



## Season's Greetings



### Wendell K. Walker, "Builder of Men", Award Presented to Local Mason



Brother William Jones receiving the Wendell K. Walker Award from M.W. Earle J. Hino, Jr. Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York at the Town Meeting held at Rochester in October.

By John E. Zabel

On October 25th at the Town Meeting, the Grand Master presented the Wendell K. Walker Builder of Men Award to William Jones. The Award is named after M.W. Wendell K. Walker, former Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. M.W. Walker served as Grand Secretary for many years and is one of a select few Brethren in this jurisdiction to be given the title of Honorary Past Grand Master by the Grand Lodge for his many years of labor. M.W. Wendell Walker died in office.

#### The philosophy of the Award

Throughout the long history of our Craft, there have been various bands of workmen laboring in the quarries of Freemasonry. During those years a number of fine men have emerged as extraordinary in their devotion to the principles of our Order, and through conscious effort and untiring work, have helped to shape others into those smooth stones fit for inclusion in the Celestial Lodge above.

These men are correctly identified as Master builders in their Craft. In recognition of these Masons who have and continue

to work as Master Builders, the Wendell K. Walker Award was created.

#### Criteria

To be recognized as understanding and exhibiting an unselfish commitment to the ideals and principles of Freemasonry.

To be recognized as one who is always available to support his Brothers in understanding the value of living his life by those principles and ideals.

To be that Brother who stands out among his fellows as a true "builder of men" and who is often seen as a "mentor".

To be actively involved in Freemasonry, and continually lending support to those around him.

To be actuated by a deep and abiding love for the Craft, as demonstrated by his thorough knowledge of the tenets of the institution.

The Grand Master solicits nominations for this Award from the DDGMs of each area. He selects one recipient from an area and presents the Award at the Town Meeting in that area. The number of Awards available for 1996-98 is 25.



By W. Brian Keery

A Task Force has been commissioned to operate the Have-A-Heart, Buy-A-Heart Campaign for 1998. We are now making an appeal for your help, aid and assistance. From February 6, through February 14th, 1998, we will be working at three malls to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House, located near Strong Memorial Hospital. Our Campaign consists of giving paper hearts for donations, in the malls. Folks are asked to inscribe a message on the Hearts which are then displayed.

This House is the "Home Away from Home" for families who have a family member in a local hospital, usually suffering from a very serious illness and requiring hospital care. The House provides a family atmosphere at a very nomi-

### Task Force Created for 1998 Have-A-Heart, Buy-A-Heart Campaign

nal price to the people using it. This creates large operating expenses which have to be met every year, hence the need for our continued Masonic support.

#### How can you help?

Irondequoit, Greece Ridge and Marketplace Malls will need to be staffed from 12 noon until 9:00 p.m. from February 6th through February 14th, 1998. We are encouraging Lodges and Chapters to sign up for a day, or even two full days, if possible. If not, we are asking that each Lodge or Chapter sign up for a series or even one three hour time block to help. Please remember that your families, friends, or prospective candidates are more than welcome to help. What better way to show the general public, someone who may be interested in any part of the Masonic family, what we actually do?

#### How do you sign up?

Contact any of your Grand Lodge Officers, or your District Deputy Grand Matron. The heads of your Concordant Bodies have also been contacted and they will be assisting. They will in turn contact the Task Force and we will make sure that you are all set with instructions and any other material you may need prior to your shift in the campaign.

We will attempt to recognize everyone who helps us by way of thank you notes and recognition in the *Masonic Times*. Your best recognition will come in the warm feeling you will get in performing this important Masonic Community Service.

Please let us count on you among those of our family members who will make this year's Campaign one of significant help to the "Home Away from Home".

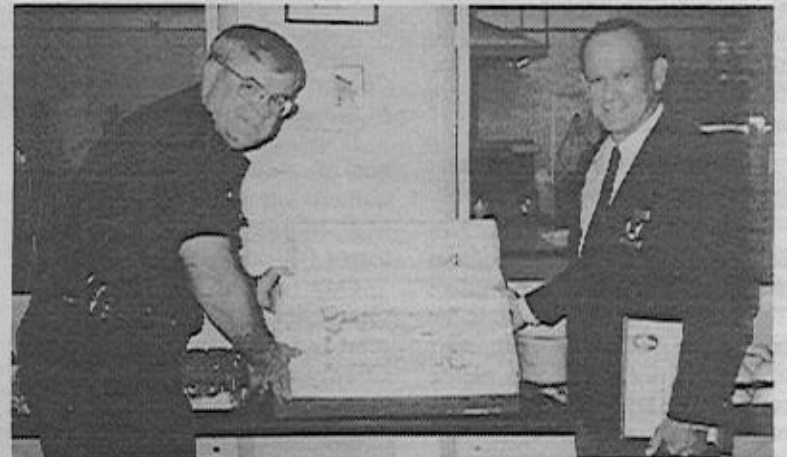
Thank you so much. Let's do it!!!

Home sponsored concert of the Utica Symphony. Brother William J. Luley, Executive Director for the Masonic Home, and R.W. David S. Shumway, Secretary for the Home's Trustees, made the presentations.

The support provided by these two individuals to the various causes within the community is unequalled. Operation Sunshine and the United Way are two charities that receive great support from Mrs. Donovan and the *Observer Dispatch*. The American Lung Association and the Stevens-Swan Humane Society are two charities that have recently benefited from the great support provided by Mr. Merren and WKTV. Many other groups within this community have been recipients of Mrs. Donovan's and Mr. Merren's charitable efforts.

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### DeWitt Clinton Award Presented to Fairport Police Department and Officer Ramsberger



Officer Ed Ramsberger and Police Chief Brian Page with their Just Dessert at Fairport Lodge DeWitt Clinton Award presentation. (more in the Fairport Lodge article.)

### R.W. James Powell Receives Grand Representative's Apron



R.W. Gene Brendel-GSB, R.W. Cyrus Kloner-DDGM 1st Mon., assist W. Brian Keery-Master of Etolian Lodge in presenting Apron to R.W. James Powell-Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge in the Province of Quebec, Canada. (Photo courtesy E. Brendel)

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### Masonic Home Presents DeWitt Clinton Awards

Two leaders of the community were presented with DeWitt Clinton Awards by the Masonic Home on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. Mrs. Donna M. Donovan, President and Publisher of Utica's newspaper, the *Observer Dispatch*, and Mr. Stephen P. Merren, Vice President and General Manager of one of Utica's television stations, WKTV-TV2, received the Awards prior to the Masonic

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# Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger  
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## Holiday Greetings

The Staff of the *Times* and I wish all the Brethren and their families a Happy Holiday and a New Year filled with joy and fulfillment.

## Missing tapes, still missing

I have asked in the *Times* for the return of some tapes that were borrowed from the Service Bureau Office in the Spring. I believe they were borrowed for a Lodge Program by the Master. These tapes were part of a collection donated by the wife of Rev. Eligius Rainer and were reproduced professionally, at Mrs. Rainer's expense, from the texts and slides Rev. Rainer used in his various Masonic Lectures. If anyone remembers viewing these tapes, please whisper in the ear of those Brothers of your Lodge who might have procured them. We would like to get them back.

## Volunteers

Masonic Brothers are noted for their willingness to volunteer for worthy causes. I believe that most of you would agree that that is a factual statement, right! Well, the statistical probability of that being true, with respect to cleaning the Service Bureau's Loan Closet equipment, is not even close to one, meaning, true all the time.

It seems that we always get the same people volunteering to do the work. Consequently, the job doesn't get done often enough and items must go out other than squeaky clean. I always tell our volunteers that the items should leave here in a condition suitable for their own families' use. We have appealed for help many times in this publication, but the response has been other than spectacular. So here it is again: if you have a few spare hours during the month and would like to fulfill a real need, please come up and help us out!

## Smoking at the Downtown Temple

The T.C.C. Representatives have tried to get the message across that smoking in the Downtown Temple is restricted to certain areas (main hallway at the stair tower). If you must smoke, please restrict your smoking to those areas. There is no smoking permitted, by Ordinance, in the Lodge Rooms, Ante Rooms, Library, Dining Rooms, Offices or Rest Rooms.

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## Love

Now that the holiday season is upon us, let us ever remember the ideals which are deeply embedded in Masonry—Faith, Hope and Charity. Love! Love of God, country, your neighbor and yourself, and in that order. "Love ye therefore the strangers, for if you love them which love you, what regard have ye?"

## Thanks

Your Service Bureau has been blessed with volunteers who "love not in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth". My personal thanks, and that of all of our Officers and Directors, to those who serve in so many ways. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon each and everyone of you.

## Ideals of Masonry

How can you serve? By working on various committees of the Bureau; being active in the community; cleaning and repairing

equipment for our loan closet; working at Camp DeMolay; giving us your guidance and suggestions; keeping our good works in your prayers, and, of course, financially. You show "the sincerity of your love" by your commitment to the concepts, beliefs and ideals of Masonry.

Love, "ah, the wonder of it all". □

## Temple Civic Center

By Vern Goodrich

Regarding the TCC's silverware: half of our forks and every single one of our teaspoons (approximately 150) have disappeared. All our silverware has been replaced, and I hope the new lasts as long as the old. □

## The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc. Loan Closet

The Masonic Service Bureau Loan Closet, supported by area Masons, makes available items for home care to the Community at no cost. The Closet is open 9:00 a.m. to noon, Monday thru Friday. Items must be picked up and returned.

Equip. Type	On loan
Bathtub equip.	70
Bed (Acces.)	3
Canes	99
Commodos	91
Crutches	213
Walkers	172
Wheelchairs	117
Miscellaneous	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>776</b>

## MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

### Al Sigi Walk-a-Thon

On Sunday morning, November 2nd, the Annual Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser for the Al Sigi Center, was held at Marketplace Mall from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

It was a huge success, with a host of volunteers and throngs of walkers spread throughout the Mall. I would guess there were at least 1,000 persons participating.

Our total volunteers representing the Masonic Service Bureau and the Masons of Monroe County were six, composed of three Shrine Clowns, namely

John "Haji" Bryce, Gordon "Jingles" Bell and newcomer, William "Cousin Tibbles" Schenck, and my wife, Sylvia, and I. My Magician colleague from the local Magic Societies, Prof. Rem, also joined us.

The performers did a great job in entertaining and were very well received. On behalf of the Bureau, I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for their participation.

The Manager of Special Projects of the Al Sigi Center was very cognizant and greatly appreciative of our involvement.

At the present time, there are no other Community Service events scheduled for the balance of this year. □

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Professor Rem with children at the Al Sigi Walk-a-Thon.



Harold and Sylvia Bollotin with Professor Rem at Marketplace.



Gordy "Jingles" Bell, John "Haji" Bryce, William "Cousin Tibbles" Schenck and Magician, Professor Rem, entertaining walkers.

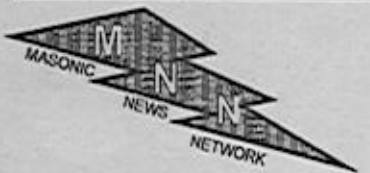


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### More light in Masonry? Who needs it?

Those of us who aren't proud to be called a Master Mason—Those of us who don't feel that "we" can identify with Freemasonry—

Those of us who can't talk about the Craft, not even to our families, because we don't know what to say—

Those of us who asked questions about the Fraternity but never received meaningful answers—

When looking at the foregoing statements, I ask myself as I assume that each of you might also, can we truthfully answer that we do not need more light in Masonry? I would like to believe that we could respond to the four statements in the affirmative, but being realistic, as Masons and in many cases, leaders in the Craft, it becomes our duty to provide that light in Masonry to our Brethren so that we can positively reaffirm our understandings, beliefs and convictions relating to Freemasonry.

Masonic education is the responsibility of each of us in propagating the Fraternity, whether we attain that goal on our own or are instructed by our leaders in the Craft or by referencing Masonic books and literature. Our ultimate goal is to provide the means to reflect the commonest definition of the purpose of our Fraternity: "The Brotherhood of Man Under the Fatherhood of God". If we truly wish to be members of an organization which espouses that universal hope and aspiration, we must consciously and deliberately practice the essential ingredient, "Brotherly Love". When we have accomplished that, and it is very possible, then we can truthfully say, "I now possess all the necessary Light In Masonry".

### Good work!

Now that I have conducted all of my Official Visits, I have every reason to be very proud of the Lodges and the Brethren within the Genesee/Wyoming District. It truly is a pleasure to see the 'fruits of a well cultivated crop', the crop in this case is the spirited leadership of the Lodges throughout the District. A 'special' thank you to all who have had a part in these endeavors.

Keep up the 'good work'! May God Bless us all.

**Support the Masonic Brotherhood Fund**

## Grand Sword Bearer

Genesee/Wyoming District



R.W. Richard C. Anderson

### Grand Lecturer's Convention

Brethren, the members of the Genesee/Wyoming District are to be commended for the showing that they made, at the Grand Lecturer's Convention on November 5th. The DDGM and I were very appreciative and proud of all the members attending and the fine work of Opening and Closing. In the roll call of officers, four Lodges in this District, will qualify for the Potts Award. Great job, well done Brothers.

### Education

The training team will be starting "The Road to the East" Program in December. All the candidates should have been contacted and the schedules set. Please do your best to attend these sessions as scheduled, as revisions tend to make it difficult on others.

### BBFN Program

A number of Lodges have completed a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. This has resulted in candidates and new Brothers. There are two Lodges in the District that will be hosting this Program in December. It would help for Brothers from other Lodges to attend and show their support. The dates and places are: December 3rd at Attica (West Star and Attica) and December 4th at Hesperus Lodge.

Triluminar Lodge in Pike will hold their Awards Night and Widows Program on December 6th.

December 11th is the date of the Christmas Program of Batavia Commandery at Attica.

Genesee York Rite College will hold its meeting at Batavia on December 13th.

**PIA**

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**Communications**

W. George R. Springett  
Chairman

### Participation

We all have heard for years comments pertaining to the need to improve the participation in our Lodge rooms. Many books have been written on this subject over the last century. They all confirm one major theme, we must improve the image of our standard communications.

We must reduce the time spent on the mundane business function (bill paying, etc.) required for proper maintenance of the Lodge. Using the standard opening and the long form closing, along with all necessary business to be brought before the Lodge, your meeting should be approximately forty five minutes in total length.

### Obligation

Now that your meeting is only forty five minutes long, what should you do now? Should you adjourn to play cards and socialize? NOT YET, WORSHIPFUL MASTER. You have not fulfilled your obligatory oath that was part of your investiture as Master of the Lodge.

Do you remember in that obligation where you agreed to lead and instruct the Brothers?

### Ritual

Many of the books on the subject of leadership and instruction say the best way to meet your obligation is "Ritual, Ritual, Ritual". Even the Grand Lodge of the State of New York Leadership Training Program stresses, "Program, Program, Program". Stop for a minute, are both of these in reality the same or are they different? "Ritual, Program, Ritual, Program, Ritual, Program"; do you see light present from both?

Ritual is the source for instruction while Program is the means for the instruction.

But you say that you have given instruction through the initiating, passing and raising of a new Brother. My Brothers, this is true and undeniable, but this is just the first baby step in the growth towards the making a man into a better man.

Then you say, well we are using the Shepherd Program. Okay, I will agree that is proper expansion of the instruction for the new Brother. For the Brothers unfamiliar with this program, it is a means to instruct the newly raised Brother and make him comfortable with participating from the sidelines. It also instructs that the opening and closing are our means, in part, the security system of the Lodge. Well, you have taken the second baby step towards fulfilling your obligation as the Master of your Lodge.

Do not stop there, Worshipful Master, you are just beginning to fulfill the requirements of a good Master.

Let's return to the Ritual. During one of the Degrees the Apron is placed upon the new Brother and an explanation is given. Is there a more significant meaning to the Apron on a Master Mason? I refer not to the first presentation, but to the sides of the Apron (3,5,7). A full discussion of the meaning and interpretation of just this single component of the Ritual can be used to fill in the meeting time. By adding these discussions regularly to your communications will fulfill your obligation as Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

This, my Brothers, is my true belief and interpretation of the books and training information required to meet your obligation as Worshipful Master of your Lodge and the most positive way to communicate Masonry to all the Brothers.

## Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



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

### District Directory

By now all of the Lodges and Concordant Bodies of the District should be in possession of their order of the District Directory. If you have need for any

additional copies, please contact the Council Secretary to see if arrangements can be made.

### Fundraiser

It was nice to see all the Brothers, Sisters, and their families, at the Fall Fish Fry. It was a successful venture. The success of this fundraiser could have been far more beneficial to the Council's Charities had more of our Brothers and Sisters participated. Let's all support the next fundraiser, whomever it shall be in support of.

