corinthian

#### Lodge No. 1088

W.: James A. De Lorenzo, Master  
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7:30 P.M.

C. William Flemming, Secretary  
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#### February

Ben Franklin Night on February 18th was a fantastic event. Over eighty people were in attendance! The night started with a complimentary dinner that consisted of our award winning Chili, hot and/or medium, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad, and a creamy Strawberry/Almond dessert. All contributions went toward the widows luncheon. The program was performed by Paul Stillman of "Historically Speaking". He did a fabulous job! He really is Ben Franklin!

#### March

Our 2nd Degree on March 4th was performed excellently by a new team. We now have 3 new Fellowcrafts.

#### Looking ahead

Our 3rd Degree will be conferred on April 1st by the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team. The Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m. and our dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please call JW Andy Alvarez at 426-1946 with your reservation.

Our Annual Table Lodge will be held on April 15th. The Lodge

will open at 6:00 p.m. and our dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please call JW Andy with your reservation.

#### Special note

Laura Alvarez will be cooking both dinners!

#### Adjustment

Due to the Joint Investiture on May 16th, the Trestleboard has been adjusted accordingly.

Move-up Night will be on April 15th. I will also be giving my Master's Report that night.

May 6th will be a Summoned Meeting for our annual Election of Officers. May 20th will be the Installation of Officers.

June 3rd will be a regular business meeting. June 10th will be a Brother-Bring-a-Friend Night.

The Family Picnic will be on Sunday, June 8th. It will be held at Camp Eastman, which is part of Durand Eastman Park. We are planning on having a Pig Roast this year! All we need is a guarantee of sunshine. Please call JW Andy with your reservation and guarantee.

See ya soon! □



Brother Franklin explaining how his "Harmonium" works.

## Towpath Lodge No. 163

W.: Lawrence E. Lundgren, Master  
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(w) 654-8115

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

R.: W.: Terry Wihlen, Secretary  
(h) 461-1368 (w) 458-1880  
152 Commercial St. West  
E. Rochester, NY 14445

#### Degrees

Greetings as we cross the midpoint of our Lodge year. We continue to labor under the theme of "Making Good Men Better". We began our Spring round of Degrees by conferring the 1st Degree on two candidates on February 18th. A third Brother joined us for the 2nd Degree on March 18th and the 3rd Degree will be on April 15th. Reservations for dinner can be made with JW Dan Emerson at 334-7730.

#### Thanks

At our March 4th regular communication, we were pleased to have an "unofficial visit" from our District Officers. Following warm remarks from R.: W.: William Spillane, Grand Director of Ceremonies, our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: David Jones presented the Lodge with a set of gavels for the Master, Junior Warden and Senior Warden that had been given to Zetland Lodge in 1918. Zetland was one of the Lodges that merged with Yonondio and Genesee Falls to form Towpath. These gavels were discovered in prop boxes at the Auditorium Center during preparations for "Phantom of the Opera". Our thanks to Brother Jones for the return of these pieces of our heritage.

#### Charitable work

The program for the evening focused on "Good Men Making a Better Community-Through Masonic Charities". Brother Phil Hurwitz, Senior Deacon, presented an excellent summation of the charitable work of Masons and Concordant Bodies within New York State. Keep checking your issues of the *Masonic Times* for Brother Hurwitz's regular legal column as well as a reprise of this presentation. In his concluding remarks, Brother Hurwitz challenged us to consider sponsoring a car for the Rochester Soap Box Derby in 1998. We can

participate in one of two ways: by sponsoring another person or organization who actually enters a car in the race; or the more exciting option, of purchasing a racer of our own. Once the racer and accessories were purchased, our ongoing investment would be upkeep, time and annual registration fees.

It is estimated that the total costs for a car would be about \$650, including: racer kit, wheels, helmet, registration fees, weight set and decaling. Phil reminded us that such a project ought not to be considered without a willingness to commit the time necessary to raise funds for the project, and without having put a system in place where the project was self sustaining. Hence, he proposed formation of a committee to develop a fundraising strategy and mission for the project. The project suggestion will be considered by the Lodge at the May 6th meeting. Brothers with ideas, questions or concerns are urged to contact Brother Hurwitz at 581-1831.

#### Grand Ball

The Masters and Wardens Grand Ball was held March 22nd at Zamara's Party House, 898 Buffalo Road. Cocktails began at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. R.: W.: Stewart McCloud, Deputy Grand Master of the State of New York was the speaker.

#### Future events

Our program at our first communication in April will focus on "The Family of Masonry-Building Through Concordant Bodies". Brothers Ron Mertens and Bill Zufall will make presentations on Scottish Rite and York Rite. We also anticipate viewing the excellent video "Scottish Rite Freemasonry: A Conscience for America". Are you confused about Knights Templar, Tall Cedars, Shrine, Grotto, Rose Croix? This will be an opportune time to learn about the various Masonic Bodies Brothers may join.

Mark your calendars for our Ladies Night on Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Wishing Well. All Brothers and their wives or guests are invited. Dinner choices include Orange Roughy in lemon butter, Chicken Kiev with French cream sauce and Sirloin of Beef with mushroom sauce. Reservations can be made with Dan Emerson at 334-7730. This will be a great evening of fellowship, conversation and food, not only with the Brothers of the Lodge, but also with their ladies. Join us.

#### Changes

There is a change in our Trestleboard. The Assistant Grand Lecturers for the Monroes have scheduled the Joint Investiture of incoming Masters on May 16th. Our original schedule had placed our elections on May 20th which would be after the Investiture. Therefore, we have moved our elections ahead to the May 6th communication. Please take note and plan to attend the election.

On behalf of the officers of Towpath Lodge, we hope that God's blessings will be with you and yours in the coming days. □

## Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969

W.: Carmo Vitali, Master  
(h) 334-1214  
(w) 724-8106



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

Thomas W. Kendig, Secretary  
265-2624  
875 Main Street East  
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

By Robert Ogden

Brethren, as I write this column on March 3rd, I am looking at eight inches of snow that fell last night and the sun is shining brightly. It's just 32°.

#### Misfortunes

W.: Bill Shelby returned from Rochester General and is doing quite well. W.: "Skip" Waterstreet injured one of his ankles badly and also both legs. W.: Carm Vitali fell from a ladder seriously injuring his left wrist which is wrapped in a cast up to his shoulder. Barbara Walker, wife of Charles Walker, fell and broke her pelvic bone. Our sincere wishes for speedy recoveries for all.

#### Ladies name badges

As mentioned in the last issue, ladies name badges will be furnished free, widows included. Please feel free to call W.: Tom Kendig at 265-2624 to place your order.

#### Dues

W.: Tom Kendig reports approximately 75% of annual dues have been received. Our Grand Lodge assessment was due March 15th, please respond as soon as possible so we may cover this expense.

#### Reminder

Brother Jack Grover has received many reservations for the Annual Fellowcraft Dinner on April 8th at the Maplewood Inn. Hurry up, fellows, this is always a great fun event, so please call Brother Jack today.

#### Milestones

Many happy returns to the Brethren born in April: Brothers Herb Becks, Earl Buckley, Tom Davis, Glen Ide, Earl Lenhard, Howie Marchak, Earl Martin, Dick Militello, Ross Mitchell, Arnold Raymond, Ron Sterling, Christ Stock, Dick Stone, Chuck Sutton, Bob Thompson, Mikolaj Tworek, Dave Ververs, and Carm Vitali.

#### April meetings

There will be a dinner meeting on April 1st. The Fellowcraft Annual Dinner Meeting is April 8th and a regular Lodge meeting is April 15th. □



Ben Franklin (Paul Stillman) and son talking with W.: Bill Flemming, Secretary, Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088.

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### Brother-Bring-A-Brother Night

Friday, April 4, 1997

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**O-At-Ka  
Lodge No. 759**

W.. Kevin C. Fisher, Master  
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2nd & 4th  
Wednesdays  
7:30 P.M.

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

**Official welcome**

Well, now I can officially welcome our two new Brother Master Masons, Richard Fimble and Charles Piazza. Both of these gentlemen are sincere, energetic, friendly and all around great guys. I personally am excited about these new Brothers because I know that they will be a great asset to Oatka Lodge. Already they have been instrumental in some of the newest repairs to the Lodge building.

**Sickness and distress**

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Brother McKinley Gath and family on the passing of his dear wife this past month. Mack, all our thoughts are with you and if we can do anything at all don't hesitate to call on us.

To my dismay I also have to announce the passing of one of our Lodge Brothers, Kenyon E. Craw, who joined the Great Architect this past February. Our sincerest sympathy to Kenyon's family and friends.

**Thank you**

Great thanks go out to R..W.. Richard Friedman for the talk he gave to our Lodge on Masonry in Nazi Germany. There were quite a few non-Masons present and I know that they were just as intrigued by what we learned that evening as any one of us Masons. Thanks again, Rich, for helping us have an interesting and worthwhile evening.

**March Madness**

March Madness usually refers to the NCAA Basketball Tournament, but I also think it would apply to Oatka Lodge this past March. We had a couple of big meeting nights with Bring-a-Friend and our History Talk, thrown right in between was our St. Patty's Day Party.

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The reason I am bringing this up is all of these events and the work that was done in the building in preparation for them required a tremendous amount of work and effort by a lot of the Brothers. I won't refer to all of you by name because it will make my newsletter longer than may be appreciated, but I just want you all to know how much your support of Oatka Lodge and myself really means. Thank you all so much!

**April**

We will be holding our Awards Night on April 23rd. Please come out and join us.

**Don't be afraid**

I have mentioned this in the past and will continue to do so in the future. I hear there are Brothers out there who are afraid to come to Lodge. They say that they don't remember the passwords, or they don't think they can make it up the stairs, or worst of all, they don't think they will know anyone and are afraid of being ignored.

I don't know what has happened in the past, but I do know for a fact that right now at Oatka Lodge you and your family are just as important to us as any active member is. We will make any accommodations necessary just to see you come out and join us. Please give us a call!

**FAME  
Lodge No. 945**

CHARTERED 1917

W.. Dean F. Marsaw,  
Master  
865-0046  
2nd & 4th  
Tuesdays  
7:30 P.M.



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

By SW Glen Campbell

**Thank you**

Thanks to the Brothers who filled in at our last communication. This time of year found us a few bodies short, but as always, the Brothers of Fame Lodge came forward and all places and stations were filled.

**Looking for a place?**

The Fame Lodge building has open nights available to rent to any organization looking for meeting space. Anyone interested should contact Charles Petersen at 663-7661.

**April**

On April 8th Culver Chapter will provide a Meatloaf and Scalloped Potato Dinner.

Fame Lodge Awards Night will be held on April 22nd. We will be honoring our Past Masters, and 25, 40, 50, and 60 year members.

The Calling Committee will be contacting Fame Lodge Brothers for dinner reservations. If any other Brothers wish to attend the dinners, give me a call and we will be sure to have a place set for you at our table. We would especially like to see a strong turnout for the Awards Night.

**GERMANIA  
Lodge No. 722**

W.. David Foster,  
Master  
244-0194



3rd Tues.  
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May, Jun., Oct.  
7:30 P.M.

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

**Greetings Brethren**

Our meeting this month is on April 15th. Our program that night will be Move Up Night. Come out that night and get a "Sneak Preview" of your 1997-98 officers. It's kind of like a shake-down cruise given a new ship before sending it out on its own. I have full confidence, and I'm sure you do also, in our upcoming officers. They all do excellent Ritual work and I look forward to an interesting year being planned by next term's Master, Bob McBride. I know he's put a lot of work into his Trestleboard. I won't steal any of Bob's thunder, but I know you'll be missing some interesting meetings if you don't find some time to get out to Lodge during Bob's year as Master.

**Ladies Night**

This is the last announcement for our Annual Fellowship Ladies Night on April 12th. The night will feature dinner, followed by bowling, card playing and socializing at the Red Men's Club on Lexington Avenue near Mt. Read Blvd. We are having the deluxe buffet dinner at a cost of only \$10.00 per Brother; his lady will be our guest. Not only do our ladies come free, but they will receive a nice memento of the evening. For those who wish to bowl after dinner, the cost is only \$1.00 per game and there is no charge for shoe rental. Socializing starts at 6:00 p.m. If you haven't made your reservations yet, do it now! Call me at 244-0194 to make your reservation. This is a great event to bring a prospective Brother and his lady to and introduce them to the fun side on Masonry. Same deal for guests-men pay \$10.00 and their lady is our guest. Why not invite one of your buddies to this nice party?

**Good news**

I understand that Brothers Oscar Reber and Bruce Howland are both home again. We wish these Brothers the best and hope to see them soon.

**Reminder**

Keep those Brotherhood Fund contributions coming in. Remember, we're shooting to hit 85% participation this year. A dollar is all it takes. We've only got about a month left in this year's Drive and we really need to make that final push to hit our goal. If you haven't made a contribution yet, please send one in. If you have, thank you. Your support is deeply appreciated. If you can, make a second donation, perhaps in the name of a departed loved one or in celebration of a new grandchild or just because it will help the folks at the Masonic Home in Utica. It's hard to find a better cause to contribute to than the Masonic Brotherhood Fund.

**Move Up Night**

Our meeting in April is on Tuesday, the 15th. It will be Move

Up Night with this year's officers taking next year's chairs. As usual, our Potluck Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. Give a call to a Brother whom we haven't seen in a while and encourage him to come out. Offer him a ride-you might just make the Brother's week.

**Dues**

The Secretary has asked me to remind you that dues are due. Please send yours in if you haven't already done so. Thanks.

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

See you at Lodge!