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



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By R.W. Robert G.S. Nicoll

As you receive this issue of the *Masonic Times*, we are looking ahead to Christmas and the New Year. We, the Officers and Trustees wish all the Brethren a very joyous Christmas time, and Best Wishes for the New Year.

### BAF Night

With the New Year, we are planning a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night to be held on January 21st, the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We need new members! What we have is a marvelous facility, beautiful Lodge room with the unique staircase of 3-5-7 steps, outer and inner door, and a history that survived the "Morgan Incident", meeting continuously since 1811. We have 60 year members like Lynn Saulsbury, 50 year members like Frank Peel, and 40 year members like myself.

What we need are young men to carry on our history and traditions. Now each member of Olive Branch Lodge No. 39, has the responsibility of contacting in your neighborhood, young men, their wives, and families to a Masonic evening, dinner, explanation of Masonry, and hopefully new members. So talk to young men, write to young men, but bring people to our "Nite" on January 21st.

### Thank you

Leone and I thank the Lodge for allowing us to use the Masonic Hall for our 10th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for those alone. Again, this has been a very successful Community Dinner.

A sign I noticed in one of Perry's better luncheonettes, "When I die, I want to go peacefully, like my grandfather did, in his sleep, not yelling and screaming like the passengers in his car."

## Looking Back Over the Years

*A History of Olive Branch Lodge continued from last month.*

March 23, 1841, this commission requested Knowlton Rich, Supervisor of the Town, and Harry Bachus, Eminent Commander of the Encampment, to convey the property to John Lent, John Jackson, Joseph M. Murphy, Israel Rathbone, and William Sheldon of LeRoy, Daniel Graves and William Graves of Rochester, Ezekiel Hall of Batavia, Horatio Stevens of Buffalo, and James

Ganson of Jackson, Mich., all of whom were Masons.

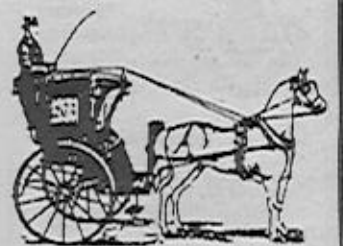
Several of these men disposed of their interests as time went on until 1859 the property was owned by John G. Barbor, John Lent and Jonathan Barron. The property probably brought in \$1,000 in 1841, as several of these men sold their tenth interests for \$100.00. These three men sold their interests to the First Universalist Society of LeRoy, NY, by deeds dated July 19, 1859. Mr. Barbor conveyed three-tenths and one-fourth of a tenth, Mr. Lent conveyed three-tenths, and Mr. Barbor three-tenths and three-quarters of a tenth.

The old "Round House" was promptly demolished and the present building erected. As time went on the Universalist Society wanted in strength owing to deaths and removals, and services were finally discontinued. The Masons appreciating that this would be a splendid building for Lodge purposes, purchased it August 11, 1906, for \$1500.00. In order to have funds for remodeling, and fitting it up, the put a mortgage on the property for \$1,200, and a little later another for \$1,300. In the Summer of 1925, through the efforts of W. Clinton E. Eaton, supplemented by William J. Wheelock, Chairman of the Soliciting Committee, enough money was subscribed to pay off both mortgages, the burning of which on December 2nd, was told in the last issue of the *Gazette-News*.

When J.G. Barbor and John Lent conveyed the property to the Universalist Society they inserted in their deeds a reservation that the property should not be used except for "the purpose of religious worship and exercises and for no other or different purpose whatever". But nothing herein contained shall be taken to prevent said premises being occupied as a dwelling house" Barron made no reservations.

It is fitting that the Masons should always remember the generous acts of Mrs. Emma Barbor Cook Spittal and Mrs. Harriet Lent Bissell, who individually owned these reservations, in

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deeding them to the Masons without charge, and thus making the title of the property beyond dispute. Mrs. Bissell generously gave the Masons \$500 toward fitting up the building and when she died in 1920 she willed the Lodge \$500 more, and large oil paintings of Capt. John Lent and his son and her first husband, John H. Lent, both of whom were members of Olive Branch Lodge and later members of the Chapter.

Masonry has been represented in LeRoy first by Western Star Chapter No. 35, which was chartered March 29, 1813; by LeRoy Lodge No. 260, organized under a dispensation dated January 7, 1815; by a Commandery (then called Encampment) No. 10, chartered December 16, 1825; Olive Branch Lodge moved here from Attica in 1847; LeRoy Chapter, Royal Arch Masons No. 183, organized under a dispensation granted December 12, 1864; and LeRoy Chapter No. 15, Order of the Eastern Star, known as Olive Branch Chapter No. 509, organized on August 25, 1911.

Western Star Chapter was moved to Batavia in 1852. LeRoy Lodge No. 260 surrendered its charter September 19, 1827. The Commandery was moved to Batavia in 1827 and to Lockport in 1839. LeRoy Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, disbanded in 1871, leaving at the present time Olive Branch Lodge No. 39, LeRoy Chapter of Royal Arch Masons No. 183, and Olive Branch Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star No. 509.

In 1839 out of 507 Lodges in New York State, but 72 had survived, and the Lodges were renumbered according to the dates of their charters, when Olive Branch Lodge was given the number 39. □

his death in 1986. It's given to those Lodges who have perfect attendance at the Grand Lecturer's Convention, the officers required are the Master, both Wardens, both Deacons, and the two Masters of Ceremony. Sounds very easy to plan for, but difficult to accomplish. I congratulate the officers of Oakland Lodge No. 379, Arcade Lodge No. 419, Hesperus Lodge No. 837 and Batavia Lodge No. 475. I thank my officers for their show of support and unity for this Award for our Lodge. To the best of my knowledge this is the first time we have qualified for this Award. I also thank Brother Dan Wiatrowski who sat in the Senior Deacon chair for the Convention.

**Holidays**

The Holiday Season will soon be upon us and if you look in the department stores you would think that it should be next week instead of next month. This season should be more than eating turkey and stuffing and opening presents on Christmas. It should be a time to remember our loved ones. The rebirth of family ties and bonds. The time to remember those who are no longer with us, and a time to create new memories that we will cherish many years from now.

We seem to lose our perspective of what the Holidays mean. My wife and I are just as guilty, we have a little granddaughter who will be celebrating her first Christmas this year with us. No doubt in my mind she will have more fun playing with wrapping paper from her gifts rather than playing with the gifts themselves.

We should be thankful for what we have and not bitter over what we do not have. We should remember to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We all get caught up in the frenzy of shopping and making plans for this party and that party, and we tend to overlook or forget the needs of an elderly parent or grandparent who may need a ride to the store or nothing more than an hour of conversation and the feeling that they are not forgotten or the "Teddy Bear Tree" or the "Hat, Scarf, and Mitten Tree" at your local church; if they don't have one, help to get one started.

The best gift we can give is the gift of ourselves in remembering family and friends in this Holiday season. Remember those, not only during the Holidays, but throughout the rest of the Winter as well, when the wind is bitter and the snow is deep. We can all use a helping hand.

I wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday season. □

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**Errata**

Due to an oversight in the Warsaw Lodge logo last month, the wrong person was credited with the Editor's Award. Our apologies to W.: Bill Mammosser, the author.

**Award Time**

Hey 549 guys, it's Award time! Do you remember Willie Stargell of the Pittsburgh Pirates and how, during the World Series, he gave out personal recognition in the form of Stargell Stars? Well guys, I've borrowed Willie's idea and have created an Award for Excellence which I'm naming "Eastern View". The Award, an engraved plaque, will be given to a Brother or Eastern Star Sister by the Master of Warsaw Lodge. This is not an annual Award, but will be given on a merit basis. In other words, this gives me a chance to give special thanks to Brothers or Sisters who come through when we need a miracle. I haven't taken time to clear my latest brainstorm with Grand Lodge, but hey, time is of the essence, and in the words of Smokey and the Bandit, "I've got a long way to go, and a short time to get there!" More about "Eastern View" later.

**Honors from the Eastern Star**

On October 20th, the Sisters of Centennial Chapter No. 299, OES, held their Annual Master Mason Night in Warsaw. R.: W.: Ralph Schneckenburger, W.: Harry Brown, W.: Allen Capwell, W.: Ted LaWall, and Brothers Hugh Chamberlain, John Sunderland and Mike Smith, and yours truly, were treated to a delightful program. I had never attended an OES meeting before, and was struck by the dignity and grace with which they perform their Rituals. One of my goals for this year is to work closer with the Star. Attending this event has further strengthened my resolve in that area.

**Two Lodges - One Dinner -**

**Good Time**

Saturday, October 25th saw the Brothers from Warsaw and Oakland (Castile) combine efforts to host a Spaghetti Dinner in Warsaw. Warsaw cooked the spaghetti and the guys (and wives) from Castile provided an incredible array of great desserts. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day a success.

Incidentally, I've noticed that the best attended dinners and breakfasts are held on a monthly basis. Two good examples are the Gainesville Fire Department Breakfasts and the Fish Fries run by the Wiscoy-Rosburg Fire Co. I feel that if you offer good food for a fair price, and schedule it for the same time every month, you will have a winner. For this reason, I'm scheduling a breakfast at the Warsaw Lodge every month through June. I know it may be hard getting a full crew for each

breakfast, and we may not even break even the first few times, but with persistence, we'll be successful. Besides, if you volunteer to cook, you get to eat as many sausage links as you want!

**AGL visits Warsaw**

Warsaw hosted V.: W.: Robert Strang, Assistant Grand Lecturer, at his visit on October 21st. The presence of a dignitary in Lodge increases the need for excellence in Ritual work, and my Brothers, you came through magnificently. Be careful...if you guys get too good, Grand Lodge is going to recruit you to show the people down-state how Ritual should be performed!

**Fellowcraft Degree at Oakland**

On October 4th, Warsaw Lodge assisted W.: Henry Robinson's guys in the Fellowcraft Degree at Oakland Lodge. Four Entered Apprentices were advanced to Fellowcraft in the best 2nd Degree conferral I have ever seen. W.: Henry easily handled the Master's part, V.: W.: Bob Strang gave the Charge, and W.: Phil Read left everyone open-mouthed with his flawless Middle Chamber Lecture. Also, special kudos to Oakland Brother Ken Smith for doing a fine first-time Senior Deacon's part.

**Grand Lecturer's Convention**

I had never been to one of these, and man, I was impressed. Seventy-eight Brothers from the Genesee/Wyoming District showed up on November 5th to welcome M.: W.: Calvin Bond to the Annual Grand Lecturer's Convention at Constellation Lodge in Perry. The question and answer period was very informative, and answered many questions that I have had over the past few years. I was touched by the fine showing made by the nine Brothers of Warsaw Lodge. Thanks everyone, you made AGL, V.: W.: Bob Strang, a very happy man!

**Coming events**

December 2nd is the planning session for the Child ID Programs to be held in January. This is going to be a big, big project! I need your help!

Sunday, December 14th is our "All You Can Eat Breakfast" at Warsaw Lodge from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Call me (Bill) at 786-5896 if you want to help.

The Christmas Party at Warsaw Lodge is on December 16th. We will have a Pot Luck Supper, Santa, a Christmas Tree and Carols. We're gonna have a good time.

**Eastern View Award**

I plan to present two "Eastern View Awards" this month.

The first is given to the Brothers of Oakland Lodge for help and Brotherhood they have provided during past events. Whether it be a dinner or Degree work, W.: Henry Robinson and his Brothers are always there.

The second is given to the Sisters of Centennial Chapter No. 299, OES. Any time we plan a public event (especially the George Washington Dinner-Dance), the ladies of the Star rally to make the event a success. I've said this before and I'll keep repeating it, Masonry needs the Eastern Star, and the Eastern Star needs Masonry. □

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I would like to congratulate W.: Van Hulburt, W.: James MacConnell and W.: Russell Gillett for their first place finish in the NTSMGA. The Golf Tournament was held at Inlet, NY. Hesperus Lodge is not only proud of all of you as Past Masters, but as athletes, as well!

**Join us**

December 4th is Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Please, my Brothers, come to Lodge and show your support to our prospective candidates. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, please contact W.: John Cooper at 494-1559.

**Joy for the less fortunate**

Thanks to R.: W.: John Bater for again chairing the Committee to obtain the food stuffs and distribution of Christmas food boxes to the needy in the area. R.: W.: John, along with many Brothers and concerned citizens, have brought joy to those less fortunate for many years. This is just another way that we, as Masons, show brotherly love to our fellow man.

This year's schedule for the Christmas boxes follows: December 16th-meet at the Bergen Fire Hall to wrap boxes at 7:00 p.m. December 19th-meet at the Bergen Fire Hall to pack the boxes at 7:00 p.m. and December 20th, meet at the Bergen Fire Hall to distribute gift boxes at 8:00 a.m.

**Game time!**

Our December 18th communication should prove to be very interesting. WE will be playing a game and who knows, you might even win a prize! If you need even more incentive, plan of being at Lodge as it is Oyster Stew Night!

**Sickness and distress**

We hope for a speedy recovery for Brother Farrell Fisk, who suffered a slight mishap and is now resting at home. Get well, Tink.

**Grand Lecturer's Convention**


The Grand Lecturer's Convention was held at Constellation Lodge in Perry on November 5th. I am very proud to announce that Hesperus was one of four Lodges in the District who qualified for the Howard Potts Award. I want to thank all the officers for making this possible, and I am looking forward to receiving the Award from the Grand Master at the next Grand Lodge Communication.

Thanks, John

V.: W.: John Zabel visited Hesperus to present Certificates of Completion for the Leadership Development Course to W.: Joseph Chimino, W.: John Cooper and Brother Norman Austin. Thanks for traveling so far to make us feel so special. Your love for the Craft is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to W.: John Cooper, Chairman, and all the Brothers who helped to make our Annual 20-20 party a success.

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**Potts Award**

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**Congratulations, Bob**

On November 15th the General Douglas MacArthur Award was proudly presented to Robert M. Gartz of Bergen, before a capacity crowd during the half-time ceremony of the NYS Boy's Soccer Tournament at the Byron-Bergen High School. There is not enough room in this article to list all he has done for the youth in the area. Congratulations, Bob. May God bless you and yours. □

**Thanks**

Thanks to all the Brothers for the superb Ritual work during the conferral of the 3rd Degree for Brother Ronald W. Morris, who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Thanks to the OES for a great dinner.

On behalf of all the Officers of Hesperus Lodge, I extend warmest wishes for the upcoming holiday season. May God bless us one and all. □

memorial to R..W.. "Jack". Welcome Home, Jack.

**Grand Lecturer's Convention**

On November 5th, eight members of Attica Lodge traveled to Constellation Lodge in Perry for the Grand Lecturer's Convention. After a good dinner we adjourned to the Convention, along with 75 members from other Lodges throughout the Genesee/Wyoming District. In the next several hours, M..W.. Calvin G. Bond, Grand Lecturer, kept us busy on Opening the Lodge. We had four Lodges out of twelve in our District that qualified for the Potts Award for having the designated seven officers in attendance. Attica missed out by having one officer missing. Next year's Convention will be held September 18th at a place to be announced. The Master thanks all who attended.

**Coming events**

On December 3rd Attica Lodge will host a Bring-a-Friend Night. This event has been done by many other Lodges and has proven to be successful in gaining new members. The Master encourages all members to support this special night. Please mark your calendar and "Bring-a-Friend!"

**Happy Holidays**

The Master and Officers of Attica Lodge wish all members and their families a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. □

receive the Potts Award next year at Grand Lodge. I am very proud to report Oakland was one of them. A very sincere thank you to Ws.. Richard Smith, D.J. Beardsley, Tom Scott, Brothers Ken Smith, Dan Hamilton, Jim Ratigan and Bruce Carpenter on their attendance. The memory of that evening will long be with us.

**Holiday greetings**

On December 16th, Warsaw Lodge has invited us to their Christmas Party. This will be an open meeting, so dress up your ladies and join us for a fun outing. I drew a name out of an imaginary hat and guess who I got-W.. William Mammosser, of course. Join me to see the surprise on his face when he opens his present in Lodge.

**Degrees**

On January 6th a Master Mason Degree will be conferred at Oakland. At least two rehearsals will be scheduled, so stay in touch.

**Fun-Fun-Fun**


A Table Lodge will be held at Oakland on January 10th. If you have never attended one, you don't know what you are missing. All are invited. For reservations, please call 322-7545, or drop a note to Henry Robinson, PO Box 25, Bliss, NY 14024.

**Closing**

A few years ago a wise member of the Purple Apron Club told me whatever you put into Masonry, you will get out. How true. Service equals rewards, whether tangible or intangible.

On behalf of Oakland Lodge, have a safe and prosperous holiday season. Good things are happening all around our wonderful Fraternity. Please join us at our next communication. God Bless. □


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**Raising Anniversary**

The following Brothers were raised during the month of November: John R. Barnard, November 21, 1957; Herman G. Beaumont, November 21, 1963; J. Milton Blythe, November 21, 1957; Herbert J. Carr, Jr., November 21, 1968; Gordon L. Chaffee, November 17, 1955; Gordon H. Link, November 22, 1955; Gary K. Sherman, November 17, 1963; Cletis B. Shoup, November 22, 1949; Paul L. Stickley, November 26, 1963; Waldo L. Van Epps, November 2, 1944; and James V. Vickers, November 21, 1968. Congratulations to you all!

**Degree work**

Participation in raising a new Brother to the Craft re-cements in our memory our ancient practices and traditions; it provides an opportunity for personal revitalization. Raising increases our numbers while the knell of time decreases them. Raising a new Brother and the knell of time both serve to remind us then of the constant need to present ourselves in such a way so as to attract new members. Participation in Degree work also serves to arouse and maintain that sense of camaraderie in us so necessary for retaining members.

In the coming weeks, my Brothers, you will have an opportunity to take part in the education, training, and raising of a newcomer in our midst. Seize this opportunity. Do not let it slip by.

**Well done!**

Brother Clark Rice's presentation of a pictorial History of the Village of Perry, NY, was so well received that he will be asked to do it again. His running commentary, which accompanied each slide, provided unique insight into developing rural Western New York.

**Grand Lecturer's Convention**

This annual event which was held on November 5th in Perry, NY, was very well received. Seventy-seven attended. Thanks to M..W.. Calvin Bond, AGL Robert Strang, for attending, and the ladies of Perry Chapter, OES, who prepared us a tasty dinner. □

**Bring-a-Friend Night**

On October 22nd we had a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night at our Lodge. We now have at least two candidates. This program works, if you haven't got one scheduled, try to plan one in the near future.

**Grand Lecturer's Convention**

The Grand Lecturer's Convention was held on November 5th at Constellation Lodge in Perry. A few Brothers and I attended. The dinner before the meeting was excellent as usual. The ladies of the OES do a fantastic job. M..W.. Calvin G. Bond and V..W.. Robert Strang are always a joy to listen to. Congratulations to the officers on qualifying for the Potts Award.

**Turkey Party**

Our Lodge held its Annual Turkey Party on November 8th. There was not an empty seat in the house. Thank you to all who helped make our night another success.

**Up-coming events**

Our Widow's Night Ceremony will be on December 6th with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Please call 493-2962 to make your reservations for dinner.


**Euchre Tournament**

The other day I was talking to W.. Chuck Krauss about how he plans to win this year's Tournament. Chuck says, "I can play the banjo with one hand, Euchre with the other hand and still whip 'em all."

**Reminder**

Molly still sits at Triluminar Lodge. I really expected her to be moving before now. Brothers, come and try to give her a new home for a while. □

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



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By R..W.. Donald N. VanSon  
Coming home


It was a year on October 30th that Attica Lodge lost a devoted member and friend. I'm speaking, of course, about the sudden death of R..W.. Jack Stockholm. Throughout the past year, several members of the Genesee/Wyoming Purple Apron Club have been working behind the scenes on a lasting Memorial in memory of R..W.. Jack.

Jack went to Utica for many years to observe the St. John's Weekend. While there, he sat on a bench next to the Administration Building where he could observe all the events as they passed by. On one occasion, while he was sitting there, the Grand Master came along and jokingly said to Jack, "You ought to buy that bench, Jack." Jack replied, "Next year I'll make a donation to the Brotherhood Fund and do just that."

These Purple Apron members overheard the conversation and after Jack's death, got together and voted to make Jack's wishes come true. They spoke to the Grand Master and got his permission to install a Plaque on that very same bench that Jack had sat on over the years. Keep in mind that Jack was very well known and liked throughout the State and a good friend of the Grand Master. The original was to have Jack's picture and an inscription on it. The Trustees approved the Plaque, but without the picture. This past St. John's Day at Utica, the Plaque was dedicated and placed on the bench. It reads, "To R..W.. John S. Stockholm, 1919-1996, the Charles H. Johnson Medal Recipient. Dedicated to the Memory of Jack who spent many wonderful hours here visiting with his friends and Brothers".

On November 19th the original copy of this Plaque with Jack's picture and inscription was given to Attica Lodge as a lasting Me-

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

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

**Greetings Brothers**

Over the centuries one of the oldest cravings of man has been to be recognized. As we move from the month of November and Thanksgiving, several thank you's need to be mentioned.

November 2nd was Vet's Day at several VA Hospitals around the state. There was an excellent turn out in Batavia where the District was well represented.

November 4th was a joint Fellowcraft Degree held at Oakland. Warsaw Lodge sent one Brother and there were three from Oakland. Congratulations on your 2nd Degree, Brothers. All those who participated did an excellent job, especially Phil Reed who did the Middle Chamber Lecture and Ken Smith, our Senior Deacon. They were outstanding.

The following evening was one for the record books. The Grand Lecturer's Convention was held in Constellation Lodge No. 404 in Perry. There were seventy-five in attendance. Four Lodges will

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Today it snowed on West Star No. 413, but every day is still a holiday in Varysburg, NY.

**October**

October wasn't a good month for Lodge meetings. For both meetings we didn't have enough Brothers present to open. The members present had plenty of refreshments after our social get-togethers.

**November**

We had a great meeting on November 3rd with lots of visitors.

November 5th was the Grand Lecturer's Convention in Perry with M..W.. Calvin G. Bond presiding. It was the best I've ever been to with 77 Brothers present, all Lodges represented, and four Lodges qualifying for the Potts Award.

Our last meeting of the month was held on the 17th.

**December**


We are having a joint Bring-a-Friend Night with Attica Lodge at Attica on December 3rd. Plan to be there and bring a friend.

Drive careful in the snow. Hope to see you in Lodge! □

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#### AGL Convention

On November 5th we attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention held at Constellation Lodge for the Genesee/Wyoming District.

#### Potts Award

For those not familiar with the Potts Award, it is necessary to have all of the Officers from the Master through the Junior Master of Ceremonies present at the Convention to be eligible to receive this Award. It is presented to the Master of the Lodge at Grand Lodge.

#### Thank you

Thanks to all the Brothers who have sent in their Brotherhood Fund donations. A report has not been received from Grand Lodge so at this writing we do not know of our status.

#### Dues

Your dues notices should be in your hands by the time you receive this issue of the *Times*. Please be prompt in attending to this obligation.

#### No luck

We have not been successful in having our Entered Apprentices prepared to advance to the Fellowcraft Degree and therefore we will not be having a Degree in December.

#### Happy Holidays

Since your Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner is over and you are looking ahead, I extend a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families.

#### Keep in touch

Please write us a note and let us know how you are. If you are in the area, please come to Lodge, we'd really like to see you. □



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By R.W. Cyrus Kloner

Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind; it is not a matter of rosy cheeks, red lips and supple knees, it is a matter of the will, a quality of imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is the freshness of the deep springs of life.

Youth means the predominance of courage over timidity and adventure over the love of ease. This often exists more in a man of 60 than in a boy of 16. Nobody grows old merely in a number of years. We grow old by desiring our ideals.

Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, doubt, self-destructiveness, fear and despair - these bow the heart and the spirit back to dust.

Whether 60 or 16, there is in every human's heart the love of wonder, the sweet amazement of the stars and star-like things, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing childlike appetite for what is next and the joy of the game of living.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt, as young as your hope and as old as your despair.

The previous was extracted from an article written by Edward J. Lincoln, International Association Legions of Honor Chaplain, and should apply to all Masons, especially now as we approach that time of year when most of us reflect on the events of that year and make plans or resolutions for the coming year. Wouldn't it be great if all of us, as Masons, discarded some of the unnecessary "baggage" that we

have acquired over the years and resolve ourselves to be youthful in our thoughts and actions. That would require many in our Fraternity to discard the statements: "We have always done it that way." and "We have never done it that way." Our Fraternity, to be vital and survive, needs new ideas and actions and we must all be willing to be open to the same, i.e. approach these with an open mind.

We must still maintain those programs like, Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, Shepherding, Lodge System of Masonic Education, Road to the East, Leadership Development Course, Widows Luncheon, DeWitt Clinton Award, Scholarship Program, Child ID Program, etc., that have proven to be successful. We must also develop and activate new programs, both educational and social, that will make our Brethren desire to come to Lodge meetings, that will make them care to become a part of and stay active in their Lodge and that will attract and retain new members.

Remember, constructive criticism is acceptable, positive and/or creative ideas are better and combining same with active involvement is BEST!

With the aforementioned in mind, let us all have undying faith and undaunted hope and make a resolution, no matter what our actual age, to become youthful thinkers and positive members of our great Fraternity.

Both R.W. David W. Jones and myself extend to all of our Brethren and their families a Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. □

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By R.W. William Spillane  
Duties and responsibilities

Over the last couple of weeks I've had a few people ask me about duties of the officers and who is responsible for what. Tradition and practice have played a significant role in the specific expectations and duties of Lodge officers over the years. Much of this has been codified in the "Book of Constitutions" and in the "Standard Monitor". Every Lodge has its own traditions and expectations for its officers in terms of executive function and Ritual responsibility. It is equally important that incoming officers are aware of local traditions before they accept a place in line.

The main duties of Lodge officers are as follows:

#### Master

It is the duty of the Master to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Lodge. He must see that goals and objectives are set for all components of Lodge activity and oversee the same. He is responsible for quality communication

with all members and outside groups. He leads in Public Relations. He is in charge of developing the strengths in all Brothers and the training of all officers. He is the host, he sees to the well being of the sick or disabled. He organizes support for Grand Lodge activities, he initiates, passes and raises new Brothers. He represents the Lodge at District functions. He welcomes the District Officers. He represents his Lodge at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Finally, he assists his successor in continuously improving life in the Lodge.

#### Senior Warden

It is the job of the Senior Warden to be the strong support on whom the Master relies for assistance in fulfilling his responsibilities. At the same time that he is providing this support, he should also be learning and planning for his own role as Master of the Lodge.

#### Junior Warden

To the Junior Warden falls the special responsibility of overseeing the provision of meals and refreshments for the Lodge.

#### Senior Deacon

It is the Senior Deacon's role to be the official greeter for the Lodge. He is also responsible for handling candidates, assuring that the LSOME Education Program is used. Making sure the Marshal, Stewards, and MCs know the floor work.

#### Junior Deacon

He attends to all alarms at the outer door, assists the Sr. Deacon in purging the Lodge, learns Ritual for Degrees and Opening and Closing.

#### Masters of Ceremony

They assist the Senior Deacon in handling of candidates and is his proxy in the Preparation Room. He knows floor work and other Rituals for the Degrees.

#### Stewards

They assist the Junior Warden with refreshments/meals in support of Lodge meetings. Help the JW to conceive, organize and develop social events in support of the Lodge and know the floor work.

#### Marshal

Provides escort at the direction of the Master, leads floor work and performs other duties as the Master may direct.

#### Tiler

He guards the Outer Door, makes alarms and vouches for all Brethren seeking admittance or asks for assistance for the same. He's in charge of the condition of the Lodge room, including the furniture and jewels.

These are duties and responsibilities of the Lodge Officers and can be found in the "24 Inch Gauge".

#### Important dates

"The Road to the East" Program will begin on December 13th at 8:30 a.m. at the Downtown Masonic Temple. The 2nd session will be January 10th at 8:30 a.m., and the 3rd on February 7th at the same time. The classes are held on Saturdays and will last about four hours. You will be getting a letter on this. Please respond by December 5th. See you in Lodge! □

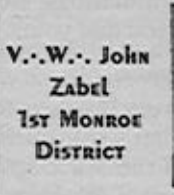
That best portion of a good man's life,  
His little, nameless, unremembered acts  
Of kindness and of love.

(William Wordsworth)

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Zabel  
1st MONROE  
DISTRICT

By V.W. John E. Zabel

As we head into this holiday season and towards the end of another calendar year, I thought that you, our readers, would be interested in a story. I did not write this story. I found it in the attic of my Lodge. I do not know the author nor when it was written. I read this to the members of Hesperus Lodge at their November 6th meeting. There is a moral to the story having to do with the instruction of a newly raised Brother on the forms, ceremony and Ritual of the Lodge. I hope this story does not sound familiar to anyone. (I do not apologize for the grammar nor spelling of the story, it is just as I found it.)

#### My First Visit to the Lodge

It was just three weeks ago that I became a member of Deep Hollow Lodge No. 111. That night I was so upset about what happened, that I decided to go to the meeting tonight to see how things were done there.

I got through with the milking early, fed the hens, then I slopped the hogs and saw they were penned up, then to shave and again put on my blue suit the Uncle Dan gave me for confirmation, cranked up old Henry and started the twenty-nine mile trip to the Lodge.

Little while after I got there, all the men came in, sit down on the benches and looked kink of quiet. The a feller at the end of the room sitting a bit higher than me, and wearing a high hat, hit a hammer on something, said that everybody should watch out how they were clothed. I knew he meant me. So I fixed my tie and took off my rubbers and checked on my pant's buttons, seems he must be the boss of the outfit cause he was givin' a lot of orders to the men. But he was awful imperlite. He sat there the whole evenin' with his hat on. There was a father and son there, who had somethin' to do with it. I know one was Junior and the other was Senior. I can't remember their first names, but I think their last name was Warden.

Then comes a feller with a long stick in his hand. He shook hands with everybody, then they would stand up and blow in his ear. So when he got to me I shook hands and blew in his ear too. But he didn't like it much, called me confusion, then the feller, I think they called him Mister, asked if anyone knew me and they did, so that was all right. After that an old man got up and said some nice prayers and we all sang a song which was pretty good.

While we were standing, everybody started moving their hands in different ways so I did the same, then along came a feller, I guess he belongs to church, cause I heard them call

him Deacon, he lit some candles, can't figure out why he did it 'cause it was pretty light in the room then. Then the Mister told someone to tell the feller outside that the Lodge was open, but he didn't seem to care 'cause he didn't come in anyway. He must have been miffed at someone inside.

The boss called the feller at the desk secretary and told him to do some reading. That was the first time I every saw a real secretary. I one read a story in a magazine where a married man ran away with his secretary. Couldn't imagine who would run away with the old man and what for.

Then the Mister got up and said the Lodge was open and that he was looking form business. Don't think anybody gave him any though, 'cause a few of the men started to do some tall talking about sickness and other things, and they forgot all about business. After awhile the Mister feller told the son of the father that we was to have some refreshments.

Then the Junior hit his hammer and we all stood up and he told us about getting some refreshments. So I waited around a bit to see what we would get to eat and drink, but seems they plumb forgot about it, 'cause I didn't see anybody get anything, so I put on my rubbers, got my hat and coat and went home. Guess I won't go down there anymore till they get straightened out a little. 'Cause everybody's all mixed up. Just like myself.

**Membership Retention**  
 R.W. Joseph Privitera  
 1st & 2nd Monroes

**Showing that you care**

I have just returned from a business/vacation trip. The chairman of the company said something that I feel I must share with you. He said that you not only show them what you know, you show them that you care. He also said that you treat someone as you would like to be treated. These are some of the basic tenets that we also find in Masonry.

I feel that we sometimes get all wrapped up in memorizing Ritual, but forget the meaning of the words in the Ritual. We do Trestleboards because we are required to, but sometimes forget to ask for input from our members. At our meetings we have sickness and distress reports, but do we call or send personal cards to these Brothers? Do we have a visitation group to visit these Brothers? Prior to the meeting, are the Officers gathered up in a corner and not greeting Brothers as they enter the Lodge? Are we calling Brothers we haven't seen in a while? Are our new Brothers being shepherded or left alone while the officers are thinking and hoping that they may be self motivated?

I urge all of you to open the Ritual to the 2nd Degree Charge. The line that begins with "No City...", can be interpreted (if you allow a few substitutions) as, "No Lodge can become a place of prosperous growth whose Brothers care little and do less for its advancement". We do not retain Brothers because of numbers, we do it because we care.

Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be. (Abraham Lincoln)

**2nd Monroe District**

**Towpath Lodge No. 163**  
 W. Thomas A. LeBeau, Master  
 482-3936  
 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

**Food Drive update**

There was strong sentiment in Lodge that proceeds from this effort be distributed in the East Rochester area where we are located. So be it! Towpath is really trying to be involved in its local community. Our first donation was to be made at Thanksgiving. This effort is on-going throughout the year now, both with non-perishable food and monetary gifts. Special thanks to Brother Joe Bogmis for heading up this work!