**Churchville  
Lodge No. 667**

W.. Craig T. Mollon,  
Master  
293-2949



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

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

**Future events**

Brethren, "Fervency and Zeal" is the subject of our meeting on the 9th of April. There will be a dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Churchville Lodge No. 667 will confer the 3rd Degree on April 23rd. It will be preceded by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

The 2nd Degree on March 26th saw JW Louis Sanfilippo in the East.

**Past celebration and thanks**

Churchville Lodge No. 667 held its Past Masters' Table Lodge on February 12th. Our most enjoyable evening was well attended. My personal thanks to Brother Bill Dunn of Charlotte/Corinthian for his excellent job as Executive Chef. Thanks, also, to JW Louis Sanfilippo for his organization and supervision of this event. The kitchen staff was composed of W.. Garry Hutchurson and W.. Edward Roman. Churchville's own chef, Brother Dale Bentley, prepared an assortment of hors d'oeuvres.

**Have-a-Heart**

Thanks to all the Brothers who participated. A very special thanks to SW George Burke and to Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings for the extra help and support.

**Line Officer Dinner**

There was a special dinner for line officers and their wives held in the Queen Anne Room of the Johnson House on the 25th of January. I wish to thank all Lodge Officers for an excellent turnout for the dinner and attendance to the Masters and Wardens Meeting following it.

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**Masonic Service Bureau**

It is getting to be that time of the year again when the United Way begins its fundraising campaign. Did you know that you can donate part or all of your pledge to the Masonic Service Bureau? I ask that all members of Churchville Lodge No. 667 give serious consideration to giving some or all of their United Way pledge to the Service Bureau.

**Scottish Blessing**

An old Scottish Blessing: If the devil be looking over your left, then may St. Michael be looking over your right.

**Henrietta  
Lodge No. 526  
1863-1995**

W.. Paul B. Josephson,  
Master  
334-7353



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

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

Brethren, it has been a while since Henrietta Lodge has had an article in the Masonic Times. For this I am very sorry. I was waiting for word of the approval on the consolidation. As of the writing of this article, we have not received final approval. We do know that all the paperwork has been approved and has been forwarded to the Grand Master for his dispensation. When this happens we will be in touch with each member of Henrietta Lodge a.s.a.p.

The sale of the Lodge building has once again stagnated. It is now in the hands of a new real estate agent, so hopefully we will see some progress in the near future.


On the positive side we learned on March 17th that the merger of Henrietta Lodge and Union Star Lodge has now been consummated.

We will not meet at Henrietta Lodge Hall in April. We will be meeting with our Brothers of Union Star Lodge on April 14th for a regular meeting. On April 28th we will be assisting them to put on the 3rd Degree. As usual, help will be needed and greatly appreciated. If you can help, contact me at 334-7353.

See you at Union Star.



**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 247-0334  
 17 Church Street  
 Pittsford, N.Y. 14534

**Widows**

The Widows Luncheon was well attended. Brother Fred Hull and W.: John Williams did a fine job. It was brought to our attention that Mrs. Harry Kennedy never received her Widow's Pin. W.: John Dudley took care of that immediately. Sorry about the slip, Ethel.

The Lodge enjoys receiving the letters and post cards from our departed Brother's widows. It is pleasant to keep in touch.

**Degree night**

April 17th is our 3rd Degree, and I will be in the East. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Please call our JW, William V. Fraser for dinner reservations. The weather should be agreeable, so let's get out to Lodge and support our new Brothers.

**Brotherhood Fund**

Time is getting near for the close of this year's Brotherhood Fund Drive. Please send in your donation.

**Sickness and distress**

Brother George Edson Miller passed away on February 28, 1997. Brother George became a Mason on May 2, 1929 at Northfield Lodge No. 426. He served 67 years as a Mason.

A Masonic Service was held at the request of his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Matthews, at the Zornow Funeral Home in Pittsford.


**Snowbirds**

It is getting that time to pack up and come home. You have missed the best Winter I have ever experienced. Not much snow. The temperature was not that bad, either. We did get some 73 degree weather in February.

See you in Lodge when you get back. Drive carefully.

**1st Monroe District**

**Flower City Lodge No. 910**



W.: Douglas Higgins,  
 Master 475-0478  
 2nd Thursday  
 7:30 P.M.  
 R.: W.: Phillip Averbach,  
 Secretary 458-1817  
 875 Main St. East  
 Rochester, N.Y. 14605

**Dear Brethren**

As most of you know, our program for the evening had to be canceled this month. Unfortunately, our guest speaker was unexpectedly called out of town on

business. As a result, we decided to conduct a much needed rehearsal for our upcoming Degree work. The evening concluded with refreshments and good fellowship.

**Your support needed**


Our next communication will be on Thursday, April 10th at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will not be open to the ladies. Our Senior Warden, Brother Bill Nardone, will be sitting in the East for the first time. He has decided to have a "men's night out" program. After a brief business meeting, we will have refreshments, card games and a relaxing evening for all. I hope you will all come out and join us for the fellowship and to support our upcoming Master.

Please read your monthly newsletter for the dates and information on our forthcoming Degree work and rehearsals. If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next communication.

**Editor's Award for Lodge News Articles**

*The following article has been selected as an outstanding and well written contribution from a local author.*



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 Second Tuesday  
 6:00 P.M.  
 W.: Robert C. Green, Sec.  
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 30 Orchard St.,  
 Webster, N.Y. 14580

**Greetings Brethren!**

Our work in the quarries has paid off! As a direct result of our Masonic Information Night Program we have candidates. Two enthusiastic young men will be knocking at the Inner Door at our next meeting. Please make a special effort to participate in this great and important undertaking. Remember to make a reservation with JW Gary Stein.

**Spreading of oil**

We thank W.: Robert C. Green for his in-depth proposal to restructure our dues. We believe that this area of our By-Laws is in need of revision. Brother Green will be presenting this program at a later date so all areas of the proposal may be looked at, and all applicable options may be discussed in Open Lodge.

We also thank Brothers Don Rose and Gary Stein for participating in our visit to the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua. If you ever had any doubt in your mind that our country has not made any sacrifices to live in a state of freedom, you need to pay a visit to this Center. Our meager offering of ice cream and treats was accepted with great enthusiasm. It was a very educational and emotionally satisfying experience. We would like to express our thanks to W.: Robert Crystal for filling in for a very busy Brother Derek VanHouten who was called away to Shrine Circus duties.


**Upcoming events**

As previously stated, we will be putting on the 1st Degree for two gentlemen at our next meeting. Our Annual Ladies Night is shaping up to be a "hum-dinger" of an event. All local members are being called for their reservations. If you were overlooked, please contact Brother Bob Green. If you have non-Masonic friends who would like to come, they are welcome to attend. We are sending invitations to all families who attended our Masonic Information Night in February. They will have the chance to see our special kind of fellowship in action.

**Passing of the Gavel**

It is hard to believe that my year as your Master is coming to an end. As you Past Masters know, it is a time of relief and sorrow. It has been an honor to serve the Craft. I hope that my endeavors have brought added light to Seneca's great aura. I know that the next Master will bring additional strength and dignity to the Seneca tradition. Thank you to all the membership. You are truly upright men and Masons.

**WEBSTER Lodge No. 538**



W.: William J. Edwards,  
 Master 872-3993  
 1st & 3rd Thursdays  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Henry Libera, Secretary  
 872-5427  
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 WEBSTER, N.Y. 14580

**Greetings, Brethren**

As I write this article we are in the midst of an exciting month of Masonic activity in March. The month started off with Master Masons Night at Webster Chapter OES on March 4th. A special thanks to Matron Ruth Beard for such a warm welcome to the Brothers of Webster Lodge. I am very pleased how Webster Lodge and Webster Chapter are working together. For those who missed it, the Brothers were presented a fashion show featuring different styles of exotic aprons. Maybe we can convince the ladies to do another show at a Spaghetti Dinner!

Webster Lodge was also presented a monetary donation to assist with the building renovations. The Chapter has been very supportive of the recent renovation projects, which include the new carpeting, covering the kitchen stairwell and resolving the water problem in the basement. When you see any member of Webster Chapter, please thank her for their generosity and support.

**Past Masters Program**

On March 6th R.: W.: Bruce Chilton was again in the East, this time as Worshipful Master for the Past Masters Program. Everyone enjoyed seeing the Past Masters in the chairs and we learned a few lessons about Masonic Protocol, including the "Short Form Closing". It was nice to have W.: Burt Paine and R.: W.: Don McTarnaghan in attendance. Thanks to the Past Masters for all their continued support to Webster Lodge. I look forward to being welcomed into your esteemed organization.

**Service Awards**

The Grand Lodge Service Awards Program is scheduled for Thursday, April 3rd. There is a dinner planned at 6:30 p.m. Please call Charlie at 872-1094 or Paul Moore at 872-6633 for your dinner reservations. R.: W.: Cyrus Kloner will be in attendance to assist in presenting awards to:

- 65 years-G. Robert Witmer, Sr.
- 55 years-James W. Hall, Sr. and Bruce F. Kiefer
- 50 years-Grant J. Kothiringer, Arland L. Morgan, Paul E. Pellet, Paul H. Weller and Wilhelm U. Weller
- 45 years-Daniel L. Ertel and Paul A. Graham-Radd
- 40 years-Gordon W. Palmer
- 35 years-Norman E. Bresson, James D. Sutter, Eugene VanVoorhis, Charles R. White, Henry L. Willard, Jr.
- 30 years-Wayne R. Abrams, Kenneth V. Hutchinson, Jr., and Thomas Welch

**Spaghetti Dinner**

The monthly Spaghetti Dinner with Webster OES is planned for Friday, April 4th. Dinner is served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A few additional hands would be greatly appreciated, especially in the afternoon to assist with preparation. If you cannot help as a volunteer, bring your family and come support the dinner. You will get a great dinner for a reasonable price.

**Chair Lift**

The Lodge Trustees have asked the members of Webster Lodge and Webster Chapter if there is support to install chair lifts in the Lodge. One lift to the Lodge room and one lift to the dining hall. Many feel this would allow additional members of both organizations to attend functions who currently cannot attend due to difficulty in climbing the stairs. Call W.: Dan VanDorn at 671-3010 and let him know your thoughts. He is especially interested in hearing from those Brothers who would attend Lodge if the chair lift were installed. While you are on the phone with him, take a moment to share your appreciation for all the work the Trustees have done to improve the Lodge building. KUDOS to the Trustees!

**Trestleboard updates**

I apologize to all the Brethren for the recent and continual changes to the Trestleboard. Due to circumstances outside my control, the calendar has been very "fluid" this Spring. I have done my best to set the Craft at work. A Lodge newsletter will be in the mail shortly with a revised Trestleboard. Just to give advance notice, the 3rd Degree has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 1st. The Shrine Degree Team will be conferring the Degree and a dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.


**Snowbirds**

Welcome back to all the "Florida Travelers". It is nice to see "missing faces" at Lodge again. If you have not been to Lodge in a while, stop by. We would love to see you. If you have forgotten the password, grip or sign, no problem. The Senior Deacon will be glad to assist with any questions you have before the meeting.

May the blessing of heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons.

**Spaghetti Dinner Webster Lodge**  
**Friday April 4, 1997**  
 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
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**MONROE Lodge No. 173**



W.: Neil E. Laundry,  
 Master 964-2135  
 2nd & 4th Tuesday  
 7:30 P.M.  
 Roy D. Goold, Secretary  
 637-6419  
 67 Main Street  
 Brockport, N.Y. 14420

**News flash**

Before going any further we must cut to this news flash! Monroe Lodge No. 173 is now the proud owner of 100 plastic ducks which we will be entering in a race in the B.I.S.C.O., Brockport Canal Days "Duck Derby", this Summer. I mean, I hope everyone will be able to curb their excitement until race time. This may bring new meaning to the "America's Cup" controversy concerning "Winged" keels. (Is it against the rules to wax a duck's bottom?) Stay tuned as we near race day!

**School of Instruction**

The Lodge took great pleasure in hosting the March 3rd School of Instruction. Although the turnout was rather disappointing, everyone seemed to have a good time and we had a pretty good bunch of Brothers who stayed after, chatted, relaxed, and pigged out (Oops!) and enjoyed the reception. It was great to have the sound of laughter and many voices filling our Lodge rooms. It's been a while! Thanks to the Brothers from Monroe who supported the activity. A special "Howdy!" to Brother El Lawrence who was finally able to make the climb again after several bouts with illness. It was great to sit in Lodge with you once again!

**A great move**

Several Brothers asked me to pass along congratulations to whomever it was who finally decided to move the Widows Luncheon to April. It has long been our contention that the fairer weather of late Spring would encourage a higher level of participation among our widows. (Right, Brother JD!)

**Improvements**

What's a column without a new installment of the continuing "Tales of the Trustees"? While waiting several weeks for a new roof vent cover, W.: Mel

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**Awards Program**

Please mark your calendar for 2:00 p.m., April 26th. That will be the date of our Awards Program. This year it will be held in the afternoon to try to avoid conflicts with social commitments and hopefully to make it possible for some of the more senior members of our Masonic family to attend. We hope to have a speaker on local history and also a DeWitt Clinton Award Presentation on the agenda. We are attempting to arrange for a meeting room at the new East Avenue Seymore Library for the event.

**Another date**

While you have the calendar out, jot down October 4th for a Lodge sponsored Ham Dinner. This will be one of several events over the year designed to encourage participation of members, promote visibility in the community, and add shekels to the coffers.

**Getting better**

Our best wishes go out to Brothers Roy Maxwell and Jim Wilkins on their recent operations. We're thinking of you guys! Take care!

**Dues & Brotherhood Fund**


Three quarters of the dues are in! Are the vaults 3/4 full or 1/4 empty? Enough said! The Brotherhood Fund Drive is going really well. We have an average of well over \$7.00 per Brother. Chairman, Mel Doverspike, asks that I thank everyone for their generous donations and active participation.

Until next time, may God protect you and hold you in the palm of His hand. Peace!

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**April**

This month will feature a dinner on the 14th, with our ladies invited, followed by a Wine Tasting. The ladies invited events have been rather successful and I expect them to continue next year. I will be in the East for the 3rd Degree on the 28th.

**May**

The month of May starts with Ladies Night on the 3rd. It is our Annual Coronation Lodge Visitation. Our Chairman is JW Sherwin Isaacs. Call him to make your reservation at 377-7647.

Grand Lodge occurs on the 5th and 6th and will be closely followed by our officers' meeting on the 7th. We will have our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, including a move-up night, on the 12th. Due to Memorial Day there will not be a 2nd meeting this month.

By Frank Briffa, SW

This Lodge year is rapidly coming to a close. After the 3 Degrees are over, comes Ladies Night. Start to plan on this event. After that there is Move-up Night.

**Next year**


I wanted to take some time in this article to explore possible programs for the following year as Master of the Lodge, if elected. Here is part of the programs for next year:

1. This Summer, reinstitute the Golf Tournament. Open it to Masons from other Lodges to promote Lodge unity.
2. Antique and Collectibles Night. Bring in a small piece and see if our in-house expert can tell you about it. We will have an in Lodge Food Drive for the Town.
3. Our Master's Ball and Children's Christmas Party. Our Clam Bake is still here.
4. In the Spring, a possible Euchre Tournament.
5. How about Doll Collecting and the making of them. At the

same night, a look at antique trains and their history.

6. Ladies Appreciation Night. Sherwin Isaacs promises a German dinner next to none!

There is more. We will have an active year. I want and need feedback or other ideas! Unity is the theme of all the Senior Wardens for the coming year. We will accomplish this only by getting out to Lodge and participating. GET EXCITED! Let's have a year we all will never forget.

**Valley/Simes**  
**Lodge No. 109**  
  
 W. Richard Snyder, Master  
 (h) 342-2419  
 2nd Tuesday  
 7:30 P.M.  
 R. W. Herbert Spencer, Sec.  
 271-8577  
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Valley/Simes members during the month of March were in attendance at every event where Masons gathered. Some as far away as Florida. The Shrine Circus had many of our Brothers helping to make it a success by sharing the duties with their labors throughout the arena. From security to front office, selling programs, marching in the opening parade, or just serving hot dogs, Valley/Simes Brothers were practicing Brotherhood.

**Thanks**

On behalf of the Lodge I want to convey our gratitude, and a hearty thanks to everyone who gave their time. Especially to R. W. Bill Baldwin whose efforts made sure the Valley/Simes refreshment stand was adequately manned for each show.

Five of our Brothers were present at the New York Grand Lodge gathering in Florida: Martin Suter, Robert L. Anderson, Fred Stahl, David Clarke, and Wally Wagner. Looking at the photo, I thought Florida was warm!

**Brother-Bring-a-Friend**

Don't forget our next communication on April 8th. There still is time to come join us for Brother-Bring-a-Friend Night. Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. with a casual dinner of pizza, wings and munchy veggies. There will be a shortened communication while your potential candidates are given a presentation about Freemasonry.

Following the communication, all the Brothers of the Lodge will rejoin with the candidates for a tour of the Lodge rooms. This will be followed by refreshments.

Remember the deciding point for most candidates rests in the

vitality and enthusiasm they observe in the Brother's who are present. Brotherhood and excitement creates a desire to join. A situation where more candidates than Brothers attend translates into no new petitions. If you can participate in only a few meetings this is one where your attendance would make a big difference.

There is still time to make a dinner reservation for yourself and to submit a candidate's name to have an invitation mailed. Call me or Secretary (phone numbers are at the top of this article) or call Rand Gee at 582-2085 to confirm your reservation. Don't wait! This program is a vital part of our Masonic survival.

**Sickness and distress**

W. George Francis has been transferred from Strong to the Monroe Community Hospital. Take a moment and send him a card.

**April meetings**

There will be an Officer's meeting on April 1st at Rochester Lumber, 2040 University Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

April 8th will be a regular meeting. Ladies Night Dinner and Program.

April 14th is Fellowcraft Visitation Night. This is on a Monday. We will meet at Bosdyk's Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. for supper. Call the Master for the location.

**CLIO**  
**LODGE No. 779**



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**Degrees**

We conferred the 2nd Degree on February 18th. All the Brothers involved did an excellent job. We now have two new Brothers.

The 3rd Degree was conferred on March 18th. Our new Brothers will be reading this as Master Masons.

**April**

Our biggest event of the year is our Ox Roast. It will be held on April 26th from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The price for adults is \$7.00, Seniors - \$6.00, and children under 12 - \$3.00. The meal is served family style. Brothers, please make every effort to help with some part of the work. Many hands make it easier!



Martin Suter, Robert L. Anderson, Fred Stahl, David C. Clarke and Wally Wagner of Valley/Simes Lodge in Florida.

**Thanks**

Thank you, V. W. John Zabel, for attending our March 4th meeting. It is always our privilege to have our AGL attending our Lodge. Not to mention the educational benefit we can acquire from your Masonic knowledge.

**Secretary's Corner**

By Charles Tucker, DSA

**Sickness and distress**

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Brother Irving A. Haight.

Brother John Burgess had surgery on his hand. W. Donn Stevens is not feeling well. Please remember these Brothers with cards and phone calls.

**Welcome**

The Brethren of Clio Lodge welcome Brother Ralph Shaw who recently affiliated with us from Oatka Lodge No. 759.

**Dinners**

The Spaghetti Dinner for April will be on the 9th. Because of the Ox Roast on the 26th, there will be only one this month.

**Happy Birthday**

The Birthday Brothers for April are: W. Dave Polmateer, Robert Quackenbush, Joe Ulrich, Denny Wright, W. Dave Partiss, Maurice Northrup, Merle Wallace, and Harry DeHollander.

**Spaghetti Dinner**

Weds., Apr. 9th & 26th

Clio Lodge Hall  
 287 East Avenue  
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**ETOLIAN**  
**Lodge No. 479**



W. M. Donald Darrohn,  
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 225-1782

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

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

**Spring time - Clean-up time**

Don't you just love Spring-time! Time to get outside, spruce up the yard, and rake out the gardens so we can enjoy all the beauty that has been waiting to jump out at us. The Brethren and families of Etolian will be gathering on April 26th at 10:00 a.m. at the Lodge to join in the 1st Erie Canal Cleanup. This is to our knowledge, the 1st time that a Masonic Lodge has sponsored such an event. We will be cleaning up both banks of the Canal through the Village of Spencerport. There will be a lunch provided to those participating in this effort. Come on down and join in, after all, many hands make the job go faster. The rain date is May 10th.

**Busy month**

April 14th, our first communication of the month, will see Rev. Richard Towers providing the program. Brother Towers will discuss the Bible passages of the

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three Masonic Degrees. Come on out and enjoy one of our own sharing "light". The next day, April 15th, is the Blood Drive that we assist in. It will be held at the Ogden Community Center Building that afternoon - reservations are appreciated, but they rarely turn anyone away. The 3rd Degree is April 28th with three candidates expecting to receive the Degree of Master Mason. The Degree will commence at 5:30 p.m. with W.: Darrohn in the East. Dinner will be served by Etolian OES at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are appreciated and may be made through JW Dennis Tanello at 352-9757. The Second Section will be completed by the Past Masters of Etolian Lodge. Special thanks to R.: W.: Gene Brendel for organizing this effort.

**Condolences**

The Supreme Architect has called Home four of our Brethren in recent weeks. Brothers Robert Colburn, George Forsaith, Richard Stroh and Arnold Pershing have found their way through the pearly gates and we have lost 191 years of Masonic service. Our thoughts and prayers go out to these departed Brothers and their families.

**Lodge dues**

Brethren, please check your dues card to see that you are up to date. The Secretary has reported that 77% of the membership has paid their 1997 dues. The obvious conclusion is that approximately a quarter of our Lodge Brothers are in arrears. If your dues card does not have 1997 on it, isn't it time to get one?

**Traveling Gavel**

Etolian Lodge has had possession of the Traveling Gavel since November of last year. Simply expressing this fact will likely encourage a challenge by some other Lodge to assume 'ownership'. I am confident that we will wrest it back to the place whence it came.

**Tid bit**

In the "Great Learning", an ancient Chinese book thought to date from between 300 - 400 years before Christ, we read that a man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do unto him. "This", adds the writer, "is called the principle of acting on the square". (MSA...And Give Them Proper Instruction - The Ancient Square.)

**FAIRPORT**

**Lodge No. 476**



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

W.: George R. Bracht, Secretary  
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37 South Main St.  
Fairport, N.Y. 14450

**It must be Spring**

Everything is covered in red fur. My red-headed girlfriend, Emma, a Golden Retriever, is shedding her heavy winter coat and only wants to go out to play. Perhaps there is a lesson to be learned here? Maybe we should shed our Winter coats and get out to play?

**Coming up**

We can start on April 14th when the tired old Master will step aside so that the frisky young officers can try their hands at their prospective new chairs. Move-Up Night promises to be a fun program. We also hope to get a little feedback on a couple of ideas for coming events.

Unfortunately, the poor old Master will return to the East on April 28th to confer the Degree of Master Mason. Still, all is not lost. The Master's return will be prefaced by a festive board in honor of our newest Brothers at 6:00 p.m. in the Lodge dining room. Reservations should be made with Brother Tom Richenderfer, 377-7782 no later than April 24th.

**Review**

March 10th was a special treat, all the chairs in Lodge were filled (some to overflowing) by Past Masters. Like old fire horses, they responded to the bell and did a marvelous job of opening the meeting.

W.: George Bracht officiated and encouraged the Worshipful Brothers to comment on their years in the East. We all enjoyed the tales of Fairport No. 476 that encompassed some forty plus years of our history.

We then fast-forwarded to the cutting edge of technology with Brother John Harris. Brother John led us on a journey into the World Wide Web.

We visited Grand Lodge electronically, as well as Hawaii and an Internet Lodge that is being formed in England. It was quite an education.

On March 24th, JW Tom Richenderfer assumed the East. He and his Degree Team once again did a superb job exemplifying the 2nd Degree. I keep abusing Brother Tom, but he keeps coming through.

In between our regular communications we also had the opportunity to commune with the lovely women in our lives. Ladies Night was held on March 22nd. Good food, excellent company and a program on coffee that highlighted the evening, made for a great evening.

**On the horizon**

The Summer recess is fast approaching. With it comes some of our most important events. On May 12th the Annual Communication is scheduled. At this time you will have the opportunity to vote for your new leaders.

Our biggest fundraiser will take place on June 7th & 8th. Village Days have historically been a lucrative and fun event for No. 476. Still "many hands make light work".

Following closely, on June 9th, is the Installation of Officers.

Between now and "the changing of the guard" is a great opportunity for you to affect what will happen to Masonry in Fairport.

I cannot encourage you more strongly to take part in your Lodge's future. Your complaints, compliments, sweat or laughter are all important to the welfare of this Lodge. Share them with us.

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**Investigation**

George did follow up with Sean. In fact they met several more times and discussed Freemasonry. The Lodge had a "Bring-a-Friend" Night and George invited Sean. The Chairman of the evening did an excellent job of following the guidelines for the program and had some very knowledgeable Brethren to assist in the program. It was a great night. Sean left with more information and a petition.

George called Sean several days later. "Sean, I called to see if you had any questions about the program at the Lodge the other night."

"No, I've been thinking about that evening though and have decided to submit a petition. I've filled it out, but I don't remember what to do next", said Sean.

"I'll stop over and pick it up and do the rest. Oh, part of the initiation fee is due with the application. Will that be all right?", asked George.

"Yes, I'll have the check ready", replied Sean.

George picked up the application, checking it over before he left Sean's to make sure it was filled out correctly. It was and Sean had the check waiting. George gave the petition to the Secretary before the start of the next meeting. The petition was read and an Investigating Committee was charged by the Master. The head of the Committee was Frank, an active Past Master.

Frank called together his team, Bob, Tom and Bill. He then called Sean and set a date for the team to visit Sean at home. On the appointed day, Frank picked up his team and headed for Sean's place.

"Sean, I'm Frank from the Lodge. This is Bob, Tom and Bill. We're here to talk to you about your petition for membership", said Frank.

"Come on in. Have a seat. What can I do for you?", replied Sean.

"Well, we're here to learn a little more about you. This is not an inquisition, but more of a getting acquainted meeting. After this we will make a report to the Lodge. The report is very simple, we don't go into detail", said Frank.

"Tell us how you came to submit your petition", said Bob.

This got the ball rolling. They talked about Sean's family, his occupation, and of course his meetings with George. They asked, as a matter of form, if Sean belonged to a church. They also asked if there were any religious or family ties that complicate his becoming a Freemason. Sean said that there were none.

"We ask this only because we do not want to create any problems in your religious or family life that might be tied to your becoming a member", remarked Frank. "It also doesn't matter if you belong or go to church, but we are curious."

They talked for a while longer until Frank said, "Sean, thank you for letting us come to talk to you. We won't take any more of your time. Your petition will be balloted upon at the next meeting.

You will be informed of the result. We will be looking forward to seeing you again."