**Soap Box Derby**

On November 24th, our Junior Warden, Phil Hurwitz, and Greater Rochester Soap Box Executive Director, Mark Scudera, toured the middle school in the East Rochester School District. They were on a "promotional tour" getting the word out about the 1998 Soap Box Derby. During the day they displayed two racers, so that potential contestants could see at close hand that today's soap box racers are fine pieces of machinery - a far cry from the early models. You have another opportunity to support Towpath's sponsorship of East Rochester youth in the Derby. Join us on Friday evening, December 19th, for a tasty Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. See the inserts in your dues notices for details.

**Annual Meeting**

Don't forget our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 16th. The evening will begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m., Lodge business at 7:30 p.m., and refreshments and Holiday trivia with movie tickets as prizes. Join us for some Holiday mirth!

**Being in touch**

Building on initiatives started by W. Craig Covert and R.W. Terry Wihlen, your Brothers will soon be reinstating the "phone tree". Our purpose is simple, we want to be in touch with you. Our intent is to contact the membership at least monthly so that we can share what's going on within the membership.



R.W. William Spillane, GDC and W. Tom LeBeau, Master of Towpath Lodge with Service Recipients: W. Frank Kelsey (30), Robert Breakwell (30), Alton Foster (50), and Mitchell Rakus (55).

**Save the date!**  
 Dec. 19th, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Soap Box Derby Spaghetti Dinner**  
 Towpath Lodge  
 152 Commercial Street, ER  
 Adults - \$5, Under 12 - \$3  
 Family of 4 - \$15

**Bring-a-Friend Night**

Tuesday, January 6th, will be our next Bring-a-Friend Night. Call R.W. Terry Wihlen at 461-1368 with the names and addresses of those you want to invite. To quote Terry, "Give us their name and address, we'll do the rest." Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.

**Season of Light**

Mindful that both Christmas and Chanukah share "Light" as a common theme, on behalf of all the officers and members of Towpath No. 163, may your holidays be full of Joy and Light.

**O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759**  
 W. Donald A. Tubman, Master  
 889-4725  
 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.  
 R.W. Charles O. Ogburn  
 Secretary 889-2372  
 5 Browns Ave.  
 Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

**Still confused**

Last month I wrote that everyone was confused as opposed to being busy. I hope I'm not contagious.

With all this sedulousness we have conferred a 2nd Degree (thanks to all who participated), met with the Grand Master, and have a good start with the Brotherhood Fund Drive. You should be getting a mailing from SD Peter Fallone.

**Thank you**

While I attended the Grand Master's Town Meeting, Brother Charles Piazza was at Oatka Lodge, acting as host to 50 of our area youth who had been conducting a community clean-up for senior citizens. Thank you, Chuck.

**Town Meeting**

The Town Meeting was well attended. M.W. Earle J. Hino, Jr. was very receptive to all questions posed to him. Of great interest were those questions related to his Committee on Unity and the status of the recognition of Prince Hall Masonry by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master related something of an enigma, which we must all ponder. He related that the only way that Prince Hall could receive recognition by

Grand Lodge would be for each member to renounce his membership in the Prince Hall Lodge and then each prospective member would be required to take the three Degrees in our Lodge.

The enigma exists because the Grand Master further related that Free and Accepted Masons could hold Masonic intercourse in any of those Lodges located in other states that recognize Prince Hall as a legitimate Lodge with Prince Hall Masons. This poses the dilemma that a Mason in good standing in New York could go to Maine where Prince Hall Masonry is recognized and travel with a Prince Hall Mason from his own geographical area. Within the Lodge in Maine they could participate in the raising of a candidate, but could not bring the new Brother back to New York and all three sit in a Free and Accepted Lodge together. This is a strange irony and something that one would hope could be rectified.

**More good news**

I have received copies of an audiotape prepared by the Shrine called "What is Freemasonry?" This tape is narrated by Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., Grand Chaplain, and it is superbly done. The tapes have been distributed to all Masters in the Monroe Districts. I have copies available to be loaned. If you have a prospective candidate, mention his name to me and I will try to get a tape to him.

I have received a tape, "Exploring Life's Mysteries", the story of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory from the fine folks in Utica. This tape is well done and illuminates the fine work being done at the lab.

**New program**

I have formed a task force of new and old members to develop and implement a program to include our families in at least 5 meetings this year. More information will follow next month.

**Degree**

Our 2nd Degree will be on December 10th.

**FAME Lodge No. 945**  
 CHARTERED 1917  
 W. Glen S. Campbell, Master  
 865-5395  
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30 P.M.  
 Leon VanHuben, Secretary  
 647-1391  
 4275 Culver Rd.  
 ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14622

As we are now in the Holiday Season, Fame Lodge wishes one and all the very best. I hope your days will be filled with good times shared with family and friends and everyone will prosper in the New Year.

**Thanks**

I thank the Officers and Brothers of Fame Lodge for their work in the 2nd Degree in October. The effort put into the practice and memory work was evident in the fine job done by all.

**Holiday Dinner**

On Sunday, November 9th, we had a Holiday Dinner at the Irondequoit Town Lounge. The couples that attended had a wonderful time as we celebrated the combination Holiday, Birthday, and Get-Together for the year.

**Space available**

If there are any groups interested in meeting space, Fame Lodge has available dates. Contact Brother Charles Petersen at 663-7661.

**Churchville Lodge No. 667**  
 W. George Burke, Master  
 293-1629  
 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.  
 R.W. Earl C. Steffen  
 Secretary 392-8224  
 20 South Main St.  
 Churchville, N.Y. 14428

**1st Degree**

Our October 18th 1st Degree went well with SW Louis Sanfilippo in the East and SD John Hennessy as Senior Deacon. R.W. David Jones did the Historical Lecture and R.W. William Spillane did the Charge for our Degree. They did an outstanding job, as usual. Thanks to all the Brothers who participated in the Degree, and to all who attended the rehearsals.

**2nd Degree**

Our four new Entered Apprentices will be taking their 2nd Degree on Wednesday, January 28, 1998, with JW George Pfeiffer in the East. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., before the Degree. For reservations or information, call George Pfeiffer at 426-0603.

**December meeting**

At our December meeting on Wednesday, the 10th, there will be a Lasagna Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Again, please call George for reservations.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

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## Craftsman/ Robertson Lodge No. 969

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(h) 671-6452



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

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

By Robert Ogden

W.: Bill Hook and I recently delivered Membership Certificates and Pins to Brothers Bert Scarlett, Fred Seuffert and Harold Russell.

### Official Meeting

The Official Meeting went off very smoothly on November 4th with R.:W.: David Jones officiating. It was preceded by a delicious catered dinner with approximately 35 Masons and their ladies attending. During the meeting time, the ladies enjoyed a conducted tour of the new Scottish Rite Children's Learning Center, given by its Director, Mrs. Alice Rossi.

### California bound

W.: Tom Kendig and Sue recently flew to California to visit their son, Steve and his family. Sue's foot is much better after the laser treatments.

### Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held at the Downtown Temple on Sunday, December 14th, with clowns furnishing the entertainment of magic and balloon sculptures. Santa Claus will be the highlight of this festive occasion.

### Something new!

Vern and Barbara Goodrich are enjoying their newly installed mahogany deck. It's a most attractive asset to their home. According to Barb, Vern will give free tours! Please call ahead to arrange a time!

### A new venture

Brother Kevin Hook will start a new job with Jasper Mfg. Co. of Indiana selling rebuilt auto and marine engines in this area. Lots of luck, Kevin.

### In Memoriam

The members of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge were saddened to hear that Brother George Wilkinson's wife, Virginia, passed away November 7th. A



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Memorial Service was held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Webster on November 11th. Our sincere sympathies go out to Brother Wilkinson and family.

### Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

We are expecting several potential Masons and their wives to join us on December 2nd for a dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a short informational meeting on Masonry. Please, Brothers, let's have a good turn-out for this special event.

### Birthdays

Many happy returns to the following Brothers who have birthdays in December: John Auer, Paul Case, Tom Colombo, Jack Grover, Dick Gundry, Dick Hart, Don Kohler, John Merrick, John Smith, Perry Sweet, Bill Talarico and George Wyatt.

### December meetings

Our Bring-a-Friend Night, including dinner, will be December 2nd.

The Fellowcraft Club will meet December 9th.

The Children's Christmas Party will be December 14th.

There will be a regular meeting on December 16th. □

## Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

W.: Michael  
Gorall  
Master  
(h) 458-5255  
(w) 588-9901



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

C. William Flemming, Secretary  
723-0083  
4550 Lake Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14612

The holidays are fast approaching and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. It's hard to believe that we are almost into another year.

I congratulate Charlotte/Corinthian's Past Masters Degree Team on an excellent job conferring the 2nd Degree. Our trestleboard seems to be getting quite full.

### Future meetings

We will be having our Family Christmas Party on December 7th at 2:00 p.m. at the Lodge. This is always a great time and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

On December 16th I will be doing my first 3rd Degree. Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m. and we will break for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who wishes to come to dinner, please let our JW or me know. The dinners have not been well attended and I don't know the reason. It is a great opportunity for fellowship and the food has always been good. Please join us if you can.

On January 6th there will be an open meeting with a musical program, which is yet to be arranged.

On January 20th our Trustees will present the "Status of the Lodge Report" to all members.

### Best wishes

Before I go I would like to wish a speedy recovery to Brother Donald Freeman, who had knee surgery. Best wishes, Don.

Happy holidays to all. □

## NORTHFIELD

Lodge  
No. 426  
Instituted  
March 1857



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



W.: Randall S.  
Griswold  
Master  
787-3357

R.:W.: D. Scott Seltzer  
Secretary 247-0334  
17 Church Street  
Pittsford, N.Y.  
14534

### Garage Sale

I would like to begin by saying thanks to the individuals who worked so hard to make the Garage Sale, held at the Lodge on October 11th, such a success. Don Smith, Walt and Doris Weick, Dan and Linda Walker, Pierre Dube, and our JW, Jim Weick, worked long hours collecting, grouping, pricing and selling all of the items that were donated by the members, friends and families of Northfield Lodge. Their efforts earned just over \$400.00 during this one day event. Again, thanks and very nicely done!

### Degree

Our 1st Degree was held on October 16th. The evening began with a fantastic dinner put on by Linda Zahn and her helpers, Cecily and Amy. Our SW, Bill Fraser, did a fine job in the East, as did SD Pierre Dube. The Apron Presentation was beautifully done by R.:W.: Jack Thibaut, and the Bible Presentation by W.: John Williams, who did his usual great job. Thanks, guys! I also would like to thank W.: Glenn Hedges, who all of a sudden found himself in the Chaplain's Chair. Brothers Ken VanDuzer and Walt Weick, DSA, did fine jobs as Masters of Ceremonies. Our newest member seemed very impressed by the whole evening.

### Brotherhood Fund

A big ATTA' BOY to W.: Michael Herrmann for volunteering to be the Brotherhood Fund Chairman for the 2nd Monroe District. I have complete confidence that Mike will do a great job.

### Thanks

For the November 6th meeting, we invited our newest Brother back to Lodge for the purpose of doing the Lantern Lecture and the Lecture of Reasons, which were not done at the actual 1st Degree. I thank R.:W.: Ray Beardsley and W.: Don Smith for doing such a great job! Remember guys, JUST ONE! □

## Union Star Lodge No. 320

W.: Lloyd A.  
Wood,  
Master  
334-5429



2nd Monday  
7:30 P.M.

W.: Joseph Cotteleur, Sec.  
(h) 624-1365 (w) 624-1881  
3 North Main St.  
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

### Greetings from the East

The holidays are fast approaching and I hope all of you

are well. I'm sorry for missing the last issue of the *Masonic Times*, but it was due four days before our October meeting. Since I'm not psychic, I didn't have anything to report, so I'll do it now.

### October meeting

We had our Official Visit in October and, as usual, R.:W.: David Jones gave a most inspiring talk. Thanks, Davey. R.:W.: Joe Privitera was also on hand to talk about Membership in our Craft. His words were also much appreciated. We then adjourned to the Fellowcraft room for refreshments and conversation.

### Current Lodge news

We will be having a dinner at our December 8th meeting. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with Lodge opening at 7:30 p.m. Please come and join us. We will also be having dinners for the February, April and June meetings, so put the dates on your calendars.

The dry wall work has not yet started, but the contractor should begin in a couple of weeks. The Henrietta building has not been sold yet, however, the realtors are working on it. Everything seems to take more time than we would like.

### Fellowcraft

The Lodge has decided to start up a Fellowcraft Club and Gary Sanford has graciously accepted the Chairmanship. We will be meeting on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Club is twofold; to have fun and do some work! We still need to sort through a lot of the boxes from Henrietta Lodge, as well as put stuff away. Come down and join us.

### Sickness and distress

W.: Richard Bull had an operation on his foot and I hear he is doing well. W.: Harvey Closs has also been under the weather. We wish him well. W.: Jim Hart was having some problems, but he seems to have beaten them. He was at Lodge the other night and looked great! Good to see you back, Jim.

### Closing

Well, that's it for now, Brothers. Remember your Lodge dues are due. You should also have received your Brotherhood envelopes by now. Please contribute as generously as you can. Until next month, take care. □

## 1st Monroe District

## ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479



W.: Brian P.  
Keery  
Master  
352-6292

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

R.:W.: F. Jay McCullough  
Secretary  
352-1061  
133 South Union St.  
Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

### Recent events

Congratulations to our three new Brothers who have furthered themselves in Masonry by being raised on November 24th.

Thank you, R.:W.: Cyrus Kloner, R.:W.: Eugene Brendel, and R.:W.: James J. Powell, who officially visited Etolian on November 10th and permitted us to

hold the program in an open session. The meeting was very well attended by Brothers and family members. Thank you to all who came to support the Lodge and our own Purple.

### Sickness

Please join me in wishing W.: Martin Michaels a rapid recovery from his recent back surgery.

### December events

December 8th will be Fellowship Night at Etolian and a surprise program for the evening is planned. We will open at 6:00 p.m. with a Spaghetti Dinner. Lodge will open as usual at 7:30 p.m. Please call me at 352-6292 for a dinner reservation.

December 15th is the Lodge Christmas Party with Etolian Chapter. Dinner will be Pot Luck and the meat will be provided by the Lodge. Family entertainment, Santa, and photos are being organized by Brother Seal. All family and friends are encouraged to attend this family night out. I hope to see you all there. As usual, bring your own presents with your child's/grandchild's name on them so Santa can give them out. Remember that Santa's eyesight is not what it used to be so print the names in large letters.

On December 29th, Etolian has the opportunity to defend its honor and retain the Interlodge Euchre Title. The next Euchre Tournament is being held at Churchville Lodge at 7:00 p.m.

### Expanding the Craft

January 8th will be the next Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. So far, we do not have any candidates for our Spring Class. This trend cannot continue if we are to have a viable and credible future. I need names now!

I know that every Brother, no matter how young or old, knows a family member, a friend, a neighbor, or a co-worker who would make a good Mason. For those of you that have never attended a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, it is an informative program that shares the good work of our Craft with these men. It is educational for both the Mason and non-Mason. Dinner is provided free of charge for all guests and their sponsors. I strongly recommend that all guests be accompanied by a Brother that they know.

At these meetings, there is no overt pressure placed upon these guests. We simply share the objectives of our Fraternity, we boast a little about our good work, and we answer questions that they may have regarding our Craft. Petitions are readily available for anyone who is interested in joining. The decision to join is still theirs alone to make as it still must be an act of their own free will. Mail, phone, or fax your names to me as soon as possible. Your immediate attention to this detail will improve the Craft and provide your guest with an opportunity to improve himself. □

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# Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154



W. Frank Briffa, Master  
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(w) 588-8364

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

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

### Master's Ball

The past month was exciting for all of us. First, I thank Brother Sherwin Isaacs and W. Angelo DiCataldo for co-chairing the Master's Ball. Seventy-three of our Brothers and their ladies were at Eagle Vale Country Club to share a great time. What a beautiful place and wonderful night for all. We had a three piece band from the Eastman School of Music. This was an evening when we were honored to have the widows of our departed Brothers join us.

### Antique night

We had a great Lasagna Dinner on November 10th by Ironduquoit Chapter. There was a short meeting and a program on antiques by W. Charles Tijou, a licensed antique dealer. His knowledge is extensive. Everyone who brought a piece with them, told how it was obtained. We all had a lot of fun and a few laughs. Thank you, Charlie.