With that Frank and his team said good-bye and left. The petition was balloted upon at the next meeting. Several days later Sean received a letter from the Lodge.

"Congratulations on being elected to receive the Degrees of Freemasonry in the Lodge. The 1st Degree will be conferred on you on February 12th. We will send further instructions and have your presenter contact you", said the letter. Sean was very happy.

**What's happening**

Thinking ahead, we hope that all the participants at the Leadership Development Course had a good learning experience. We will take any suggestions from the participants into account in upgrading the Course presentation. We can't change the Course since it comes from Grand Lodge, but we can improve the presentation of the material.

The next meeting of the Bureau has not yet been scheduled, however, we will inform the Lodges in the Monroe Districts of the time and place so they can send a representative. We will be discussing the Districts needs for educational programs and will be looking for input from the Lodges. Masters, please start thinking about who your representative will be.

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**Sickness and distress**

Brother Eddy Bastian decided to come back to Rochester from Florida to check out Rochester General Hospital where he subsequently had an operation. I guess after the Shrine Circus he will be going back to Florida. Ed, it was nice of you to stop by. Good luck with the rest of your Winter retreat.

Brother Joe Jung decided that there must be something to this Rochester General Hospital visits. He had his heart worked on. Joe, I hope that you are on the mend. I'm sure that Shirley would like to see you get back to work.

Brother Roger McCaughey has been ill and doesn't get out too much. Give him a call, he would be glad to hear from you. Roger, I wish you the best.

**Cruise**

Plans are still in the works for our cruise in mid-June. We will let you know more in the next issue of the Times.

**James A. Hard/  
Wayne Charter  
Post No. 12**  
Leon VanHuben, Commander  
647-1391  
William Golding, Adjutant  
266-2384

**High Winds**

In spite of the record setting winds gusting to 75 mph, the Post held its regular scheduled dinner meeting on February 27th. Due to adverse driving conditions and power outages suffered by some members, we had a few cancellations.

A fine meal was prepared by Commander Chef Leon VanHuben and was served by his able kitchen crew. Dinner was followed by a very productive business meeting.

**Election**

The primary order of business was the Election of Officers. The following slate of Officers was recommended by the Nominating Committee. All were elected to serve for the ensuing year:  
Commander James Spencer  
1st Lt. Cmdr. Alfred Pulcino III  
2nd Lt. Cmdr. Dennis Gellasch  
3rd Lt. Cmdr. Claude Gramsey  
Post Adjutant William Golding  
Finance Offcr. Donald McDill  
Chaplain Brad Hebner  
Sgt. at Arms Harold Bollotin  
Area Rep. Leon VanHuben

**Installation**

Due to a conflict in dates, the Installation has been rescheduled to May 29th. This will be a dinner Installation and is open to the public. A flyer will be sent prior to this event with all the details.

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### Final warning

Anyone trying to attend a Scottish Rite meeting on April 3rd will find only Jerry Lewis, the "Damn Yankees" crowd and the 18° rehearsal. A special meeting of the General Committee was held on March 27th and any business to be brought before the Lodge of Perfection will be done before the Degrees on April 17th.

### Reunion

For those of you who have not attended Reunions in a while, I would recommend catching this one. The 14° has been shortened somewhat and the sequencing of some of the ceremonies has been changed. Also, Bible quotations are from the New Revised Standard Edition of the English Bible. We have another year or so to make comments before this Tentative Ritual of 1995 is adopted, so if you want to be able to participate in the decision making process, come take a look at it. On Saturday, the 22° will be presented with a new cast consisting entirely of members of latest Reunion Classes. They would appreciate your support.

### Banquet

Get your reservations in for the Reunion Banquet on April 19th. The deadline is April 12th. Dinner choices are Roast Beef and Chicken Dijon for \$15.00 per person.

### Learning Center

By the time you read this the bids for the Frank and Bette Paul Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center should have been received and the contractor chosen. We are now estimating about six weeks for the completion of construction so it still looks comfortable for completion before the Dedication on July 12th.

### Ron Mertens Appointed Secretary New York State Council of Deliberation



By Don Brugger  
The New York State Council of Deliberation is the State governing Body of the Scottish Rite of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. This Body is presided over by Ill.: Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active, Deputy for the State of New York. Brother Mertens was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ill.: Edward Palm who passed away suddenly.

Brother Mertens was raised in Genesee Falls Lodge No. 507 in 1962 and served as Master in 1971 and in 1976. He served as Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Representative to the Masonic Service Bureau, on the Scholarship Committee, 125th Anniversary Committee, as Trustee and was elected Secretary in 1983 and Treasurer in 1985, a position he still holds.

### Monroes

On the District level, Ron was elected President of Masters and Wardens Association in 1971, served as President of the Bureau of Masonic Education in 1979. In 1983 he was elected President of the Masonic Service Bureau, was Chairman of the Editorial Board of the *Monroe Masonic News* in 1985 and is a Permanent Director. Brother Mertens also served as Chairman of the Bureau's Scholarship Committee and the Bureau's Charities Committee in 1986-'87.

### Grand Lodge

Brother Mertens was appointed Grand Steward in 1979 and elected President of the Western Region Staff Officers in 1979-80. He was appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer of the 2nd Monroe in 1981-'84 and served on various Grand Lodge Committees including Endowments, Masonic Education, Drug and Alcohol and Grand Lodge Convention Committee in 1988. He served as Junior Grand Warden 1988-89. Brother Ron Mertens is a member of the Purple Club of the Monroes and served as its President in 1984-1986.

Brother Mertens is the recipient of the Grand Lodge Johnson Medal, Medal of Distinguished Service of the Philaethes Society, the DeMolay Legion of Honor and the York Rite Gold Honor Award.

### Other Masonic Attachments

Brother Ron joined the York Rite as a member of Ionic Chapter (now Hiram No. 62) RAM, Doric Council, R.S.M. where he served as Ill.: Master in 1987-'88 and Cyrene/Monroe Commandery.

Brother Mertens is a member of the American Lodge of Research, Quatro Coronati of London, England and the Philaethes Society of which he served as President of the Finger Lakes Chapter in 1989-'93. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society and the California and Texas Lodges of Research, DeMolay Alumni Association and Legion of Honor (1987).

Brother Ron is also on the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald "Home Away From Home" and a member of their Finance and Long Range Planning Committees.

### Personal

Brother Mertens attended both Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois and Rochester Institute of Technology where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Ron has work experience in data processing, Health Care Administration and Finance as well as Production Control, Systems Analysis and Programming.

R.:W.: Ron is married and he and his wife Barbara have three children; Wendy (Ralph) Ingals,

Ellen (Jason) Jordan and Craig Mertens. They also have three grandchildren, Megan and Hanna Jordan and David Ingalls.

Ron and Barb are members of Covenant United Methodist Church where Brother Ron has served on many committees as Treasurer and Lay Leader. Brother Ron has also been active in many levels of Scouting.

### 4°

**Secret Master**  
Thursday, April 17, 1997  
8:00 p.m.

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

**Directed by:**  
Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA (458-6125)  
**Assistant Director:**  
Roy L. Williams (248-2358)

**Ceremonial Section**  
**Thrice Potent Master:**  
David W. Taber  
**Deputy Master:**  
Craig T. Mollon  
**Senior Warden:**  
Jay McCullough  
**Orator:**  
Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°  
**Master of Ceremonies:**  
Myron L. Dox, 33°

**Dramatic Section**  
**King Solomon:**  
William R. Zufall  
**Adoniram:**  
Roderick C. Meier, 32° MSA  
**Abda:**  
Franklin G. Granata II  
**Zabud:**  
Daniel R. Emerson  
**Zadok:**  
Charles O. Hancock  
**Zerbal:**  
Richard G. Giedd  
**Ahishar:**  
Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA  
**Levites**  
William A. Baldwin  
Harry W. Ellender  
Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MSA  
Donald A. Rose  
Wayne H. Slack  
R. Keith Stambach  
Courtland W. Young

### 14°

**Grand Elect Mason**  
Thursday, April 17, 1997  
Following the 4°

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

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

**Prologue:**  
Robert Franzen  
**Thrice Potent Master:**  
Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33° or \*Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°  
**Deputy Master:**  
Robert Franzen  
**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:**  
Bernard F. Russell  
**Master of Ceremonies:**  
Lawrence K. Canfield

### Guards

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

### 16°

**Prince of Jerusalem**  
Saturday, April 19, 1997  
9:00 a.m.

*This Degree teaches loyalty to truth, and fidelity to duty.*

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

**Prologue:**  
Howard B. Francis  
**Council Chamber in Temple in Jerusalem**  
**Zerubbabel, Sovereign Prince:**  
Ted Honea  
**Joshua, High Priest:**  
Norman P. Austin  
**Seriah, Senior Warden:**  
Craig T. Mollon  
**Mordecai, Junior Warden:**  
Derek E. VanHouten  
**Esdras, Secretary:**  
Richard G. Giedd  
**Ananias, Treasurer:**  
Charles O. Hancock  
**Workmen**  
Philip Averbach  
Robert Franzen  
Dale F. Gelder  
Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MSA  
Scott A. Hill  
Stanley Peterson, 32° MSA  
Alfred Pulcino III  
Paul F. Soltzick  
David W. Taber

**Court of Darius**  
**Darius, King of Persia:**  
John E. Zabel  
**Araspes, Satrap of Babylon:**  
\*Lawrence E. Hood, 33° or Thomas E. Badger  
**Artaban, Satrap of Assyria:**  
Lawrence K. Canfield  
**Bartacus, Satrap of Media:**  
Thomas C. Foote or \*Bruce R. Horncastle  
**Grand Chancellor:**  
Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA  
**Solamiel, Master of Ceremonies:**

Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA  
Nehemiah, Grand Master of Entrances:  
Richard C. Friedman  
**Councilors:**  
Roderick C. Meier, 32° MSA  
James W. Smith  
Ernest L. Swan  
Ronald L. Weber

**Attendants:**  
Joseph E. Bourcy III  
Harry W. Ellender

**Prompter:**  
Donald A. Rose  
\*Will take part.

### 18°

**Knight of Rose Croix**  
of H.R.D.M.  
Following the 16°

*The lessons taught in this Degree are that man must have a new Temple in his heart where God is worshipped in spirit and in truth and that he must have a new law of love which all men everywhere may understand and practice.*  
*This degree affirms the broad principles of universality and tolerance.*

**Directed by:**  
Donald A. Rose (458-9005)  
**Ceremonial Section**  
**Most Wise Master:**  
Philip A. Trautman  
**Senior Warden:**  
Donald P. Fox, 32° MSA  
**Prologue:**

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David P. Crawford



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18th Degree

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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.

22°

Prince of Libanus (or Lebanon) (originally "Knight of the Royal Axe" - often referred to as "The Woodcutters Degree")

Instituted to record the memorable services rendered to Freemasonry by "The Mighty Cedars of Lebanon". The legend informs us that:

1. The Sidonians cut the cedars of Lebanon for Noah's ark.
  2. Their descendants prepared the wood for the Ark of the Covenant.
  3. Later descendants felled the cedars of Lebanon for Solomon's Temple and that centuries later materials for the Temple of Zerubbabel came from these forests.
- Directed by: Charles O. Hancock (223-1850) and Philip Trautman (394-6976)
- Prologue: Charles O. Hancock
- Allegory Master Workman: Philip Trautman
- Master of Ceremonies: John D. Brugger
- Workmen: Walter L. Cone, George C. Francis, George T. Gannon, Claude E. Gramse, G. Thomas Grape, John L. Hunt, Bernard F. Russell, Robert W. Scherberger

32°

Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret

Saturday, April 19, 1997 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: Lawrence E. Hood, 33°
- 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: William R. Zufall
- Chancellor: Donald A. Rose
- Constans: Douglas C. Spencer
- Chaplain: Myron L. Dox, 33°
- Flag Bearer: Ernest L. Swan
- Standard Bearer: Derek E. VanHouten
- Captain of the Guard: Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA
- Guards: Donald P. Fox, 32° MSA, Donald E. Freeman, 32° MSA, Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MSA, Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA, Stanley V. Peterson, 32° MSA, William H. Russell, 32° MSA

Second Section

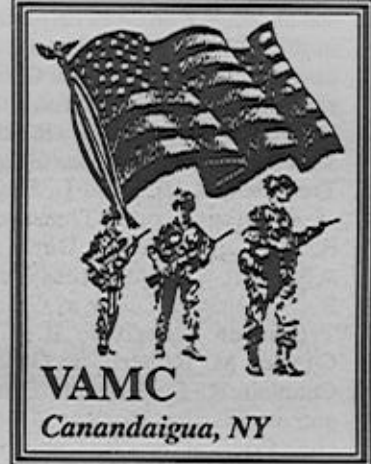
- Directed by: Stephen R. Whittaker, 32° MSA (223-7630) and John E. Zabel (223-3228)
- Coordinator: John C. Owens

Dramatic Section

- Prince Commander: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33° or \*Charles O. Hancock
- Constans: Ted Honea or \*Craig T. Mollon
- Knight Kadash: Ronald L. Weber
- Knight Rose Croix: Daniel R. Emerson
- Knight Prince of Jerusalem: \*Joseph E. Bourcy III or Donald J. McDill
- Knight Lodge of Perfection: Franklin H. Ghyzel
- Herald: George C. Francis
- Captain of the Guard: Neil E. Laundry
- Knights: Santo Morici, Kenneth D. Robinson
- Temptations

- Florio: Bruce R. Horncastle
- Urban: Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA
- Ignatius: John E. Zabel
- Rufus: James Saporito, Jr.
- Church Archbishop: David C. Clarke
- Bishops: James H. Pray, Louis M. Sanfilippo
- Cross Bearers: Dean F. Marsaw, Leon J. VanHuben
- Monk: Kenneth J. Skidmore
- Cardinals: Robert E. Crystal, Richard A. Henderson

- Thurifers: Alfred J. Bowers, Jr., Donald J. McDill
- Acolytes: Sreeram Dhurjaty, Howard B. Francis, Alfred K. Miller, Joseph J. Privitera, Herbert Spencer
- Guards: Norman P. Austin, Thomas E. Badger, William D. Badger, John D. Bennett, Harry J. DeHollander, Anthony L. Felice II, Clifton O. Field, John E. Hennessey, Jr., Garry R. Hutchurson, Jesse Noble, Jr., Alfred Pulcino III, Bernard F. Russell, James A. Slocum, Mark M. Storm, David W. Taber, Steven B. Thayer, Eldon N. White, Howard V. Williams
- \*Will take part.



By Harold Bollotin

February Visit

The volunteers on the February visit were: Tom and Cora Paglia, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, June Moon, and Larry and Marge Hood. We were joined by three Hopewell clowns.

March

The volunteers present were: Tom and Cora Paglia, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin and June Moon. We were pleased to welcome a delegation from Seneca Lodge consisting of: Tom Foote, Master; Don Rose, Sr. Warden; and Gary Stein, Jr. Warden. They all did a great job of attending to and distributing refreshments to the patients. On behalf of Tom Paglia and the patients we sincerely thank you for your participation.

Don Rose and his Lodge Brothers made a special visit to and posed with veteran, Byron Stone. Byron is a former Staff Sergeant who served with the US Army Special Forces Airborne as a Ranger. Don served in the same outfit at a later date.



(front) Veterans Robert Mitchell, and Albert Burr. (back) Tom Paglia, Veteran Charles Seraydarian, Gary Stein, Harold Bollotin and Tom Foote, Master of Seneca Lodge. (Photos Courtesy Harold Bollotin)



Don Rose, Tom Foote and Gary Stein with Veteran Byron Stone.



Tom Paglia and Harold Bollotin conversing with Veteran Neal Fay.



Sylvia Bollotin, Cora Paglia and June Moon at the VA Visitation.

**Annual Scottish Rite Banquet Honoring the Leo H. Pancoast, Jr., 32° MSA Class**

Saturday, April 19, 1997  
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Social Hour (Cash Bar) 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner 7:30 p.m.

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Chicken Dijon

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Deadline for tickets - April 12th

Sad news

Due to Federal budget cuts, major changes are being made in the Canandaigua VA Medical Center. Some of the wards are being closed, patients are being transferred to other wards, locations and facilities, and the persons on the medical staff are being laid off. Some of the buildings are being turned over to private nursing homes.

April

Our visit on April 13th will be our final scheduled visit for the season. Depending on the circumstances, we may be making visits in the Fall. Tom Paglia, a member of the VA Volunteer Executive Committee, will keep us informed.

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# York Rite NEWS

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Judas Maccabeus

## District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons  
27th Capitular District



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

Now that the new Grand High Priest has been installed and the Grand Chapter Convocation is over for another year, it's time to relay the Message you all knew was coming. Below is an overview of the salient points of the Grand High Priest's Message and what he expects from us in the Districts for the coming year.

We'll be looking for suggestions for Committeemen and Chairmen for the various Committees the Grand High Priest has outlined. We need to complete some kind of Leadership Training by April 1997 and accomplish my Official Visits by June 1997. This is to clear the Fall for the visit of the Grand Line Representatives for this area.

### Bicentennial - 1998

Each Chapter should appoint a Chairman to make preparations for the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Chapter. Grand Chapter will be sending out notes on the History and Origin of Grand Chapter to be read at each Convocation.

### Membership

R.E. Alan Downing, DDGHP of the 19th District, has been appointed to spearhead the Membership Campaign and the GHP urges that we give him our cooperation.

### Better Programs

M.E. C. Richard Trust also emphasized the need for better publicity and communications respecting the public image of Royal Arch Masonry. He wants to establish a Grand Chapter Newsletter that will keep all Companions in closer communications with Grand Chapter. This will be an enlargement on the monthly letter sent from M.E. DelDuca to the DDs during 1996.

The Newsletter was a suggestion made by M.W. Sheldon Blank when he was Grand High Priest, but it never came to fruition. The proposed newsletter

will probably go out to the individual Chapters. The GHP sees this as a two way communication with contributions from the High Priests of each Chapter to be included. This would be an opportunity for them to share their successes and failures with the Companions throughout the State. This endeavor will be headed up by M.E. Eugene Ellis who is a professional writer and will do a good job in making the newsletter work.

### Charities, Seals and Endowment Fund

The Charities should be a source for all of us and the GHP has appointed R.E. Walter Hilsenbeck to Chair a Committee to explore ways to increase the sale of Seals. The aim is to increase our scholarships to \$1000 and this will require a concerted effort on the part of all of us.

Other areas of concern for M.E. Trust include: York Rite Unity, Protocol and Redistricting.

### Goals

Leadership Development presentations by the DDGHPs by April 1997, overall improvement in Openings and Closings and items of Grand Chapter History to be read at each Convocation. The M.E. Companion Trust would also like to have the following District Committees in place A.S.A.P.: Publicity and Communications, Scholarship Fund, Royal Arch Seals, Newsletter, Membership and Bicentennial.

I will be looking to the Chapters to suggest Companions to fill these District Chairmanships.

### Inactive Chapters

It is the feeling of the Grand High Priest that "if a Chapter has a problem filling the chairs, does not confer any Degrees and can only Open 2 or 3 times a year; it is a candidate for consolidation. If every effort has been made to promote the Chapter and nothing has helped; it is a candidate for consolidation. These Chapters are not going anywhere and inaction only delays the inevitable."

### District News

At a meeting of the District High Priests in Albany it was decided not to proceed with the planned Spring Round of Degrees. The reasons for this decision were the small number of candidates that would be participating and the desire to have a good size Class for the Canadian visit in the Fall. We expect that our Grand High Priest and members of the Grand Lines of both New York and Ontario, Canada, will be in attendance.

The Fall Degree schedule is: Mark Master and Past Master, September 25th, Most Excellent Master, October 9th and the Holy Royal Arch during the Canadian Visit, October 25th.

## Hiram Chapter



No. 62

2nd &  
4th  
Thursdays

E. Thomas Paglia, High Priest  
227-2948

Richard J. Oliver, Secretary  
594-2380

875 Main Street East  
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

The Grand Chapter in Albany, NY, went very well. A large group from the 27th Capitular District was there. We are very fortunate in the 27th Capitular District to have so many Grand Line Officers. The are: R.E. Arnold E. Palmer as Grand Scribe; R.E. Vernon L. Goodrich as Grand Treasurer; R.E. Ted L. Diehl as Assistant Grand Treasurer; R.E. Lawrence W. Dunn as Assistant Grand Treasurer; R.E. Richard Oliver as Grand Treasurer Emeritus; R.E. Charles M. Roberts as Grand Chaplain; R.E. Donald J. Brugger as District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 27th Capitular District; V.E. William R. Zufall as Assistant Grand Lecturer; R.E. Robert H. Cook as Grand Musician and R.E. Frederick S. Holderle as Grand Representative of Wisconsin.

All of the Companions in the District should feel very proud of the accomplishments they have made.

### Good evening

The Information Seminar went very well. All of the Companions and their ladies who had a part in telling about the various histories and activities of Royal Arch Masonry did a splendid job. There were six potential candidates who attended, plus some of their ladies. All in all it went over in fine shape. We are hoping they will sign their petition to be in time for the Fall Class. Sure would like to have a large class for the Royal Arch Degree for the Canadian weekend in October, 1997.

### Membership

Now hear this!! WE NEED NEW COMPANIONS. Surely you must know someone who would like to be part of Hiram Chapter and the Royal Arch Masons. When you visit your Lodge and are sitting next to your Lodge Brethren, ask them if they belong to the Royal Arch. If they don't, talk to them about becoming a member. If you don't ask, you will never know.

### Scholarship Fund

Hiram Chapter is trying to give \$1,000 Scholarships to those who need financial help. Won't you send in your envelope today with a check? Small, medium or large amounts are all welcomed. Who knows, some day it may be your child or grandchild who will need assistance in getting their education. The young people are our resource for the future. Only by helping them get a good education will they and everyone in the future have a better tomorrow.

### Attending Chapter

It would be very nice to see more of the Companions at

Chapter. Try to come out, if only once a month or every other month. This is your Chapter and only you can make it survive.

### Degree work

How many of you would like to take part in a Degree? We are beginning to lose some of our long time Ritual Companions. Come on out and try it. Hey, you never know! You just might enjoy it! If any of you have done any of the Degrees, let us know. We surely can use you in October when the Canadians make their visit.

## Doric Council

No. 19

Cryptic Masons  
(Chartered in 1861)



3rd  
Wednesdays

Douglas Poole, Ill. Master  
584-3601

L. Edward Walker, Recorder  
647-2382

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

The April 16th meeting of Doric Council will be our Annual Table Council, which is based on the Masonic meetings of the 17th and 18th centuries. In those days it was the custom for the meeting to be held right at the dining table. You could feed the soul as well as the stomach.

### Historic Ritual

For the 7:00 p.m. meeting we will be following a Ritual written by the Masonic Historian, John Mauk Hilliard. It has been tailored for Doric Council by our own Historian, V.I. William R. Zufall. As most of the Monroe District know, Bill is excellent with a Ritual!

### Toasts

The 7 Toasts are a major part of the Table Council. There will be plenty of fine wine, or sparkling grape juice flowing on April 16th. Once again this year we will be serving wine from the award winning Glenora Winery on nearby Seneca Lake.

Our dinner of the evening will be either Swiss Steak or Chicken Breast, and will surely match the quality of the wine. All this for only \$8.00 per person. Please make your reservations with our Secretary or me by April 9th, as our caterer needs to know.

### Guest Speaker

Even the speeches are made during this meal. Our Guest Speaker will be M.I. Jay Kosseff, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons, State of New York. We are very honored to him for making time in his busy schedule to be with us. It promises to be a very informative and enjoyable evening.

### Join us

In the cause of York Rite Unity, this Table Council is open to any Mason. Let us also suggest that this is an excellent event for the members of Doric Council who haven't attended for a while. I promise you won't be asked to fill a chair, or take an office for next year. All we request is your presence. This offer is extended to all York Rite Masons.

### Sickness

On a more serious note, our thoughts and prayers go out to L. Larry Dunn. We hope you have a speedy recovery. We are glad to hear the Lila Beardsley, wife of our Grand Treasurer, M.I. Raymond Beardsley, continues to recover.

See you April 16th.

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery

No. 12

Chartered  
in 1993

1st & 3rd  
Mondays



SK Robert L. Zahn  
Commander

SK Lawrence W. Dunn  
Recorder 594-8033

### Grand Chapter

A number of Sir Knights and their ladies from Cyrene/Monroe Commandery traveled to Albany for Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, State of New York. We were very pleased to see our Sword Bearer, SK Arnold Palmer, elected and installed as Grand Scribe. Congratulations, Arnold.

### Inspection

A rehearsal for our Inspection will be on Friday, April 4th, at 7:30 p.m. The Inspection will be on Monday, April 7th. We will enjoy a Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m. For those who cannot eat beef, chicken will be available. Please call me for reservations at 381-4241. The ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

Our next conclave will be on April 21st. There will not be a dinner that night.

## District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons  
29th Capitular District  
R.E. Daniel N. Evans

### Greetings, Companions of the 29th Capitular District

Now that the Winter is nearly over and Spring is on its way, it is time once again to think about our attendance at our respective Chapters. Information obtained from the Grand High Priest will be passed on at my Official Visits. My Schedule is:

April 8 - Wyoming Chapter No. 181, Warsaw at 8:00 p.m.

April 14 - Arcade Chapter No. 322, Pike at 8:00 p.m.

April 16 - 3 X 3 Chapter, Spencerport at 7:30 p.m.

April 17 - Western Star Chapter No. 35 at 8:00 p.m.

April 28 - LeRoy Chapter No. 183 at 7:00 p.m.

### Special meeting

A meeting will be held on May 18th at 3:00 p.m. at the picnic shelter located on Lake Hiram, Arcade, NY. This meeting will

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include past and current - District Deputies, Grand Representatives and AGLs. Also the seated High Priest of each Chapter in the 29th Capitular District. The purpose of the meeting will be to make plans for our activities and programs in our Centennial year. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. Maps will be furnished at my Official Visits.

**Looking ahead**

I look forward to Spring and all the many challenges that lay ahead.

**Something to think about**

Isn't it strange? With all of the emphasis on lower interest rates; Chapters are rated by how high the interest is in Chapter activities. □

present. There are a half dozen of those who are not current in their dues. If your member card does not show the year 1997, please remit what's necessary to get one that has this year's date. Send to Karl Reich at 103 Mercer Avenue, Rochester, 14606.

**An important date to schedule**

On April 26th the Annual Scholarship Dinner, sponsored by the Past High Priest's Association of Western New York, will take place at Batavia Downs. Spouses are invited and friends are welcome, as well. The Chapter Secretary has the \$16.00 tickets that get you admitted and provides some Scholarship funds. Call him at 426-6836 to make your reservations.

Let's be in touch, one Companion with another. □

**Official Visits**

The Official Visits of the DDGHP and AGL are as follows:

- April 8 - Wyoming Chapter No. 181.
- April 14 - Arcade Chapter No. 322.
- April 16 - 3X3 Chapter No. 333.