### Sickness and distress

Our hearts go out to Brothers Howard Francis and George Francis. Howard's wife passed away after a long illness. Our best to the family.

Let's plan to take the time to visit our Brothers in their homes or hospitals. At the very least, give them a call. Thank you.

### Looking ahead

We will have our Annual Financial Meeting December 21st at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, the 14th, we will hold our Annual Children's Christmas Party at the Lodge starting at 1:00 p.m. Bring a gift (not more than \$10) for your child/grandchild. Jim VanZile will again be taking rapid digital photos.

I talked with Brother Scott Jackson of Corination Lodge in Ontario, CA. He will be elected Master on December 8th. We wish him well. We talked about our visiting them in April or May of next year. Any ideas?

It's nice to see more of our Brothers coming out to Lodge meetings and events. Let's keep it going!

Frank Briffa and Tom Hueston commiserating on board the Colonial Belle.



W. Frank Briffa receiving his Road to the East Certificate from R.W.s Cy Kloner, DDGM 1st Mon. and Gene Brendel Gr. Steward.



(Front) Chuck & Don Brugger, Gordy Oakes. (Rear) Tom Hueston, co-winner & friends.

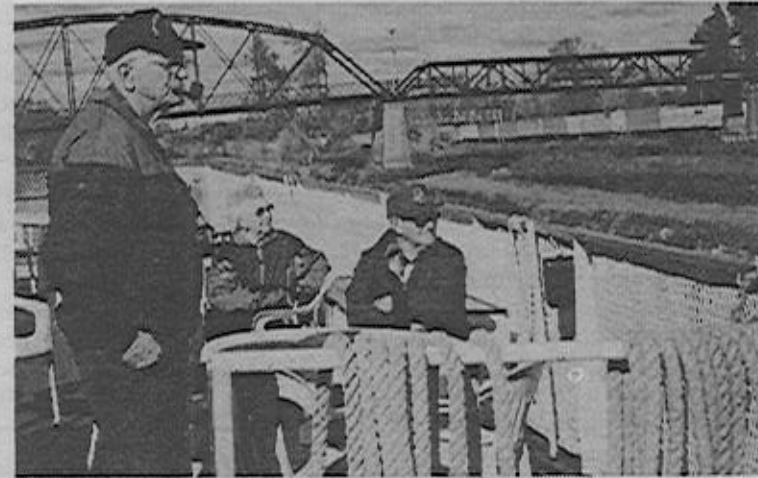


Gordy Oakes, co-winner of the Wakan/Hubbard Charity Golf Tournament.

Bob Nichols & Laura with Don McDill.



Don & Winnie McDill on cruise.



Mikael Abbazai & Debbie pass the time with Steve Xander and his wife on the Lodge Canal Cruise.



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## FAIRPORT

Lodge No. 476

R.W. Gerald K. Becker, Master

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

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

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

### My Brethren

It sure looks like old man Winter is creeping up on us. Some leaves still are hanging on the trees. Now it is time to turn to our Winter labors. I do hope some of you come out and help me.

### Thanks

The 2nd Degree went great with JW Doug Skelton in the East. Everyone did a good job. Thanks to W. Chuck White from North Fairport (Webster) for his assistance.

### Goals

The Annual Brotherhood Fund is under way. All members should have received their notice on this important project. I had to take over as Chairman of this, so please help me and get your contributions in as soon as possible. We have declined on this recently, let's get up near the top again.

### Good dinner!

A few of us joined with the OES in the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. We raised some funds which will go towards a new sound system.

### December

The 3rd Degree will be on Saturday, December 6th. The 1st Section will be at 11:00 a.m., and then dinner at noon. We will reconvene at 1:00 p.m. for the 2nd Section. We will need some help, so PLEASE come out. Call our JW or me for dinner reservations.

On the 15th of December we will once again have a Bring-a-Friend Night.

December 20th we will visit our sick and shut-in Brethren.

January 12th will be Awards Night, with a delicious Steak Dinner at a reasonable price, so get your reservations in early.

### Congratulations

W. Dwight Turner received the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. Brother Dwight certainly deserves this. He is always there to fill a chair, committee or instruction of new Brothers. Thank you, Dwight.

### Dues

Dues notices are out. I don't have to tell you what this means. Get them in quickly to our Secretary.

### Input wanted

I would like some input in what to do with our beautiful Temple. Brothers, we have no one to go in line as JW. We raise new members and no one wants to fill the chairs or advance a station. Above all, no one attends Lodge. I guess we should think of selling the building and we go our way and join other Lodges. A Brother did a survey, and by the year 2000, if it continues we will be no more. Recently I attended our Grand Master's day at the Downtown Temple. He was pre-

cise. He stated 85% of our members are card carriers and 8% attend other Bodies. Which are you and what do you intend to do about it? Let me know soon.

In closing, my wife and I want to wish you the happiest and the very best for the holidays. ☐



Officer Ed Ramsberger receiving the DeWitt Clinton Award from Chick Becker, Master



Officer Kirk Parsons and R.W. Gerald Becker, Master.

## DeWitt Clinton Awards

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DeWitt Clinton's name and the meaning of the words "public service" are said to be synonymous. He served as United States Senator, Mayor of New York City and Governor of New York State. He served our Grand Lodge as Grand Master of Masons for 14 years in the early 1800s.

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**No. 109**



W. Michael G. Batz, Master  
(h) 237-2070  
(w) 346-6067

2nd Tuesday  
7:30 P.M.

R. W. Herbert Spencer, Sec.  
271-8577  
875 Main Street East  
Rochester, N.Y.  
14605-2789

### Shalom!

This month I can report on two meetings of Lodge, since both are past events. Ahhh...this is easier. We are starting the turn into Winter and several of our members have already left for points South. Hope everyone of them has a safe journey. With Holidays comes more time with the extended families and many opportunities for travel. Please enjoy these upcoming Holidays and remember to be careful driving.

### November meeting

Not reported was the program for the evening. R. W. Ron Mertens held our attention with a run down on two Concordant Bodies, York Rite and Scottish Rite. R. W. Ron described their goals and objectives and the course of gaining more light through membership in either or both of these Bodies. He answered a few questions and articulated his goals with respect to search for further light. I thank you personally for taking time out of your crazy schedule for Valley/Simes to pass on some of the vast knowledge you possess. If you desire more light my Brothers, get the "Rite Light".

### Business notes

A Financial Aid Program was approved and set up to help Camp DeMolay with their waterfront restoration project. Our Aid Program will continue through Spring, 2001. Also approved was a \$100 contribution to the Grand Master's Camp Turk shortfall. We honored our own commitment, however, overall, \$18,000 and change had to be paid from Grand Lodge and therefore we agreed to help. We also agreed to send up to four campers next year.

### Dinners

Dinners are subsidized and cost only \$5.00 a head. Which reminds me, if you would like to come to a dinner and/or the meetings, and need a ride, call the Secretary or me and we will make arrangements.

### Fellowcraft Club

The October meeting of the Fellowcraft Club was held at R. W. Dave Clarke's home. The

program was about special reconnaissance planes that the Air Force is developing for saving the lives of troops in combat situations. The plane is pilotless and the technology not so top secret. Yet the real capability of this craft is the advance warning system enhanced by all manner of radar and photographic programming. Thank you, Dave and Gail, for your hospitality and the use of your home for the evening. Next Fellowcraft meeting is a visit to the Lodge possessing our Traveling Gavel. Last known to have appeared at Clio Lodge. Let's go get it! Call W. Dick Giedd for reservations and arrangements.

### Officers

An Officers meeting will be held at the business offices of SW W. Glenn Stahl on December 4th.

### November meeting

Business notes from the November 11th meeting: Donations of \$100 each went to two local charities, in the name of helping the distressed and children in need. A presentation of a Scottish Rite Service Award went to W. Bruce Mason in honor of his continued support of our Lodge affairs and his commitment to "walking the talk". R. W. David Clarke was presented with his Scottish Rite Red Cap. He had actually been honored over the Summer and in R. W. Dave's way, made little mention of the honor. R. W. Mat Gingold facilitated the Awards being presented at this Lodge meeting and both men received Grand Honors.

### Solomon's Temple

W. Grant Romer took time out of his world wide travels to talk about new information about Solomon's Temple. That is to say there are many questions that we, as modern Masons do not ask. Whereas Freemasons of not so long ago raised questions about all manner of association that our Fraternity shared with our Holy Books and with archeology. A few choice slides projected on the North wall raised several questions in my mind. W. Grant is an excellent ambassador for Freemasonry.

### Lodge of Remembrance

This was celebrated just prior to closing Lodge. The revised Ceremony, the special prayers and a "tribute to veterans" was composed by W. Richard Snyder. The flag was displayed and white roses were placed on the altar for the four departed Brothers who passed to the Supreme Lodge above since our last Lodge of Remembrance. They are: W. George Francis, W. Clare Drumm, W. Asher Flint V, and W. Clair Buzzard. Thank you for the light you shared whilst among us.

### Next business meeting

We will have a Roast Turkey Dinner with dessert. There will be refreshments and fellowship

afterwards. The cost is \$5.00 with a reservation by Friday, December 7th. Call Herb Spencer at 271-8577. Come out in support of your Lodge and break bread with us again. □

## MONROE Lodge No. 173



W. Keith Denton  
Master  
637-9318

2nd  
Tuesday  
7:30 P.M.

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

### Pork Roast a success!

Our thanks to Gerald Werner, Mel Doverspike, Steve Harris, Neil Laundry and the ladies of the Eastern Star, who made our Pork Roast at the Brockport Methodist Church on November 8th, such a success. We served over one hundred dinners and many who dined with us took a dinner to go, as well. It was nice to see so many Brothers in attendance. Thank you and your families for supporting this function!

### My Brother

He's my Brother, it's a bond that is hard to explain. He's a friend, a companion, my confidant, and more. I care for him; I'm proud of him; and I'll protect him. Sometimes I disagree with him. I can be envious, jealous, and even embarrassed by him. I'm not always honest with him, and yet sometimes, that's exactly what he needs. He's not always open to my ideas, but sometimes I make him listen anyway. The great thing is, no matter what I feel or say, he'll always be my Brother!

### Honest communication

My Brothers, some of us need to stop hiding behind the misguided concept of "un-Masonic conduct" and remember our vow to "meet on the level". We speak words of great wisdom, but too often forget to practice what we preach. We owe it to ourselves, we owe it to our Fraternity, and we owe it to our Brothers!

On the other hand, some of our Brothers need to learn some common courtesy. It used to be called tact, or Masonically to "act by the plum and part upon the square". No matter what you call it, the idea is to choose your words carefully, spare someone's feelings when possible and as your parents used to say, "think before you speak"!

Honest communication should be the cornerstone that forms the foundation for Masonry in the century to come! We need it, we can benefit from it and we can handle it! After all, we are Brothers, aren't we?

### Surveys helped

Thanks to all of you who took the time to fill out and return the Membership Survey. Our spirits are up, our hope is restored. Your overwhelming response, resounding faith in Masonry, and your encouraging words made a difference. "Monroe Lodge No. 173 wants to live"! That is all we needed to hear.

We are now committed to making our Lodge thrive again! We will redouble our efforts to schedule monthly social programs. We will plan to hold these events in more accessible locations. I am asking on bended knee

for your help to rejuvenate the vitality of Monroe No. 173's 'regular communications' by sharing the 2nd Tuesday of each month with us, if you can.

According to the results of the survey, the #1 reason you became a Mason was because your father or a relative was a Mason. The #1 reason for continuing your membership was the "you believe strongly in the moral precepts and social values of our Masonic teachings". Because of this, our new primary focus will be on sharing the fellowship and teachings of Masonry with our sons and relatives. If you believe as you say you do, then there is no excuse for your not being active members of our Masonic Fraternity and there is nothing we can't overcome!!

### The Holidays

This holiday season I would like to ask as Master of the Lodge, that you do two things. #1 is join us in our annual distribution of poinsettias to our widows and shut-ins. This will be December 13th at 9:00 a.m.

#2 is to look up a Brother whom you haven't seen or talked to in years, send him a card or letter, give him a call, or better yet, visit him in person. He's out there, he's feeling forgotten, and he wants to know, as we found with our survey, that someone cares!

### Upcoming events

Don't forget, only one "business" meeting a month, (2nd Tuesdays) and one social event, to be announced.

The District Deputy's Visit will be at 7:30 p.m. on December 9th. Wear tuxes, there will not be a dinner. □

## Flower City Lodge No. 910



W. William Nardone,  
Master  
458-7512

2nd  
Thursday  
7:30 P.M.

R. W. Philip Averbach,  
Secretary 458-1817  
875 Main St. East  
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

### My Autumn Prayer

As the bright orange leaves falling from the Maple trees turn my back yard into a rolling sea of gold, I pause from my labors for a moment, and I consider the beauty and wonder of Autumn.

At this time of harvest and Thanksgiving, as we make our annual headlong dash toward Hanukkah and Christmas and beyond to a new year, let us put away a supply of spiritual strength and nourishment, even as our animal friends are storing food for the Winter months.

We know that the days will soon become cold, and that the snow will soon strive to bury us (and our driveways). Before that happens, let us fill ourselves with a sense of Brotherhood and the warmth of our fraternal association.

tion. Let it be like standing for a moment before a roaring fire, before leaving the hearth to make your way through the blowing storm.

I pray that this thought of brotherly warmth will protect you throughout the coming winter months. May it return often to your memory, and remind you of the friendships to be found at the Lodge meetings, if you will but rouse yourself to clean off the car, and make your way to the Lodge through the snow. May it inspire you to come out and join your Brethren in holiday social activities, at Lodge functions and out in the everyday world. And may it even sustain our "snowbirds" who will leave us soon for warmer climes, until once again the Spring returns.

### DDGM Visit

My thanks to our current DDGM and Past Master of Flower City Lodge, R. W. Cyrus Kloner, on the occasion of his Official Visit as DDGM to our Lodge. As always his words were informative and inspirational to us all. Thank you also to our guests who contacted us in advance to make reservations for dinner. Doing us the courtesy of calling in ahead of time makes things much easier on the officers and the phone tree.

### December meeting

The next regular Lodge communication will take place Thursday, December 11th at 7:30 p.m. This is the annual year-end meeting and will involve the usual formalities. We will enjoy a Roast Beef Dinner before the meeting in the 3rd Floor Dining Room at 6:30 p.m. The cost is just \$8.00. Please contact our Secretary, Phil Averbach, with your reservation by December 7th.

### Latka Party

Our Annual Latka Party will take place on Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor dining area. This event is open to all Brothers, their families and friends. It features all the latkas you can eat for \$5.00 person (\$2.00 for children 12 and under). You must make a reservation by December 11th so we know how much food we need to get! Everyone is welcome to join us for this event. Place your reservation with our Secretary.

### In closing

I look forward to seeing you at our next event! Thank you all once again for your dedication to Freemasonry. I wish you and your families the very happiest of Holiday Seasons and a year full of peace, love, joy, and prosperity to come. □

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**Reflections**

October was an exciting month at Clio. On October 21st, we had our Past Masters Night. It was good to see the chairs filled and W. Leland Hendershot in the East. Thanks, W. Dave Upham, for putting this program together for us.

On October 25th, Brothers Sean Noonan, Jeff Ross, Ray Boddy and I attended the Grand Master's Town Meeting and took care of refreshments.

I cannot forget the Spaghetti Dinners as they have provided income for the Lodge, but equally important, good fellowship. I thank all for their time in making these dinners a success.

On November 4th we had our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night with four guests attending. All of them are good candidates for submitting petitions. It appears we will have a good Class of 1998.

**Coming events**

On December 2nd we are focusing on Masonic History. We are scheduling a speaker who will give us an interesting look at our history and stimulate us to think about who we are and what we stand for. Remember, Masonry takes good men and makes them better. Understanding our past gives us the lessons to help us.

December 16th is the date of our Holiday Dinner and Program. The Holiday season is a time to celebrate so mark your calendars and join us in celebration.

**Spaghetti Dinners**

As I stated earlier, dinners provide good fellowship and the community looks forward to them. We sometimes forget these dinners are a social time for the community and increase our visibility. In December we will have only one dinner because of the Holiday schedule. Let's work to obtain a large turnout on Wednesday, December 10th. Remember, 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., \$3.95 for all you can eat.

**Sickness and distress**

Please let us know if you are ill, hospitalized or have concerns that we can be of assistance with. We can't help if we do not know.

Our thoughts go out to W. Tom Tanner lost his sister-in-law and husband in an auto accident.


Franklin Doherty's labor task is over and he will be missed.