**Scholarship Dinner**

Tickets are available from the High Priest and DDGHP for the Scholarship Dinner at Batavia Downs on April 26th for a donation of \$16.00. All proceeds will go to the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund. Cocktail hour begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. Music for your dining pleasure will be provided by E. Karl Reich. Please call me if you would like tickets.

**Notice**

Telephone calling cards are available from the Secretary. Each card gives you \$20.00 in long distance calling, and more importantly, provides a donation of \$6.00 to the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund. You receive \$20.00 in long distance time and help support our Scholarship Fund. The cards make fine gifts to children and grandchildren to keep them in touch while away from home or for you when traveling. □

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**Grand Chapter**

The 1997 Grand Chapter Session is now a part of the historical proceedings as I hope that Winter is now also just a memory. Poets and philosophers expound on the beauties of Spring. I simply will be happy to see the flowers bloom and hear the birds singing once again. Most of the Companions are aware that I was injured at work in December and will be undergoing surgery shortly. It has been a very long Winter for me, to say the least!

**Welcome**

A hearty welcome to our two new Companions, Dennis Turton and Fred Bowman. Our Tabernacle will continue to grow and prosper only through the efforts of each and every Companion.

**Dues**

Several Companions are delinquent in paying their dues, and several have placed their membership in jeopardy. Please check your wallet for a current dues card and if you are one of those I referred to, please mail your check for \$19.50 for each year that you are deficient to the Secretary. Enough said!!!

**Voting and abstentions**

The subjects of voting and abstentions have recently been topics I have encountered and I refer any interested Companion to read Section 303 of the Constitutions of our Grand Lodge and carefully study section 843B for further Light in Masonry.

**Coming events**

Our District Deputy Grand High Priest is planning his Official Visit on April 17th. All officers are requested to be present in formal attire. The Message of the Grand High Priest, M.W. C. Richard Trust, will be delivered and plans will be announced for activities in the 29th District. Fundraising activities in the District, Summer picnics and programs to be undertaken will be presented by R.E. Daniel Evans. This will also be the Visit of the AGL. A dinner will be held at the Candlelite Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. and each Companion is encouraged to join us.

**3x3 Chapter  
NO. 333  
Royal Arch Masons  
(Chartered in 1990)**



**3rd  
Wed.  
7:30 p.m.**

E. Kenneth D. Robinson,  
High Priest - 293-1405  
Karl Heinz Reich,  
Secretary - 426-6836  
133 S. Union Street  
Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

**What's been done?**

The Chapter has reverted from twice to once a month convocations at the Temple in Spencerport. The third Wednesday was selected to get together at 7:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing members and guests on April 16th.

**Volunteer**

Back in February we had an organizational meeting, as you may recall, when we established a convocation schedule for the year and our volunteer janitorial schedule for regular cleaning of the Temple. The same few seem to be providing this service, which pays our rent. If you're not one of them, how about offering to spend some time on the simple chores that help keep us solvent? Give me a call (293-1405) and I'll be happy to list you on the schedule at times convenient to you. As a reminder, Companions Read and Lovett are scheduled for May.

**Annual visit by the Lecturer**

Grand Lecturer Hobert C. Cook made his Official Visit to the Chapter in March and made this an informational and educational event.

**Grand Chapter Convocation**

Your High Priest, member and District Deputy, Gary Thompson, attended the Albany event in March in behalf of 3X3's membership. It was a great time and the opportunity was appreciated.

**Committees**

Companions Ed Gillott and Jeff Diehl are handling Finance; those charter Companions, Bob Dagen, Ruel Lovett and Jim McConnell head up Long Range Planning; Karl Reich and Jim Powell take care of Scholarships and Awards; Ken Robinson continues to monitor the Youth Programs, and Karl Reich fills the role of Historian.

**Dues**

Our Secretary tells us we have 25 members on the rolls at

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**Help wanted**

Thank you to all who read and commented on my last article! I enjoyed hearing your views. Now let's hear from the rest of you. Write us a letter, or send a card. We need to share in your wisdom!

**Knights Templar are unique**

We are the only Christian order in Masonry. We say "Amen" instead of "so mote it be". The Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed are part of our Ritual. We wear uniforms with swords and chapeaus instead of aprons. In our organization one man, and one vote, do make a difference.

**Fact**

Regarding membership...an objection by any Sir Knight is equivalent to rejection by ballot, even if voiced after the ballot has been taken.

What other Masonic Fraternity values its members integrity and opinions so highly and simultaneously holds them so personally responsible for their actions?

**Knights Templar are special**

Templary is pride and honor! To be a Knight is to be someone special! Kings and Queens honored a man with knighthood as a regard for some greater service to someone else. The Knight didn't just apply, he earned it, and with it, the respect of his countrymen.

**Don't sell Knighthood short!**

Should we lower our standards just because it's harder to find

people with the qualities that Templary requires? Should we give pats on the back for less than valiant efforts? Are sheer numbers more important than one carefully chosen and well trained Knight?

Take pride in who we are! Earn your knighthood, strive for excellence and to achieve those virtues we hold so dear! Our future depends on it!

**Upcoming events**

Since we cancelled the Conclave that fell on Maundy Thursday, Batavia's next Conclave on April 10th at 8:00 p.m. will be our last chance to polish up before our Annual Inspection. All officers must know their parts and duties, prior to this Conclave.

The Annual Inspection by Eminent Grand Generalissimo Robert J. Cave on April 24th will be preceded by a dinner put on by the ladies of the Temple at 7:00 p.m. It's also election night, so I remind all of you of the vow you made and ask for your help, aid, and support. We'll need it!

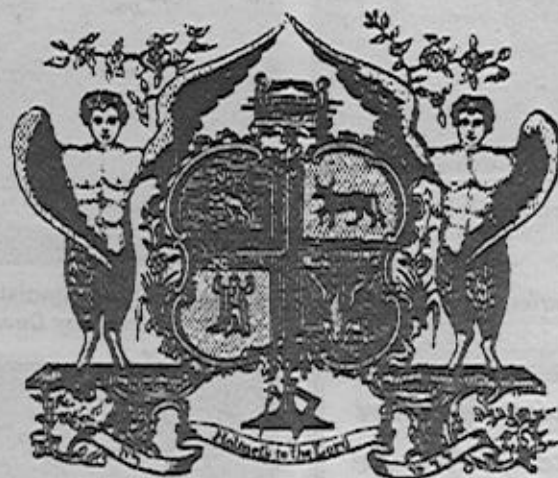
On May 17th the Knights Templar No. 34 Second Annual Springfest Breakfast at Genesee County Co-op Extension Office will be at 8:00 a.m. Costs are \$4.50 and \$2.50.

Our May 22nd meeting is open to the public. The dinner will be at 7:00 p.m., followed by Installation of Officers, awarding of widows pins and Past Commanders Certificates. □



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**Degrees**

The call is out! Cast members and officers for the Royal Master Degree be prepared to confer this Degree at our April 28th assembly. Yes, we do have several Royal Arch Masons who are desirous of becoming Cryptic Masons. It's still not too late for additional candidates to get on the bandwagon.

The Select Master Degree will be conferred at our May 12th assembly, which is also our Annual Meeting and the Election and Installation of Officers.

Come to these meetings, help greet our new members and refresh your own memories regarding these meaningful Degrees.

**Charity Fund**

R.L. Layton Vogel, Chairman of our Charity Fund Drive, has started his Campaign for contributions to be directed to help those individuals suffering from Parkinson's Disease. We need all your help in fighting this disease, (which recently claimed one of our members as its victim) and also to maintain our reputation of averaging contributions of over \$5.00 per member for the last eight years. □





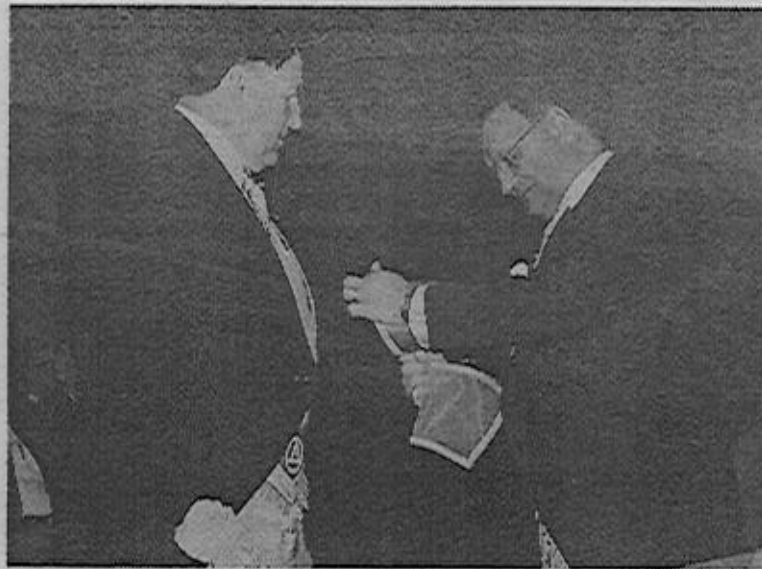
## Happenings at Grand Chapter



M.E. C. Richard Trust, Grand High Priest, RAM, State of N.Y.



R.E. Vernon Goodrich, Grand Treasurer.



M.E. C. Richard Trust receiving his Cuffs from immediate Past Grand High Priest, Robert DeDuca.



M.E. C. Richard Trust receiving his GHP Pin from M.E. Charles Reilly, Grand Secretary.



Hazel Denton, widow of Grand High Priest Horace Denton receiving her Widow's Pin from The Grand High Priest.



R.E. Arnold Palmer, Grand Scribe.



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R.E. Richard Eades received the Distinguished Service Medal given by the General Grand Chapter International in recognition of service to Freemasonry.

### Mason-Friendly

By M. Cathy Helms

I missed the Shriner's Diamond Jubilee Parade in Chicago, Illinois in 1949, even though Chicago is my birthplace. I was in the city that year, however I was four years old and didn't know about Masonry until my husband, Bob, introduced me to it almost thirty nine years later. Bob has been a Mason for twenty-nine years and we are both Roman Catholic.

When Bob told me that the concept for the Children's Hospitals (to meet orthopedic needs) had originated with the Masons in 1920, I was interested. In 1922, 17 such hospitals were built in various cities within the United States and Canada. There are more now, and in addition, there are three Burns centers for children. Children are admitted without regard for race, creed, ethnic heritage, education or gender. The only requirement is

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Your year is history!

You are about to close the books on another Lodge year. New officers will be taking the helms of the several Lodges in our Districts in another month or two. Have you summarized significant happenings from this past year to relay to your Masonic posterity? Is this record only in official minutes or have you a printed narrative to place in Lodge archives (that bookcase which is becoming your Lodge Library) and your Lodge file at our Library in New York City?

Believe it or not, there are those who will come after you who will appreciate the extra mile you travelled to give them an understanding of past events in their Lodge. Think of the historical facts you would have liked to have had at your fingertips when you put the details together for your trestleboard this past year. You can provide some of them and either continue, or start a tradition of preserving the past to help improve the future.

Lodge Historian

Have retiring Masters encourage successors to appoint Lodge Historians who will record and collect written records of events?

Your Historian can gather pictures with captions describing who, what, where and when; arti-

cles printed in local public and Masonic newspapers relating to the Lodge, and stories on the Masons who make up the Lodge. He can also cause such pictures to be snapped and encourage members, particularly our elders, to relate their experiences and turn them into the printed word. These can be filed in binders and copies sent to the Grand Lodge Library for inclusion in the Lodge file located there.

Action by Brothers

Do you contribute to your Lodge memorabilia, records and artifacts? Do you pass your Masonic books and periodicals on to your Lodge Historian to enter in the Lodge Library so all may take advantage of the educational opportunity provided?

A historical project

The Grand Historian, R. W. George Peter, has encouraged all Lodge Historians to gather black and white photos and a brief history of unique Masonic buildings in their locales.

Do you know of Masonic historical markers in your areas? What significance is attached to each of them? How about those signs of today which show the Lodge name and its responsibility for maintaining the cleanliness of a stretch of highway? Or the Lodge logo and the organization's signs seen on entry into a village?

How about including some of the unique Masonic stones and statuary in the cemeteries in your hamlet, village or town, and stories they tell?

Short Talk Bulletin

November, 1996

The title is "Preserving our Heritage", an article by Brother Ralph B. Duncan of Massachusetts. It addresses Lodge histories, Secretary records, the Lodge Historian or archivist, photographs, a vertical file with a profile on each Past Master, events during their terms, jewels and gifts presented and special programs. It further covers memorabilia and ephemera (copies of programs, tickets, Lodge notices and trestleboards, directories, and a sample of each year's dues cards are examples).

Get your Lodge on the mailing list for Short Talk Bulletins if its not already receiving them from the Masonic Service Assoc. Ask for a back issue of the November pamphlet. Pass it on to your Historian as a "job description". Encourage the appointment of that Lodge Historian who will undertake this important task. □

with their loved ones and any newcomer they meet. Their handshakes are energetic and even though their lives are full, they manage to volunteer precious time to assist their communities.

When someone is in need, the Brothers and their ladies rise to the occasion, not because they have to, but because they want to. Through all their traumas, they manage to be more than survivors. They are the bread boxes, the staples by which men and women can assemble with freedom and dignity. They are people from all religions and from all backgrounds. Every person is pledged to a bond of friendship that goes beyond the Fraternity.