On the positive side, it is good to see Brother Bernie LaDue back home after his operation and R. W. Earl Steffen is also home from the hospital. We wish them speedy recoveries.

**Come on out**

It would be good to see more Brothers on the sidelines. Hopefully you are being contacted by our Phone Committee for each meeting. We miss all of you who are not there and we are interested in knowing if there is anything we can do to assist you. □

**Seneca Lodge**  
 No. 797  
 Second Tuesday  
 6:00 P.M.



W. Donald A. Rose, Master  
 (h)458-9005  
 Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary  
 233-5953  
 30 Orchard St.,  
 Webster, N.Y. 14580

**Brethren and friends**

We have just had our Official Visit from the District Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Steward. Their message was clear and concise, and places an important concern on membership. Not only the raising of new Brothers, but the maintenance of our current Brothers. To this end we have recently unanimously passed a resolution changing our By-Laws with regard to the dues structure and credits applied to dues. We are also looking forward to having a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night in the near future.

**Holidays**

Thanksgiving is behind us and the Christmas and Hanukkah seasons are close at hand. Thoughts again turn to those members of our Fraternity who because of distance or health, have not been present in our midst. To be specific, R. W. Roy S. Demenint and R. W. Norman Selke. Gentlemen, your presence and guidance in Lodge are sorely missed.

**Welcome**


I take this opportunity to welcome our two new members of Seneca Lodge, Brothers Paul Holdaway and Roy Simmons. Please make yourselves at home, and if we can answer any of your questions, don't be afraid to ask.

**Date change**

The "traditional" Seneca Tea, which usually is a sign of the start of the Winter festivities, has been moved to February 14th. This will provide both a ladies outing and an Awards Presentation opportunity.

In closing, the members of Seneca Lodge wish all Masonic Brothers a joyous holiday season. □

**WEBSTER**  
**Lodge No. 538**



W. George R. Bracht, Master  
 383-1947

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

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

**Greetings**

Our traveling meetings are now behind us, so we are again enjoying our own Lodge facilities. Webster Lodge has the Attendance Banner in the East for the 1st Monroe District, giving the Senior Warden the challenge to keep it in Webster Lodge, and bring it back after next year's Grand Lecturer's Convention.

**1st Degree**

On November 6th we conferred our 1st Degree. The officers were well prepared for the Degree that evening. Don't miss our 2nd and 3rd Degrees, they will be just as well done.

**2nd Degree**

On December 4th we will confer the 2nd Degree with Brother Bernie Russell in the East. Come out and support Brother Bernie and our candidates. Your officers are working very hard to memorize and perform the work of the Lodge.

**Public Safety Speaker**

On November 20th, we had a speaker on Public Safety. The program was enjoyed by the members and friends in attendance that evening. If you were unable to attend, please keep reading this column each month for our next open meetings.

**Bring-a-Friend Night**

On December 18th we will have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. This is the meeting to bring your friends and potential new members interested in joining Masonry in our Spring Class. In the past it was suggested to even bring somebody to expose them to Masonry; some might need time to think about it and present a petition in the future. Please let the Secretary or Master know of any guests you will be bringing.

**Spaghetti Dinners**

Please remember our monthly Spaghetti Dinners on the 1st Friday of the month. We started out having a record number of dinners served, and this number usually increases each month once we get started. Brother Doug Koenig, with his time and efforts, along with the help of the members, make these successful. Your help is needed to make the workload lighter by helping set-up, wash dishes, serving, or cleaning up. Some of the members, along with Brother Doug, start early Friday afternoon and are still there when we clean up. Please try to give us whatever time you can. If you don't have time to help, then come out and have Spaghetti for dinner!

**Closing**


Come out and support your officers and Lodge. Join the fellowship at our meetings and activities, especially be there to fill the sidelines when our candidates take their Degrees.

**Dates to remember**

December 4th is the 2nd Degree. Brother Bring-a-Friend Night is December 18th.

There will be no meeting on January 1st, the 3rd Degree will be conferred on January 15th. □

**Grand Lodge**  
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**Committee**



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

**Gift wrapping**

The holidays are arriving and it is time for gift wrapping at the Medical Center in Canandaigua, NY. The date for the gift wrapping session is December 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium (Building 5). Come join us in the fellowship and good natured fun with coffee and ---.

**Gift distribution**

December 21st will be the date for gift distribution in the various wards. Volunteers are requested

to be in the Auditorium (Bldg. 5) at 12:30 p.m. where it will all start. You will not have a better holiday than when you help with the gifts because you are showing the veterans that you care for what they did for us. The looks and smiles you receive from them make that little time you spend there all worth while. How long this will continue is anyone's guess because of the drastic cut backs.

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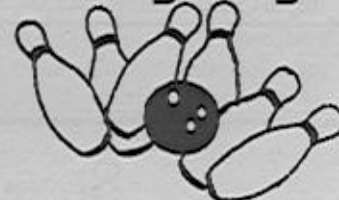
Any donations you would like to contribute to help make this a Merry Christmas for the veterans, kindly send to VA Medical Center, 532/135, Canandaigua, NY 14424 and ear mark it for Christmas Fund and Executive Committee. Also include that you are a Mason.

Happy holidays! □

**Visit a Masonic**  
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**Bowling League**



John J. Flynn, Secretary  
 227-6106

By John J. Flynn

The 1997-1998 Bowling season is eight weeks old already. The league again has ten teams, including two replacement teams.

So far this season we have already had 33 600 series and 144 200 games. 600 series were rolled by Don Weis-690 (224, 257), 677 (248, 237), 660 (236), 655 (245), 644 (243), and 624 (227); Glenn Keenan-685 (277, 227), 634 (234), and 613 (245); John Flynn-665 (233, 253); Bud Crane-664 (226, 241), 623 (233), 621 (237) and 603 (226); John Harris-652 (232), and 625 (236); Mike Holberton-647 (252); Rex Edwards, Jr.-644 (231), and 629 (239, 230); Rick Flanagan-643 (227), and 631 (244); Bill Rubert-631 (222), and 625 (267); John Kunz-626 (227); Mark Noto-623 (221), 607, and 603 (256); Gary Bonisteel-610 (223); Dick Snyder-606; Dave Mawhiney-604 (225); Harold Reynolds-603; Al Kerber-602 (218); and Scott Weis-602 (224).

Notable games were rolled by John Harris-257 and 224; Dick Snyder-244; Harold Reynolds-237; Glenn Keenan-236; Dave Mawhiney-235; Corey Kent-235; Jack Thibaut-233; Al Kerber-232; Mike Bell-230; Warham Quinlan-229 and 223; Rick Flanagan-226 and 225; Heinz Gunkel-225; Mike LaDue-225; John Flynn-224; Mike Holberton-224; Gerry Duell-224; Mark Leathersich-223 and 220; John Kunz-222; Adam Gierczak-211 and Ken Kassel-208.

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

**Mid-Day**  
**Bowling**  
**League**



John Specht, Secretary  
 548-2694

By Jay McCullough

Srs. hit the lanes!

The Seniors Tuesday afternoon (1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) bowling league is underway at Spencerport Bowl. League President is Ruel "Buz" Lovett (494-2546) and the Secretary is John Specht (548-2694). An entry fee for an ABC card and \$5.25 for each week's outing constitute the cost, along with a buck or two at the start for league prize money.

Last year's participants have returned. Any Brothers, along with their friends who are not of the Craft, but available during the day to bowl, are welcome to come for a relaxed hour and a half of fellowship, fun and the exercise bowling gives them.

Want to do some bowling in daylight, travel on good roads to get there, and find the coffee pots on and ready just for you? Come out and visit for curiosity's sake anyhow, if you're free some Tuesday. This is not only a daytime league, it's casual. You come if you can. You get the opportunity to build a series of games to qualify for an ABC handicap, permitting handicap entry into any regular tournaments that you choose. The State Masonic and the Niagara/Orleans Memorial Tournaments are among those particularly enjoyed by league members who participated last year.

Call Buz at 494-2456 or John at 548-2694 to let them know you'll be out to see them on the alleys. The lanes are 16 minutes from the Downtown Temple, by expressway. □

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### Training Junior Officers

#### Part 2

George was surprised to hear from Terry on Wednesday evening. "George, I'm having a problem. I am trying to memorize, but every time I have a section completed and go to the next, I find that I've forgotten some of the previous sections. What do I do now?" inquired Terry.

"I'm afraid I didn't make myself clear the other day. After you have memorized a section always go over that section as you are learning the next section. That is to say, as you are learning a new section, periodically return to all of the previously learned sections and put everything in sequence. This helps you remember what you have learned, shows you the development of the rhythm of the Ritual, and helps you put everything together."

"I hope I've made myself clear," replied George. "Oh, one other thing I found in a 'Short Talk Bulletin' is the use of a tape recorder. Record your memorized work and listen to it while reading the Ritual. This helps you find and correct small errors or incorrect words."

"I'll try that," said Terry. "See you on Saturday."

George and Terry met on Saturday. Terry told George that, following his suggestions, he was well on his way to learning the Working Tools Lecture for the 2nd Degree. George had Terry recite as much as he could. Then George said, "Now the next thing we need to work on is the delivery. This may not sound important, but the candidate will not fully understand the meaning of the Lecture without proper emphasis and delivery."

"First speak normally, but project your voice. That is, don't shout, but speak out. Don't mumble. By projecting, both the candidates and the rest of the Lodge will hear what you have to say. Now, let's try these suggestions."

Terry was getting the gist of George's suggestions. He was even beginning to understand what the Lecture was trying to impart to the candidate. George

felt good about Terry's progress.

"You keep practicing. We can get together again for some fine tuning," said George.

"Fine tuning? I thought I was doing everything right," said Terry.

"You're doing fine, but you will be giving this Lecture in Lodge before all the Brothers and candidates. We need to work on how to prepare for the audience, stage fright, and such. You may not feel it now, but you might, if you're not prepared. Let's get together next week," said George.

"OK, I'll call you," replied Terry.

#### What's happening

A meeting of the Bureau of Masonic Education was held on Wednesday, October 29th. Masters of the Lodges in the Monroe Districts received a notice of the meeting with a request to send a representative. There was not an overwhelming response to the letter. However, there was business conducted and planning started.

The next presentation of the Leadership Development Course will be on Saturday, March 7th. The session will start at 8:00 a.m. with sign-in and will end at approximately 3:30 p.m. A light breakfast with coffee and tea and a lunch will be included.

The Leadership Development Course is not just for Brethren headed for a seat in the East. It is for every Mason interested in improving himself in Masonry. The Course covers the history and philosophy of Freemasonry, the duties of Lodge officers, writing, speaking, meeting preparation, the structure of Grand Lodge, and Masonic charity.

The cost of the Course is \$20.00 which includes Course material and food. It is recommended that Course participants obtain a copy of the Grand Lodge publication "The 24 Inch Gauge" through their Lodge Secretary before taking the Course. Further information will be in the next issue of this paper. □

### Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

#### Paying for nursing home care

Last month's article concerned what to take notice of when looking for a nursing home. This month's article focuses on how to pay for it.

Nursing home care rivals that of college tuition. According to

December 1997 the NYS Dept. of Health, in their publication, "Finding a Nursing Home in New York State" (5/94), the cost of a stay can range from \$3,000 to \$10,000 a month!

Medicaid will pay for this care, provided you spend your own resources first. Even if you can exempt your home and car (assuming your spouse, dependent or handicapped child will reside in the house), your spouse will have to help pay for your nursing home care if her assets exceed \$79,020.

Giving assets away in order to qualify for Medicaid is an unattractive option. There could be gift tax liability if you give away more than \$10,000/yr. (\$20,000/yr. if joint). If you wind up in a nursing home within three (3) years of giving your assets away, then you risk ineligibility in qualifying for Medicaid. The more you give away, the longer the period of ineligibility. For example, you gave away \$60,000 in assets to your daughter in 1995. You then entered a nursing home in 1997. If you cannot pay for nursing home care, and apply for Medicaid in 1997, you will have to wait a specified period before becoming eligible to receive this benefit. In the example given, assume the nursing home costs \$4,200/month. Divide that into what you gave your daughter (\$60,000). You would have to wait 14 months before Medicaid would cover your nursing home stay. Do you think your daughter would financially help you out until you qualify?

Instead, let's say you attended one of these estate planning seminars (free Danish and all). Instead of giving your daughter the \$60,000 in assets, you place them in an irrevocable trust (same effect as if you gave it away to your daughter). If within five (5) years of creating this trust you enter a nursing home (\$4200/mo) and apply for Medicaid coverage, guess what? The same eligibility rules will apply. Again, you would have to wait 14 months before Medicaid would cover your nursing home bill. Do you think that the lawyer who talked you into creating that trust would financially help you out until you qualify?

Long term care insurance coverage is another option, but an expensive one. According to "Smartmoney Interactive" ([www.smartmoney.com](http://www.smartmoney.com)) annual premiums can range from \$200 to \$6,000 a year. Coverage varies widely. The purpose for purchasing such a policy is to avoid having to liquidate your own assets in order to pay for nursing home coverage. The October 1997 edition of "Consumer Reports" found online an AOL (KEYWORD: CONSUMER REPORTS) has an excellent discussion of long term care insurance (I didn't verify whether it is also in the 10/97 print edition). Included are policy ratings, phone numbers and most importantly, a worksheet to determine if a long term care insurance policy is right for you. The New York State Insurance Department also publishes materials comparing long term care policies offered. Call them at 800-342-3736 for more information.

According to the NYS Health Dept in "Finding a Nursing Home", Medicaid will cover nursing home care without the necessity of spending down your own resources, provided, a person purchases a long term care policy sponsored by the state, and that policy covers three years of long term care, or six years of home

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# Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News



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Potentate - Erwin Newell

## From the Potentate



**Erwin M. Newell**

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This is the first time I have had an opportunity to write an article in a 737 flying over the United States. Ill. Rae A. Clark and I, with our ladies, are returning from a SCANA meeting in New Orleans. Believe it or not, even though the Circus is scheduled for October 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1998, plans were started during the Summer. Now it is time to turn up the heat to the work in front of us. The 1998 Circus will be in a new, totally renovated War Memorial with a brand new Circus Producer. Yes, Nobles and Brothers, the Damascus Circus Committee is in the midst of bringing our Circus into the 21st Century. As Circus Chairman, I will be writing updates on the Circus in the future issues of the *Masonic Times*.

### Successful evening

On October 29th, we held a Noble Bring-a-Friend Dinner at Abigail's Restaurant. I am happy to report that it was a success. There were several petitions signed by men who were applying for membership in a Blue Lodge and/or the Scottish Rite. Over 12 men so far will be joining the Shrine in the November 22nd Class.

A Tip of the Fez to R.:W.: Ron Mertens, R.:W.: Paul Moore, R.:W.: Rich Friedman and R.:W.: Bruce Chilton for all of their hard work and presentations. Howard Colegrove did an excellent job in making the arrangements and "riding herd" on everyone so that we would have a

good attendance; over 60 people were there. A special thank you to the Nobles who brought prospective candidates and their ladies to this dinner.

### Planning ahead

We already have similar events scheduled for 1998. If any Lodge would like our help and support for putting on this type of program, please call our Temple office. Believe me, Nobles, this works!

### Audio Tapes

I hope that by now all Lodges have received the Audio Tapes and they are being put to use. Even though you may not have a 1st Degree until January or February, membership is a "364" day job. The buzz is on and I think we will see how good it can be when we all work to help one another.

### Honors

Our December 3rd meeting will be preceded by dinner and attitude adjustment hour. We will be honoring our 50 Year Members and will have a Memorial Service in honor of our Nobles who in 1997 were called to the Shrine Oasis, Eternal in Heaven. A special program will be enjoyed by all following the meeting.

### Holidays

December 20th will be our Holiday Party. Brenda and I hope to see you there.

To all of our Jewish Nobles and friends, we wish you a Happy Chanukah. To all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. □

## Public Relations

By Dave Clarke

### Summer Camp-Just Like Home!

Shriner's everywhere have novel ways of "helping our kids" and Arthur Luf, a twelve year veteran of the Shriner's Hospital Board of Governors, is no exception. Noble Luf had a dream about organizing a burn camp for children who have been severely burned. That dream came true seven years ago when he founded and became the President of the Connecticut Burns Care Foundation and Burns Camp Director.

Camp Hi-Rock/Bear Rock was organized as a free Camp which offers burn injured kids a

chance to simply be themselves for one week in the fresh air of the mountains. The Camp is located in the Southeastern corner of Massachusetts, atop Mt. Washington, on the shores of crystal-pure Plantain Pond. During the Summer months the 85 acre lake comes alive and resonates with the sounds of children's laughter together with the aroma of grilled hamburgers filling the air! The Camp's Assistant Medical Director is quoted as saying, "For a single week each year, these children shed whatever inhibitions their burn scars may have left them with, pull on their shorts, T-shirts and swimsuits, and just have fun. I make sure the children take their medication, see to the special problems of burn patients and care for the usual cuts and bruises of active kids, just like any summer camp".

The burn camp has been open for seven seasons and consists of one free week session for children ages 8 to 18 who have required hospitalization for their burns at some point in their lives. Most of the campers are Shrine Hospital "kids"! Activities include swimming and other water sports, general sport activities, crafts, music appreciation and just having fun!

Mr. Luf's quest for a camp site led him to Bear Rock, an abandoned section of the YMCA's Camp Hi-Rock. The abandoned camp was found in deplorable shape. After getting the YMCA to agree to its use, volunteer fire fighters, as well as other volunteers, ascended on the camp and remodeled from the ground up. Materials were offered by local businesses. The Camp consists of a modern lodge that sleeps 65, a dining facility that seats 100, a medical room and indoor showers. One little camper was quoted as saying, "I want to keep coming here until I am 18". With a twinkle in her eye, she continued, "Then I want to come back as a counselor! This place is like home to me."

This novel idea is only one example of the many ways our Shriners are taking care of their kids. Ideas exist everywhere. The opportunity is ripe for you to explore ways you can help as a member of an organization where the emphasis is "Shriners helping kids". □

## Shrine Membership

By Bruce Chilton

### Holiday Season

As we are approaching the Holiday Season I am reminded that while we are constantly seeking new members, we often neglect our most valuable asset, our current membership. When was the last time we have picked up the phone to inquire about a Brother's health or welfare, especially one that we have not recently seen? I know it is a while since I have taken the time.

I have written a program that I wrote that at least two of the Lodges in the Monroes are using to accomplish some contact that I would be thrilled to offer your Lodge. It is simply titled "The Holiday Visitation Program". It is no coincidence, by the way, that the two Lodges that I have referred to are ERAC and Webster. We hold the Program the day before Christmas and we start out at the Lodge sharing a breakfast.

The coordinator sets up the number of visits and sends groups of three or four Brothers to make each visit. These two Lodges have always presented Poinsettias to the Brothers they are visiting. The plants can be obtained through the Triangle Girls. Generally visits and breakfast are accomplished by noon so that it doesn't interfere with their family schedules.

Brethren, some of my most rewarding Masonic experiences have come from these visits. Every Brother who has been a part

of these visits can share a rewarding story. I visited a Brother four years ago who has since died. When we arrived at his home he informed us that he had been a Mason for 50 years and this was the first visit he had ever had from a Brother in the Lodge.

He had a piano that had not been played since his wife died some years before and one of the Brothers with me asked if he could play. Lynn said yes, and we all sang and listened to Christmas Carols for the next half hour. We were able to visit this Brother three more years and when we called to make the arrangements he would always say yes and ask, "Can you send the fellow that can play my piano also?"

This program is not designed for just the sick and shut-ins. We started to do it that way when we visited a Brother who was neither sick nor shut-in. In the beginning, it was an awkward visit, but we started chatting and all went very well. The results of that visit were that the Brother started attending Lodge and we quickly changed the program so that we were visiting Brothers who we had not seen in a while regardless of their physical condition.

There is nothing more important to your Lodge than its members. Without members there is no Lodge. It is my sincere hope that you will adopt this worthwhile program for yourself, as well as your membership. Please feel free to call me at 342-0562 if I can be of any assistance to you. □

## Damascus Temple Holiday Party

Saturday, December 20, 1997



Damascus Temple Mosque  
979 Bay Road  
Webster, NY 14580

Social Hour - 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner - 7:00 p.m.



Prime Rib - \$15.00 Baked Fish - \$15.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lady \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choice: Prime Rib# \_\_\_\_\_ Baked Fish# \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations are a must.

Deadline for reservations is December 12, 1997

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## Questions & Answers About Freemasonry

Since the passing of Herman Sarachan there has not been a regular question and answer feature like "Dear Brother Herman" in the *Masonic Times*. I believe that this kind of a column would be of interest and information to the Brothers. In an effort to accomplish this I will be taking questions and answers from the booklet, "One Hundred and One Questions about Freemasonry", published by the *Masonic Service Association*. If you like this feature, please let us know.

This month's Q & A is very basic, so, if you think they are too simple, don't despair; they will get more difficult! Perhaps these will furnish you with answers to give to your non-Masonic friends.

Q. How old is Masonry?

A. The question is not answerable unless Masonry be defined. Some form of organization of builders, according to the oldest Masonic document, the "Regius Poem", existed as early as A.D. 926. Freemasonry, as distinguished from any other organization of practical builders, probably began among the Cathedral builders of the Middle Ages - Tenth or Eleventh Century. The first Grand Lodge came into existence in 1717. Freemasonry in the United States dates definitely from 1730 and probably earlier.

Q. Why are we called "Freemasons"?

A. There are many theories: a man was a Freemason because his ancestors were not slaves nor was he a slave; he was so called because he was free within his

Guild, or free of the Guild's Law and could thus "travel in foreign countries" and work where he would; he was a Freemason because he worked in free-stone, which is any stone, which can be cut, smoothed, carved in any direction; he was free when he had passed his apprenticeship and became a Fellow of the Craft; he was free when he left the status of serf or villein (you can look this word up) and legally became free. Probably at one time or another masons were called Freemasons for any of these or all of them. The consensus leans to the theory that the Freemason was such because of his skill, knowledge and abilities which set him free of those conditions, laws, rules and customs which circumscribed workers of stone of lesser abilities in the Cathedral building age. (Printed with the permission of the MSA) □

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**Thank you**

Many thanks to all who participated in the Fall Reunion. Don Brugger, 32° MSA and Don Rose put together 2 Vignettes, the 12° and 13°, that required recruiting and training new casts. These were performed prior to the 14° on Thursday, November 20th.

On Saturday, November 22nd, at the conclusion of the 32°, Damascus Temple treated us to a dinner prior to their conferring the Cold Sands Ceremonial on those new members who chose to become Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

**Bring-a-Brother**

The Brother Bring-a-Brother Program and Dinner at Eagle Vale Country Club was attended by 59 persons. This included 19 potential new members. The team of Steve Whittaker, Don Rose and Charlie Hancock did an excellent job of entertaining and informing our guests.

**Family Day**

Two days later, Sunday, November 9th, the Chicken Bar-B-Que and Hot Dog picnic drew a crowd of 140, including 10 chil-

dren. Brother Craig T. Mollon was the Chairman. Brother Don Rose arranged for Jason Young to entertain our guests. He was enjoyed by all. Hilde DiJames and Joy Woodley catered the meal. Scrumptious! □

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**Scottish Rite Family Day**

On Sunday, November 9th the Valley of Rochester sponsored a Chicken Bar-B-Que and Hot Dog Cookout for its members, their families and guests. Over 140 were in attendance.

Fellowship began at 1:00 p.m. The food was excellent! Many commented on it later. Good cooking, Hilde and Ray DiJames and Joy Woodley! Our hearty congratulations!

The entertainer for the event was Jason Young. He played the violin, did juggling, made balloon animals and did card tricks. Everyone enjoyed him.

The day was a huge success. □



Jason Young, Magician, Violinist and Juggler extraordinaire.



Hilde DiJames, Joy Woodley and helper whipping the vittles.

Below are just a few of the 140 who attended the Scottish Rite Family Day Get-Together.



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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO

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Jan Lughart, Monarch

### Monarch's Message

Past Monarch Earl DeSmith had triple bypass surgery on November 13th. As of this writing, I am in the dark about his condition. Please keep Prophet DeSmith in your prayers for a speedy recovery. I'm sure he would appreciate receiving a card or two. His address is 255 Westmoreland Drive, Rochester, NY 14620.

### Caldron

The Grotto takes pleasure in thanking the Lalla Rookh Caldron for the many fine lunches they served us this year. I personally would like to thank Christine Eeckhout for all she has done for me. My fellow Prophets and I wish the very best for Ethel Hazzard in the coming year.

### Monarch's Ball

Our highlight of the year, the Monarch's Ball, was enjoyed by many. Everyone seemed to have had a great time. If you failed to attend this year, be sure and add it to your calendar for next year. You will not be dissatisfied.

### Reservations needed

Have you also marked your calendar for our Annual Communication on December 17th? A Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 6:30 p.m. Reservations required. Free with paid up dues card, otherwise the price of the dinner is \$7.00. Please call Prophet Ron Morthorst at 334-4196 with your reservation. Meeting to follow dinner.

### Communicate

If anyone is sick, or if you know of anyone who is sick I would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact me at 352-4698. ☐

### Master of Ceremonies

Old man Winter is coming, but so are the holidays that will bring our families together for Christmas and the New Year. The officers of Lalla Rookh Grotto wish all our Prophets a happy holiday season.

### Dinner meeting

We will be having a Dinner on December 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor dining room. Our Annual Turkey Dinner will be prepared by the ladies of our Caldron. You must make your own reservation. Call Ron at 334-4196 before December 10th. All reservations must be honored. For a free dinner, show your 1997 dues card and save \$7.00.

The Summoned Meeting and Election of Officers for 1998 is at 8:00 p.m. ☐

### ESGA

Do you belong to the Empire State Grotto Association? Remember, the ESGA is open to ALL Prophets. Just ask any officer and we can take care of it for you. You can then join in the fun of our state organization. For information, call the Hotline. ☐

**Dates to Remember**

Mon., Dec 8th - Legion of Honor Dutch Mill Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Board of Governors 7:30 p.m. Grotto Office

Thurs., Dec. 11th - Caldron Meeting Doric Hall 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 17th - Grotto Summons Meeting Cathedral Hall 8:00 p.m.

Turkey Dinner 6:30 p.m. 3rd Fl. Dining Room

Thurs., Dec. 18th - Caldron Exec. Meeting

**Attend Grotto Meetings  
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### Information Line

Need an update on Grotto events, happenings and membership? 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

Note date change. The Board of Governors will meet in the Grotto Office on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. ☐

### Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson

Our newest member, Prophet Charles White, received a very warm welcome at our November meeting. The meeting was very productive.

### Reservations needed

The next dinner meeting will be December 8th, 6:30 p.m. at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Ave. I do need a head count for the restaurant by December 4th. Call me at 1-315-589-9021.

At that time we will be voting on the officers for 1998. The slate includes: Commander - Ken Hutchinson; Exe. Officer - Leon VanHuben; Finance Officer - Frank Murrer; Quartermaster - Howard Topel; and Chaplain - Mike Bell.

The Installation will be Saturday, January 31st at the Dutch Mill. Cards will be sent out in advance.

### Sickness and distress

Our 1995 Commander, Earl DeSmith, underwent bypass surgery on November 13th at Rochester General Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with him. ☐

### Check the Auditorium Calendar

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

### Caldron News

#### Season's Greetings

Now that Thanksgiving has come and gone, it's time to contemplate about a Rochester Winter and the happy holidays.

#### Coming events

On Sunday, December 7th, the Past MCO's and the Caldron Patrol will have a combined Christmas Party at the Golden Ponds Restaurant, 500 Long Pond Road. Husbands and friends are welcome. Call Daughter Doris Bell for reservations or more information. The time is 2:00 p.m.

Our next Caldron meeting will be Thursday, December 11th at 8:00 p.m. Let's all celebrate the holiday season together.

On Thursday, December 18th, the Executive Council will meet. Meeting place to be announced.

On Wednesday, December 17th will be the Grotto Turkey Dinner. Daughter Millie Painton will need your help.

#### Sickness and distress

Our shut-ins seem to be making good progress. Both Daughters Merline Bueg and Pat Slack are walking with help. Daughter P. Ross Hartwig is having eye problems. We wish you all a speedy recovery. Daughters Millie Painton and Ruth Stewart lost a sister in November. The Caldron extends its sympathy.

#### Best wishes

As 1997 slips away, I wish for all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. ☐

## More of the Scottish Rite Family Day



### Hospitaler's Report

Perry T. Sweet is not feeling well, his wife asks that we send him a cheery note. His address is #215200 NE 14 Ave., #215, Hallendale, FL 33009.


Donald E. Freeman, Sr., 32° MSA, fell on the steps of the Lodge building and tore the

muscle attached to the knee cap. He had surgery to repair it and is doing better. He would appreciate hearing from you all.

Gerald J. Glaser, 32° MSA, is now able to get around without the use of his cane. Way to go Jerry!

Earl DeSmith, 32° MSA, had bypass surgery.

Remember these Brothers with cards and phone calls. ☐



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

Leon VanHuben, Commander  
647-1391

William Golding, Adjutant  
266-2384

We held our Fall meeting on October 30th, with an exceptionally fine turnout. This was a very successful meeting as we had several discussions on various Post events, and most of those present took part in them. It was determined that we would host a Euchre Party on November 29th, and notices will be sent out. We will have our Annual Christmas Party on December 6th. You will receive more information on this.

#### Good news!

Today you often hear a great deal about how Fraternal organizations are struggling with attendance and the acquiring of new members. I am happy to report that this was an exceptional evening. Nine applicants were voted on and accepted. The applicants being present were sworn in by Commander James Spencer and given a rousing welcome by the Brethren.

#### Election of Officers

Our next meeting will be March 19, 1998, for the nomina-

tion and election of officers for the ensuing year.

Now that we have the Post on a roll, let's keep up the momentum! ☐



**VAMC**  
Canandaigua, NY

By Harold Bollotin

On Sunday afternoon, November 9th, the final ward visit scheduled for the current year was made at the VAMC.

Only a small group, consisting of Tom and Cora Paglia and Sylvia and I, were there.

Ward visits are uncertain for 1998.

#### Coming events

On Tuesday, December 9th, the Annual Holiday Gift Wrap

Session in the Building 5 Auditorium, will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This has always been a well attended and fun filled event. Numerous veteran, civic and fraternal organizations attend. Our Masonic volunteers have always enjoyed their participation.

On Sunday, December 21st, is the Annual Gift Distribution in the Building 5 Auditorium at 12:30 p.m. This, too, has always been a rewarding activity, also attended by numerous organizations, including school children. This is the last scheduled volunteer activity for 1997. ☐

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# York Rite NEWS

## District Deputy Grand

### High Priest

Royal Arch Masons  
29th Capitular District



R.E. Daniel N. Evans

#### Companions

The time is fleeting. Soon it will be the time for Christmas and the start of the Holy season. Another year has almost gone, I am hoping that we have all gained a little more knowledge.

#### Degrees

The 29th District is well on its way to conferring its Degrees. The Degree teams have been formed. The MEM Degree will be conferred at Arcade Chapter No. 322 located in Pike, NY. The time will be 8:00 p.m. on December 8th. The Chapter will open at 7:30 p.m.

On December 18th, the HRA Degree will be conferred at Western Star Chapter No. 35 at 7:30 p.m. Chapter opens at 7:00 p.m.

#### Sickness and distress

R.E. James Pickering has returned from visiting E. John Dike, who is unable to walk. I know that cards would be appreciated. His address is 22 Idlewild Lane, Watervliet, NY 12189.

Many times members of a Chapter become ill or disabled. The message does not seem to get out. Therefore, cards and well wishes can't be sent to let the Companions know we are thinking of them and wish them well. Therefore, I request each Chapter select a Companion whose responsibility it will be to notify other Chapters by phone in the event a Companion would be in need of our aid or sympathy.

#### Belated thank you

I am very sorry I missed thanking the ladies of Stebbens Chapter No. 305, OES, for the delicious dinner they prepared for the Official Visit of the Master of the 2nd Veil, R.E. William L. Dupree. I am very sorry that more of the Companions were not in attendance. A couple of the Chapters did not have any representation at all. This did not

## Western Star Chapter No. 35 RAM

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#### Accomplishments

After two years of occupancy in the same seat, it is now time for me to try and get comfortable in another chair of our Tabernacle. To the faithful Companions who have contributed to the operations of Western Star Chapter, your labors have not been for naught. In retrospect, as a Chapter, we have many reasons to be proud. We have conferred the Capitular Degrees in each of the past two years and have brought to our Chapter Companions who have taken an active interest in Royal Arch Masonry. Newer Companions are taking an active role as officers and in the Degrees. Our participation in the WNY Past High Priest's Association and its Annual Scholarship Dinner has been far greater than at any other time. We have on our roles two current Grand Representatives, one of Kentucky and one of the Province of Ontario in Canada, who have and will continue to attend their respective jurisdiction's Annual Convocations.