I haven't forgotten the young people involved in Masonry. Whether they follow in their parent's footsteps or they gravitate toward Shrinedom on their own, they continue to be a new foundation for carrying on the tradition of Masonic values. □

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO

## News

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Jan Lughart, Monarch

### Monarch's Message

Together, together. The Grotto had a booth at the Shrine Circus selling novelties.

On February 19th good fellowship was had by all playing Euchre. First place was won by Prophet Wayne Slack. Congratulate him at your first opportunity.

March 31st was Bring-a-Brother Master Mason Night at Henrietta Town Park. It was a fun night to chow down and there was lots of good fellowship.

Your in Good Faith with the Grotto.

### Master of Ceremonies

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

#### Awards Night

On Wednesday, April 16th, we will be honoring 15 members who have 50 and more years and Prophets who have served 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years. We will have a Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner preceding the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.; cost \$7.00. You must make a reservation for the dinner. All reservations must be honored. If you plan to attend the meeting only, we need to know that also. Call Ron Morthorst at 334-4196.

#### ESGA Spring Meeting

It will be here in Rochester at the Radisson Inn, Jefferson Road, on April 25th and 26th. See the registration form on this page. Plans are well under

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

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

#### Good fellowship

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

#### Membership

We have some petitions outstanding. Please get them in by the Board of Governors meeting on April 7th. Thank you.

#### Information Line

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

#### Board of Governors

The date of the next meeting is Monday, April 7th in the Grotto Office at 7:30 p.m.

#### Check the Aud Calendar

If there is a show on, get here early for a good parking place at the Temple. Tell the attendant that you are a Mason and the charge is only \$1.00.

### Legion of Honor

Our March meeting was filled with much merriment and good fellowship. The dinner was great.

The April 14th meeting will be held at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Avenue. The dinner is at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The Dutch Mill has a variety of specials each month. I do need to hear from you as to your preference, and a head count for the restaurant by April 9th. Call me at 872-2385.

#### Sickness and distress

George Francis continues to be in our thoughts and prayers. He was recently transferred to the County Hospital and is able to have visitors.

#### Grotto Spring Round Up

The Masonic Times arrives to most before the end of March.

Last call, Prophets, to remind you of the first Chuck Wagon Dinner of the 1997 Spring Round Up will be held on Monday, March 31st from 5:00 p.m. 'til 9:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Roberts Cabin, Henrietta Town Park, off Calkins Road.

For reservations call 334-4196.

For Master Masons it is a chance to come out and look us over. For Prophets, and the Master Masons, it's free. Prophets alone, the price is \$5.00.

If you need petitions they are available in the Grotto Office or call 872-2385. I will mail petitions on request.

### Caldron News

By Christina Eeckhout, MCO

April 5th is the date for our Smorgasbord in the 3rd floor dining room, Downtown Masonic Temple from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adults are \$5.00 and children under 10 are \$2.50. All the food is home cooked by the Caldron members; the money raised is donated to the Supreme Caldron Humanitarian Fund for handicapped children. We will also have a Craft Table which will include the sale of books. Our Crafts will be available at the E.S.G.A. Convention, April 25th and 26th, at the Radisson on Jefferson Road, Henrietta.

#### Home style

Our Prophets Night, scheduled for March, has been postponed to April 10th for the convenience of the Prophets who attended the Shrine Circus. We will be making a "home style" dinner for the Lalla Rookh Grotto, April 16th. Please let Chairman Millie Panton know you will be able to assist!

#### April meetings

The PMCO's met at Daughter Sue Wilson's home in March. The new Officers for this group are: President, Beverly Murray; Vice-President, Dorothy Bartlett; Secretary, Arlene Topel; and Treasurer, Doris Bell. The next meeting will be on June 16th, location to be announced at a later time.

The Patrol will have a picnic May 1st, at Cecil Losinger's home.

Our Caldron meeting in April will be at 7:00 p.m., so we will be ready to greet the Prophets by 9:00 p.m.

Our Executive Council meeting on April 24th will be at Daughter Arlene Topel's home.

Save the date

Don't forget to save the date, May 3rd, for our "White Fez" luncheon at Cartwright's, where we will at long last meet with the Daughters throughout the State and Canada.

#### Dates to Remember

- Sat., April 5th-Smorgasbord 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Mon., Apr. 7th-Board of Governors 7:30 p.m.
- Mon., Apr. 14th-Legion of Honor- Dutch Mill 6:30 p.m. Dinner
- Thurs., Apr. 10th-Caldron Meeting Doric Hall 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Apr. 16th-Grotto Meeting Cathedral Hall 8:00 p.m. Awards Night
- Thurs., Apr. 24th-Caldron Exe. Council at Arlene Topel's home
- Apr. 25th and 26th ESGA Radisson Inn

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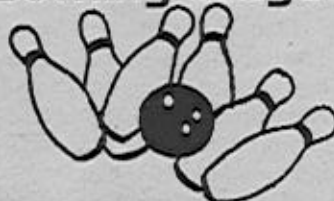
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Never waste your breath asking what others believe - open your eyes and observe their actions, deeds and conduct.

William Arthur Ward

## Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary  
227-6106

Since my last column league bowlers have rolled 18 600 or better series and 76 200 games. Casey Brennan bowled his first 600 series on February 12th, including a 253 game.

600 series were also rolled by John Harris-675 (235, 247); David Gunkel-675 (258, 225); Rex Edwards, Jr.-657 (255); Mike Pastore-656 (237, 236); Bud Crane-649 (228); Mike Holberton-647 (234); Don Weis-646 (240), 642 (254), 640 (237, and 613 (226); Rick Flanagan-629 and 600; Angelo Pastore-628 (237); Harold Reynolds-622 (240); John Flynn-621 (244); Dave Mawhiney-619 (231); Rob Goodyear-618 (221).

Other notable games were rolled by John Blodgett-234; Mike Pastore-226; Dave Horton-225; John Flynn-223; Bud Crane-223; Joe Flanagan-219; Bud Abbott-216; Chuck Gillens-215; Scott Weis-215; Dick Giedd-206; and Don Root-203.

The league bowls at 8:45 p.m. at Maiden Lanes on Wednesdays. Both Masons and non-Masons are welcome. Stop in and see us sometime.

### Empire State Grotto Association 1997 Spring Convention April 25, 26, 1997

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At a Midwinter Conference held at the Holiday Inn Lancaster Host Hotel & Conference Center in Lancaster, PA, January 10-12, 1997, Brother Perry R. Strauss was installed as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.

Brother Strauss was raised a Master Mason in W.K. Bray Lodge No. 410, Hatboro, PA, on October 12, 1977. He is a member of Lehigh Consistory, A.A.S.R., Allentown, PA, and the Crooked Billet Forest No. 169, Tall Cedars of Lebanon since 1982 where he served as Grand Tall Cedar in 1985, 1988 and 1989. He served as a Trustee in the Forest for 1990-91.

Brother Strauss served the Supreme Forest as Parade Marshal in 1986 and Supreme Sentinel in 1988, '89 and '90. He also



served as a member of the Supreme Forest Membership Committee in 1989-90. He has attended the annual Conventions and Midwinter Conferences since 1979, and has always supported Supreme Forest functions.

He was elected to the Office of Regional Director of Region No. 5 of the Supreme Forest in 1992-94. He is a Past President of the Officers and Past Officers Assoc. of District No. 10 and a life member of the Tall Cedar Foundation.

Perry and his wife, Bette, have been married since 1967 and have known each other since childhood. They have two children, Perry, Jr., and Tammy. (Coutesy, Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of NA)

tion with over 20,000 members in 110 Chapters (called Forests) throughout the United States and Canada. Since 1951, the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc., contributing over \$9,000,000.00 to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, and have the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. □

## Tall Cedars of Lebanon

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Angelo DiCataldo, GTC



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### To all Sidonians

By now you must know that once again I am your Grand Tall. The SDGTC is Bob Nichols and the JDGTC is Tom Hueston.

Due to the lack of new petitions for the last couple of years our numbers have decreased. However, thanks to John Zabel, who made a wonderful presentation at the Masters and Wardens meeting on February 22nd, we can now look forward to getting some new members.

### Present plans

For now we need to plan for the next meeting, our Sausage Roast, on June 26th at Damascus Temple on Bay Road, Webster, at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass.

There will be a Steak Roast on September 25th at 6:00 p.m., again at Damascus Temple. You will be called for reservations.

### Looking ahead

Due to conflicts, the 1997 Trestleboard is leaner on meetings. The meeting on Thursday, November 20, will be preceded by an optional dinner at Roncone's in Penfield at 6:00 p.m.

If anyone is unable to make any future meetings because of sickness or distress, please call me at 461-5253. □

## Philaethes

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to contact him may do so at Atholl1781@aol.com

I was asked by a Brother if the Roslin Institute where the sheep cloning took place was anywhere near Rosslyn Chapel, which I wrote about earlier. Not more than 1/2 miles distant. No, they don't all look alike there!

Mentioning the miracles of modern science is a reminder that Brother Maurice Solomon is mending after unplanned heart by-pass surgery. As a man who epitomizes the search for more light, we can all be pleased that he is mending and will soon be traveling the familiar paths again. □

## Masonic Service Association Announces New Director

The Executive Commissioners of the Masonic Service Association of North America are very happy to announce the appointment of a new Director for the Hospital Visitation Program. Edward F. Rose of Annandale, VA, assumed these duties on March 1st.

Brother Rose is a member of Widow's Son Lodge No. 150, Emporia, VA, and has had a most distinguished career in both public education and public service.

He is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a B.S. in Industrial Education and the University of Virginia with a Masters in Education. He taught in the Arlington County School System in Virginia for several years and was the Director of the George Mason Center for Retarded Children, Arlington County Public Schools, for five years.

Brother Rose then turned his efforts and skills into public service with the United States Government culminating in his becoming Director of Voluntary Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, a position from which he retired in April of 1994.

The special skills brought to MSA by Brother Rose will be most helpful in a time of transition for the V.A. Hospital System. The new trend is toward outpatient clinics and it is the goal of the V.A. System to go to 85% outpatient and 15% inpatient treatment within the next few years. This means we will have to adjust our voluntary service program to meet the new needs of our veterans.

The Executive Commissioners want to express their appreciation to Edward Rose for becoming part of their MSA Family! □

## HiLights

### Order of the Eastern Star

GENESSEE-WYOMING DISTRICT

Rt. Wthy. JUNE LEE

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The Guardian Angles of the Genessee/Wyoming District wish each of you a Happy Easter. Let us:

Reach for the highest  
Strive for the best  
Live a day at a time and  
Leave the rest to God.

### Dates to remember

On April 11th there will be a Fish Fry, sponsored by Hesperus Chapter No. 823 at the Masonic Hall, Bergen, NY. Take-outs are at 4:30 p.m., with sit down dinners beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Master Masons will be honored by Vernon Chapter No. 611 at the Masonic Hall Java Village. The evening will begin with a Tureen Dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a meeting at 8:00 p.m.

On April 25th, Star Point Recognitions will be held by Vernon Chapter No. 611 at their regular meeting held at the Masonic Temple, Java Village at 8:00 p.m.

Master Masons will be honored by Hesperus Chapter No. 823 on April 28th. It will be an open meeting at the Masonic Hall in Bergen, NY at 7:30 p.m.

### Grand Official Visit

The Grand Official Visit of Most Worthy Constance M. Carter, Grand Matron and Most Worthy Kenneth T. Irwin, Grand Patron, to the Genessee/Wyoming District, Order of the Eastern Star will be May 15th. The event will take place at the First United Methodist Church, Lewiston Rd. (Rt. 63), Batavia, NY.

The Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. at a cost of \$14.00 per person. There will be entertainment at 7:15 p.m. and a meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Out of town guests will be staying at the Best Western Batavia Inn, 1-800-BATAVIA. Rooms are \$50.00 for singles and \$55.00 for D/T/Q.

For reservations call Miss L. Janet Lee at (716) 343-6285. □

## Order of the Eastern Star HiLights

MONROE DISTRICT STATE OF NEW YORK

DDGM

Rt. Wthy.

Elaine Spiegel



DGL

Rt. Wthy.

William Cobb



By Wthy. Barbara E. Spano

It is my joy in life to find at every turning of the road, the strong arm of a comrade kind, to help me onward with my load.

Greetings from Rt. Wthy. Elaine and Rt. Wthy. Bill.

### Tournament

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the Euchre Tournament. There were 30 something in attendance. The shuffling of cards and the sound of quarters dropping in the cup when someone got Euchred added to the day. First place went to Bill Zufall; Don McDill and Audrey Zufall tied for second; and third place went to Winnie Downs. We certainly hope that we have another tournament this year.

### Thanks

The 1993 "Goosensspiegles" are ecstatically proud to announce that we have hit the half way mark, \$2500.00 toward "Star", our guide dog. It's all because of you special people who have been so generous.

Our "Cabin Fever Reliever" at Turning Stone Casino was a huge success. Thanks so much to all who participated. We are more excited about this project than before and so appreciate all of you who share our enthusiasm.

### Grand Matron

April 17th is the Grand Matron's Official Visit. It will be at the Diplomat on Lyell Avenue. The luncheon is at 12 noon and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. The luncheon is \$11.00 and dinner is \$17.00. Rt. Wthy. Elaine and Rt. Wthy. Bill invite you all to attend.

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## Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador for 1997



Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador Christopher Allen Fina and Supreme Tall Cedar Perry R. Strauss.

By Albert H. Hensinger, PSTC, Public Relations Chairman

Christopher was born on November 1, 1986 and was diagnosed with Congenital Muscular Dystrophy at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia in 1987. Breinigsville, PA is home for Chris, his parents, Donna and John, and his brother, John, Jr.

Chris is a bright, determined child and is in the 4th grade in Fogelsville, PA. He likes to read and draw, and is especially interested in planes, fire trucks and trains and is active in the Cub Scouts. He loves to travel and is looking forward to attending many activities during 1997.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organiza-



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**Healthy smiles**

I received a phone call from Joy Woodley after she had read Carol Ritter's article regarding Dental Health Month. Joy in turn called Rt. Wthy. Elaine and they discussed the possibility of Monroe District taking part in collecting tooth brushes, tooth paste and dental floss for the homeless and less fortunate. That is what we are going to do. When you have a healthy smile you feel so much better about yourself. If you feel you can participate with us in this endeavor, please give these articles to your Matron who can bring them to Study group. Joy and I will then see that they get to the Dental Association. Within the homeless family there are a lot of children, and if we can help them and teach them that dental hygiene is so very important, then we will have done a wonderful service. Thank you all for your help and care.

**Official Visits**

- April 1 Nola 8:00 p.m.
- April 7 Etolian 8:00 p.m.
- April 21 Germania 7:30 p.m.
- April 23 Culver 8:00 p.m.
- May 1 Oatka 8:00 p.m.

The West-East Luncheon is April 5th, 12 noon at the Penfield Lodge. Let us not forget our Baby Banks. "Feed it, a baby will need it".

When friends meet, hearts warm.

Until next time, I wish you peace.

**NOLA Chapter**  
**No. 368**  
*Order of the Eastern Star*

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

Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings  
Matron  
Wthy. Jean Stewart  
Secretary

20 South Main Street  
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

**April Fool!**

Our Official Visit will be April 1st. We may not play any April Fool jokes, but we will be looking forward to playing host to our Grand Officers. There may be some April Fool surprises.

April 15th will be a "Smelly Meeting". This one should be an interesting one! The Committee for April is Wthy. Mary Ann Sovocool, Sisters Carol Pickworth, Kathryn Fieret, Alice Hassett, Mary Weinberger and Brother George Simon.

**Illness**

Wthy. Mabel Gruendike is back home and doing much better each day. Wthy. Joan Jacobs had knee surgery in March. Our best to these Sisters.

**Our Sale**

The Rummage-Baked Food Sale is June 6th and 7th at the Riga Town Park, Buffalo Road. We will open for business on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will set up Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you can help on this sale, please get in touch.

**We care**

We made baskets of a variety of things for our friends at the DePaul Adult Home for Easter.

We will have a speaker from the DePaul Clinic at our Mother's Day meeting. Remember to bring someone to this open meeting and tureen dinner.

**Projects**

Save your register tapes from TOPS food store and send or bring them to Wthy. Carol Wynings. When we have enough we can earn something for Chapter. Thanks to all who have brought money from cans, stamps, can labels and other things we have going. Every little bit helps.

**It's that time**

Income tax time, but cheer up. Birds have bills, too, but they keep on singing!

**Webster**  
**Chapter No. 171**  
*Order of the Eastern Star*  
**1st & 3rd Tuesdays**  
**8:00 p.m.**

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Wthy. Ruth Beard, Matron  
315-524-3815  
Rt. Wthy. Faythe Mattern  
Sec. 594-4449  
30 Orchard Street  
Webster, New York

At this writing we are anticipating an enjoyable evening at the Clarke House to celebrate our 98th birthday.

**Thanks, Kay**

Our Master Mason's Night was great fun with Sister Kay Keuhne putting her talent into an excellent presentation for our Brothers. They learned about OES aprons in a comical fashion.

**April meetings**

Our April 1st meeting will celebrate Easter a bit late with a dessert and coffee at 7:00 p.m., the meeting will follow at 8:00 p.m.

On April 15th we will have a regular meeting in preparation of the Grand Matron's visit on the 17th. We look forward to having M. Wthy. Connie Carter and M. Wthy. Kenneth Irwin and their official family in Monroe District.

**Spaghetti Suppers**

Now that Lent is over, we hope to see more of you at our first Friday of each month Spaghetti Suppers. Our cooks are terrific and all their helpers do a great job.

**Card Party**

On May 5th we will be having our bi-annual Card Party with a Chicken and Biscuit Luncheon. Make up your tables and call Marion Neuert or Eva Anderson for tickets. Time is 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the cost is \$5.00.

When we give away a loving smile To lighten someone's heart Our own is always lightened By the love that we impart. In fact, the sweetest things of all That bring us joy each day Are not the ones we try to keep But those we give away.

**Rochester**  
**Chapter**  
**No. 314**  
*Order of the Eastern Star*  
Wthy. BARBARA SPANO  
Matron 244-1503  
Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS  
Secretary 482-0994

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

All I need to know about life I learned from my Guardian Angel.

**Welcome**

Official Visit is over, and what a wonderful evening. It is always nice to have visitors from other Chapters. A big thanks to all who made this a great evening. We initiated 2 new Sisters; Halina Reszityk and Martha Johnson. Welcome to our Order.

**Lots of work!**

As I write this letter, Rt. Wthy. Audrey Zufall is getting ready for the Spring Bazaar. I am sure it will be a great success. Heaps of gratitude to Rt. Wthy. Audrey and Sister Norma Gingold for all their work.

Mega thanks to Wthy. Claudia for taking care of the Candy Sale.

**April meeting**

Our April meeting is quickly approaching. We will be having a dinner before the meeting. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. and dine at 6:30 p.m. Please let Wthy. Evy Ann know if you will be attending. Cost for the dinner will be \$4.50. We will also have a Brown Bag Auction after the meeting.

**Congratulations, Nicole**

On March 15th my granddaughter, Nicole, joined the Triangle. It was a lovely evening and she looked so lovely in her white gown. The girls made her feel so welcome.

**Communicate**

Angel hugs to our Sisters and Brothers who cannot be with us. We would love to hear from you, so drop us a line and let us know how you are and what you are doing.

**Garage sale**

Start saving "stuff" for our Garage Sale in June. The more "stuff" the better.

Carry a spare set of Wings in your pocket.

Until next time, I wish you peace.

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

Erika Hansen  
Beloved Queen  
637-0811



By Nancy Lynch, Jr. Deputy  
Think Spring! We are selling geranium plants and hanging baskets until April 26th. Contact any Triangle girl or Supervisor with your order. Delivery will be in May.

**Welcome**

We say our numbers have grown by two. On March 15th we were fortunate to take in two new members. Welcome Nicole and Sarah.

We want to thank all of you who supported our Triangle by buying a flower for your lady at the Masonic Grand Ball.

**April meetings**

Election of Officers will be April 12th and Installation on April 26th. Installation will be an open meeting, so feel free to come and see our ladies dressed in white. Bring a young lady who might be interested. Ladies between 11 and 21 can become members at any time.

Hope to see you there!

For flower orders you may call me at 334-7953.

**Save the Date!**

**70th Birthday Celebration**  
**Fidelity Triangle #4**  
**Organization of Triangles**

**June 28, 1997**

Clio Masonic Temple  
Hilton, New York

**In Memoriam**

**February**

**Colburn, Robert W.**  
Robert had been a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 for 48 years when he passed away on February 7th. He is survived by his children, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

**Craw, Kenyon S.**  
A member of Oatka Lodge No. 759, Kenyon entered into eternal rest on February 16th. He is survived by his wife, May, children and other family members.

**Durbin, Richard W.**  
Seneca Lodge No. 797, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine all lost a member with the death of Richard on February 17th. He is survived by his wife, Esther, and other family members.

**Forsyth, George W.**  
George was a 48 year member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 and died on February 17th. He is survived by his wife, Mary, 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

**Stroh, Richard C.**  
Richard joined the Great Architect above on February 20th. He was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 and is survived by his wife, Mary, 2 sons and 2 grandchildren.

**Pershing, Arnold E.**  
February 25th was the date that Arnold passed away. He was a 36 year member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 and a member of Rochester Consistory. Arnold leaves his children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**Kopen, Alexander**  
Flower City Lodge No. 910 and Rochester Consistory lost a member with the passing of Alexander on February 26th. Survivors include his wife, Bessie, children, grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**Miller, G. Edson**  
Edson was called Home on February 28th. He was a 68 year member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and is survived by his wife, Irene, daughter and other family members.

**March**

**Deering, Charles H.**  
Charles was 81 years old when he died on March 11th. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and Rochester Consistory. He is survived by his wife, Mary, children, and grandchildren.

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

**Adair, Charles J.**  
Charles was a member of Warsaw Lodge No. 549 and passed away February 25th.

**Blodgett, Vincent E.**  
Vincent's sister informed us that he died on January 31st.

**Cross, Robert K.**  
Robert lived in Ft. Myers, Florida and passed away February 4th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154.

**Haight, Irving**  
Irving was a member of Clio Lodge No. 779.

**Hamelink, John A.**  
John was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 when he died on January 4th.

**Harville, Clifford H.**  
Warsaw Lodge No. 549 lost a member with the passing of Clifford.

**Hay, Joseph L.**  
Joseph was also a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and passed away January 22nd.

**Landcastle, Joseph A.**  
Joseph's son informed us of the death of his father on February 7th. Joseph, Sr. was a Past Master of Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 and Past Patron of the Eastern Star in LeRoy.

**Marshall, Ralph E.**  
Ralph was a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475 and passed away November 9, 1996.

**Perry, Claude W.**  
Rochester Consistory was recently notified of the death of Claude on November 17, 1996. He lived in Sodus.



Martha Johnson, Wthy. Barbara Spano, Rt. Wthy. Elaine Spiegel, Rt. Wthy. William Cobb, Rt. Wthy. William Zufall and Halina Reszityk.



# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

1997

- May 4-6 Grand Lodge, New York City
- May 16 Joint Investiture - Downtown Temple
- May 18 29th Capitular District Meeting, Lake Hiram
- May 29 GW Masters and Wardens, Attica
  
- Jun. 7 GW Annual Golf Tournament - Pike
  
- Jul. 10-13 New York Council of Deliberation  
Rochester Holiday Inn, Genesee Plaza
- Jul. 20 GW Council of Masonic Activities, Batavia
  
- Aug. 3 GW District Go to Church  
S. Byron United Methodist
- Aug. 9 Grand Master's Day, Camp Turk
  
- Sept. Grand Commandery
  
- Oct. 13 The Last Round of Golf (Lakeside Foundation)
- Oct. 25 Grand Master's Town Meeting, Area 15  
Downtown Temple, Rochester
  
- 1998
- Apr. 25 Widows Luncheon, Logan's Party House

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Fri., Sat. 8:00 p.m.  
Sun. 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**Sun. Apr. 12**  
**Def Comedy Jam**  
8:00 p.m.

**Tues. thru Sun., Apr. 15 - 20**  
**Stomp**  
Tues. - Thur. 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. 8:00 p.m.  
Sat. 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.  
Sun. 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**Wed. Apr. 23**  
**Opera Rehearsal**  
12:00 noon - 11:00 p.m.

**Thur. Apr. 24**  
**Success International**  
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Fri. & Sun. Apr. 25 & 27  
**Madam Butterfly**  
Fri. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2:00 p.m.

Tues. Apr. 29  
**Widespread Panic**  
8:00 p.m.

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ERAC No. 943 2x  
Union Star No. 320  
Warsaw No. 549

The Deadline for the May issue is:  
**April 12, 1997**

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

## Banquet Meeting Directory

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## Calendar April 1997

○ Deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Char/Corin-3*-Dinner Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Dinner Oakland - Castle Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw  OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	Attica  Shrine	Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster - Dinner  Caldron  RAM - Western Star  OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.	Webster Spaghetti Dinner  Genesee/Wyoming Fish Fry - LeRoy	Leadership Development Course-Downtown Masonic Temple  Caldron Smorgasbord 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.  DeMolay  OES - Rochester Chapter
Spring Ahead 6  Perry - Swiss Steak Dinner by the OES & Constellation Lodge	West Star - Varysburg 7  KT - Cyrene/Monroe Inspection - Dinner  OES - Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy	Batavia Fame - Irondequoit - Dinner Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster - 1* Valley/Glimes - BAF  RAM - Dansville, Wyoming  OES - Leah	Service Bureau Luncheon 9 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Clio - Spaghetti Dinner  RAM - Webster  OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia	Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City 10   RAM - Hiram  Batavia Commandery		Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile
15 	ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Dinner  RAM - Arcade  OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes	Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton Germania - Irondequoit Oakland - Castle - BAF Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw  OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy 16  Grotto  RSM - Doric Council Dinner  RAM - 3X3	Constellation - Perry Flower City - 1* Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pitts.-3*-Dinner Webster  Scottish Rite Reunion  RAM - Western Star - OV  OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.	18	Scottish Rite Reunion Beginning at 8:30 a.m.  7:00 p.m. - Scottish Rite Banquet
20	West Star - Varysburg 21  KT - Cyrene/Monroe  OES - Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy	Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport  Earth Day  Passover begins at Sunset	Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike 23  Secretaries Day  OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia	Eagle Valley - Bliss 24  RAM - Hiram  KT - Batavia Commandery Inspection - Dinner	25 	Ox Roast - Clio, 26 Hilton  RAM Scholarship Dinner Batavia Downs  Monroe Lodge Awards Program Seymore Library
27	ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spcpt. - 3* Fairport - 3* Union Star - Hon. Falls - 3* Wakan/Hubbard  RAM - Arcade RSM - Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council - MM Degree OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes	28	29 Philaethes Dinner 30  RAM Grand Lecturers Convention, Livonia Chapter, East Avon		1997 MARCH 1997 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1997 MAY 1997 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31