#### New goals

Certainly we may be proud of our Chapter's accomplishments, but there remains much work to be done, new goals to reach for and experiences to share. If these past two years are to be remembered as successful ones, it must also be remembered that they were years of TEAMWORK and COOPERATION among the Companions. As new officers embark upon various duties for the coming year, I encourage them to make every effort to leave their mark. Don't hesitate to ask questions and be willing to try new approaches to the challenges they encounter in Masonry.

#### Canadian news

I am saddened to report that St. Andrew's and St. John's Chapter located in Toronto, Canada, with whom we shared many Fraternal visits for several generations, is no more. The Chapter merged as of December, 1997.

#### Annual Convocation

All Companions have been duly summoned to attend the Annual Convocation on December 18th at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conferring the Holy Royal Arch Degree. No other business will be transacted this evening. We are expecting candidates from throughout the District and visitors from the 31st Capitular District. Refreshments will follow our Convocations.

and the election of officers for the ensuing year. At this Convocation, any Companion in arrears for TWO YEARS dues is liable for suspension and loss of any and all York Rite privileges, including Shrine membership.

We will be having a Summated Convocation on December 18th at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conferring the Holy Royal Arch Degree. No other business will be transacted this evening. We are expecting candidates from throughout the District and visitors from the 31st Capitular District. Refreshments will follow our Convocations.

#### Job well done!

My sincere appreciation to those who supported Western Star Chapter during the previous year and be assured that your continued support is essential to the future of the Royal Craft. □

## District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons  
27th Capitular District



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

#### New Grand Rep.

On the 29th of October I had the privilege of installing R.E. James H. Hooper of Livonia Chapter No. 311 as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, RAM, near the Grand Chapter of New York. Although the Chapter Room was not crowded, all three Chapters of the 27th District were represented. If you see Jim, wish him well in his new appointed assignment.

#### Committees

I hate to keep harping on the same things, but I have not heard any reports on how new Committees are doing. Companions, especially High Priests, these Committees should be up and running and I should be getting reports on what is going on. I am especially interested in the Bicentennial plans for each Chapter. Grand Chapter is very anxious to hear how things are going. Please let me know what's going on by mid December and whether you need

for his expert guidance and participation, his command of the Ritual is awesome! Those who did not come out to see the Degree really missed something.

#### Swan song

Soon it will be time for our Annual Conclave in Albany. As I mentioned in my last communication, I am now receiving reservations from those Companions who desire to attend. Just to review; the dates are March 5, 6 and 7, 1998. The headquarters hotel is the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road. The Grand High Priest's Dinner, on Thursday night, will be open to all Companions this year to commemorate the 200th year of Grand Chapter's existence and to kick off the Bicentennial Celebration.

Although the trek to Albany is usually an enjoyable experience, it will be even more rewarding in 1998. Let's make an real effort to double our attendance and cheer on our own R.E. Arnold Palmer who will be installed as Grand King; only one more notch to go! □

## Hiram Chapter



No. 62



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#### Farewell swan song

The time has arrived when I shall pack up as High Priest of Hiram Chapter No. 62, give the reins to the new High Priest and fade into the night. It has been a rewarding year, even better than the one I had in 1995.

#### Degrees

You should all be proud of yourselves for the wonderful Royal Arch Degree that was done for the Canadian weekend. They were very much impressed and left with memories that will not leave them for a long time to come. Their remarks were nothing but favorable. The Degrees were some of the better ones that we have seen in a long time. To all who participated, a big "HEARTY THANKS", you all did a wonderful job. To the Directors, you have outdone yourselves. I know you all put extra effort into

Maplewood

Tuesday, December

Social Hour 6:00 p.m.



friendship. ALL ARE WELCOME. I am sure your Lady will enjoy the evening, also bring a friend.

**Bon Voyage**

To all, it has been a real joyful, pleasant and rewarding year. We have increased the numbers from Orient Chapter No. 79 members who visit with us, and we have new members, with more on the way. Our Degree work has shown great improvement and more are attending the meetings. What more could a High Priest from any Chapter want. As I have said from the beginning of the year, Hiram Chapter No. 62 is No. 1.

From Cora and I, have a pleasant holiday, Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Cora and I love you all.

As Bugs Bunny would say, "that's, that's, that's all folks".

**Installation of Officers for 1998**

By Bruce R. Horncastle

The Installation of the 1998 Officers for Hiram Chapter will

be held in Cathedral Hall on January 8, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. Being that the Installation is open to the public, friends and family are welcome for the Ceremony.

The Officers to be installed are listed as follows:

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| High Priest     | Bruce R. Horncastle                               |
| King            | Lawrence W. Dunn                                  |
| Scribe          | John A. Dudley                                    |
| Capt. Host      | William R. Lindsay                                |
| RA Capt.        | Dennis K. Gellasch                                |
| Prin. Sojourner | Ed Walker   |
| Chaplain        | Michael Adamus                                    |
| Mas. 3rd Veil   | Ed Brereton                                       |
| "2nd Veil       | Thomas W. Kendig                                  |
| "1st Veil       | Douglas M. Koenig                                 |
| Sentinel        | Glenwood G. Ide                                   |
| Secretary       | Richard J. Oliver                                 |
| Treasurer       | Robert Pettit                                     |
| Trustees        | Vernon Goodrich<br>Donald Brugger<br>Gerald Jones |

Organist John A. Walker

Refreshments will be served in the Dining Hall after the Ceremony. Please join us in our festivities on this occasion; we look forward to seeing you there.

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**Special visitors**

We were honored at our Assembly on October 27th with a visit from M..E.. John P. Nosal, Jr., Grand Master and R..I.. Reuben E. Long, Grand Marshal. The Degree of Royal Master was conferred on three candidates that evening. Thanks to all who helped.

At our Assembly held on November 24th, the Degree of Select Master was conferred on the same candidates. We were honored with a visit by R..I.. Douglas J. Swan, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. Special refreshments followed the Assembly.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season are extended to all.

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**Public Welcome**

Our only conclave in December will be our Christmas Toast. It will be held at the Attica Masonic Temple, 9 Main St., Attica at 7:00 p.m on Thursday, December 11th. The Toast will be an all night Buffet complete with carols and plenty of Christmas cheer. It is a celebration of the true meaning of Christmas and one of the most treasured traditions in Templary!

This year we are extending invitations to the public, especially our Brother Masons and their families. Bring your favorite holiday dish, dessert, or bottle of cheer, and as many of your family as you like. Attica Lodge has very few stairs, lots of room, and is perfect for this Knight Templar Christmas Open House! We look forward to seeing you there.

**Knights of the Round Table**

A Knight Templar Table Lodge will be held on January 22nd at Batavia at 7:00 p.m. We will resurrect the traditions of old and celebrate the fellowship of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. The cost will be under \$10.00, an experience well worth the expense. This event will be open to all Brother Masons and any prospective candidates for the Entered Apprentice Degrees.

Please plan to join us for this historic event. The legends of King Arthur, Excaliber, and his Knights will come to life. For one evening you will know what it felt like to be

**An Alternative Path**



By Don Brugger

**Why another York Rite Body**

About 25 years ago Herman Sarachan, Ray Beardsley, Ralph Biggar, and a few other local Brothers established a York Rite Body which they called the "Order of Judas Maccabeus". The origination of this organization was an attempt to provide an alternative path through the York Rite of Freemasonry for Jewish Brethren or Brethren who were uncomfortable with the militaristic or Christian orientation of the York Rite Commanderies.

**Ritual**


The Order has an established Ritual consisting of two Degrees or Orders. The Order of David, which teaches the lessons of unselfish love and devotion, which is taken from the story of David and his brother Johnathan. The Order of Judas Maccabeus teaches the lessons of fidelity, devotion and faith and is taken from the story of the revolt of the Jews (168 B.C.).

a Knight of the Round Table and how we as Knights Templar feel every time we are together!

**Regular conclave**

We will hold a regular conclave at Batavia on January 8th at 8:00 p.m. Please plan to be there.

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**Thank you**

I thank all the Sir Knights and their Ladies who attended the Reception of our Grand Commander, SK Ronald Janus-

A Constitution and By-laws exist both on a local and Grand level. The organization is functional, although the local organization, Genesee Assemblage No. 1, is at present relatively inactive.

Members are called Valiant Princes and the Principle Officers are the Commander, Chancellor and Orator who with the Treasurer and Recorder are elected annually. Five or more Valiant Princes may apply for a dispensation to organize an Assemblage, receive a Charter and copies of the Ritual.

The Order has struggled through the years to gain acceptance from Concordant Bodies. There are two Assemblages (subordinate bodies) in existence, the one at Rochester and one on Long Island. The Grand Body, the Grand Assemblage, is based in Rochester and the Sovereign Grand Commander is Brother Gerald J. Glaser.

Just recently we have received inquiries about the Order from Masons in the Midwest. Apparently this stems from an article about the Order of Judas Maccabeus by Raymond Beardsley that appeared in the "Philaethes Magazine" in 1991.

If you have an interest in this organization or would like to become a member, call Brother Glaser at 442-5825 or Don Brugger at 473-4351.

kiewicz, in Buffalo. Every aspect of the evening was great!

**December 1- 7:00 p.m. conclave**

Due to "Miss Saigon", the Dec. 1st conclave will be at 7:00 p.m. with a full form opening.

**Christmas Toast**

Our Christmas Toast will be on December 15th at 7:45 p.m. I am sure each of you will find this to be an inspiring service. To make this a success, I am asking each Sir Knight to bring guests. Refreshments will be provided by the Schicker Club.

**Happy Holidays**

Linda and I wish you and yours a happy & safe Holiday Season.

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care, or a combination of both. This type of policy is also referred to as a "partnership" long term care policy. The state insurance department (see telephone number above) can provide the names of companies offering these type of long term care policies.

Regardless how you intend on paying for nursing home care, you have the right to handle your own financial affairs. A nursing home cannot legally require you to give them power of attorney over your financial affairs. You retain the right to decide who, if anyone, you want to act as your agent.

There are no easy solutions. Most rational people do not concern themselves with this issue until they have to. Unfortunately, that time is a stressful one and as such, the worst time to have to make such decisions. If you believe that some advance planning today will ease that stress tomorrow, then I offer the following resources for your own investigation:

Public Library. For those of you online, the Public Library's catalog can be accessed at [www.rochester.lib.ny.us/](http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/)

NYS Office for the Aging-Long Term Care Ombudsmen: 800-342-9871; in Monroe County, 454-3224; Genesee County, 344-3108; Wyoming County, 786-8833.

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National Senior Citizens Law Center; 202-887-5280; [www.nslc.org/](http://www.nslc.org/)

Masonic Home, 800-322-88256.

From my family to yours, all the best to you and yours this holiday season. □

## Financial Planning Solutions

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[A series of discussions of problems encountered in financial planning. Should you have any questions or desire further information, don't hesitate to call this writer].

During a flaky market such as now exists, some ideas pertaining to investing should be discussed.

One is how a lot of investors look at their investments.

For example: many of my clients have been with me for a long time. As such, the initial investments have grown, let us say four fold. Which means if a client gave me \$50,000 fifteen years ago, that investment has doubled about

twice, and is now worth about \$200,000.

We now get into a situation like today, where the value of their account has fallen in paper value to about \$180,000, and they call me to complain that they have lost \$20,000. They almost never say to me that they are ahead by \$130,000, and are pleased with the results. Also, many of them do not wish to invest in these terrible times, which is exactly the thing they should be doing, because the market will eventually recover and their gains will be more than made up from the fall.

If one sees a suit or dress at a nice store for, let us say \$300, and the store has a sale on that item for \$200, does that change the quality of that merchandise? It sure doesn't! Now one can go around bragging that he or she picked up a \$300 item for a fantastic price. That, dear reader, is the same principle in the stock market.

The people who are laughing are the ones who are holding and buying.

Usually, when someone calls me to complain that they are losing money, I say to them, "you mean that you have sold some investments?" The answer is invariably "no".

My next question is, "are you an investor or a trader?" After some thought, they say, "I guess that I am a trader."

Finally, my advice is to stop reading the financial papers or listening to the news.

We could all sleep at night if only we would relax and enjoy our lives. □



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## Rose Garden Dedicated

Over 100 residents, family members and staff joined with the Trustees for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the recently reconfigured Rose Garden. The Garden was constructed to benefit and aid those residents who have some form of Alzheimer's or dementia.

President of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, R..W.. Seymour Dember, Cornerstone Lodge No. 178, was joined by R..W.. David

Shumway, Amicable Lodge No. 664, Trustees' Secretary and Chairman of the Home Operations Committee, and Brother William J. Luley, Oriental Faxon Lodge No. 224, Masonic Home Executive Director in a Ceremony to open this new outdoor leisure facility for these individuals.

Three courts comprise the new Rose Garden. The garden court is situated in the space that is bordered by the walls of the Master Mason Wing and the Health Facility. An ornamental wood fence was placed on these three sides of the garden court and a low level fence separates the garden court from the middle court. The surface is concrete that has been stained in a "soothing" antique bronze. A "gazebo" type shelter has been placed in the garden court.

The area that the ramps from the Master Mason Wing and the Health Facility leads into make up the middle court. This area is the site for the special lunch time activities and socialization by the residents and their family members and visitors. Low level shrubs and an ornamental fence form the boundaries for this area.

The fore court has many plants and shrubs as well as a fountain. Additional seating has been installed to provide another location for the residents and their families to enjoy the sunny afternoons in Central New York State.

This "Rose Garden" allows these residents freedom of movement in a safe and secure environment. This provides the staff with a different method of meeting the special needs of these members in our "Caring Community". □

**Editor's Award for Non-Lodge Articles**

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



**FINGER LAKES CHAPTER**  
William Lindsay, President  
621-3573  
Bill Edwards, Secretary  
872-3993

The interests of Masonic research are no better served than by two gentlemen, namely R..W.. George Peter and R..W.. John Stelter. George Peter is the Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and the sitting Master of



R..W.. John Stelter



R..W.. George Peter the American Lodge of Research. Dr. John Stelter has led a one man crusade to recover, preserve and protect the rich heritage and tradition of Central New York. As the History Chairman for the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District, he has compiled separate histories, first of Ontario County, then Yates, and has just recently completed a 10 year project to compile the Masonic history of Seneca County.

I recently attended an Upstate meeting of the American Lodge

*Order of the Eastern Star HiLights*

**MONROE DISTRICT STATE OF NEW YORK**

DDGM  
Rt. Wthy. Mary Hall  
DGL  
Rt. Wthy. James Spencer

By Wthy. Barbara Spano  
From Mount Marcy: "It makes a man feel what it is to have all creation under his feet. There are woods there which it would take a life time to hunt over, mountains that seem shouldering each other to boost the one whereon you stand up and away Heaven knows where. Thousands of little lakes are let in among them so light and clean. Old Champlain, though 50 miles away, glistens below you like a strip of white birch when slicked up by the moon on a frosty night, and the Green Mountains of Vermont beyond it fade and fade away until they disappear as gradually as a cold scent when the dew rises". (John Cheney as quoted by C.F. Hoffman.)

Luke Masten  
The Annual District Banquet was a huge success. There were approximately 185 in attendance. The meal was superb and the entertainment was excellent. The monies for the Baby Bank (\$1700) was given to a tiny little man named Luke Masten, who was born in August and has a lot of medical problems. What a wonderful feeling to have been able to help this little man.



M.Wthy. Wanda V. Williams, Rt. Wthy. Elaine Spiegel, Mr. & Mrs. Masten holding Luke and Wthy. Elizabeth Rush.

of Research held in Waterloo at Pocahontas Lodge where Dr. Stelter was called upon to present his findings as a preliminary step in having it published in "Transactions", the official and annual publication of the ALR. The meeting was attended by approximately 50 Masons and friends who dined beforehand at the Lodge.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., the meeting began with introductions, a very excellent reading by Richard Eades, and some promotional business for the ALR. Then Dr. Stelter was introduced. For approximately one hour he shared the results of ten years labor. In that short time, it was only possible for the good doctor to give a brief overview of the history of the Lodges that have existed in the county since pre-Morgan times. But even that small amount of information is enough to whet one's appetite to read the whole document. Equally important in the presentation was the running commentary which Dr. Stelter provided

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### Dedicated Service

Certificates were given out for Dedicated Service. I have a picture, but I cannot identify everyone, so it will be included in the next issue. Thanks for waiting!

### Holiday time

December 7th will be the Holiday Party at the Mosque on Bay Rd. The Line Officers are hosting this, family and friends are welcome. Bring a dish to pass that will serve 10 and your own table settings. We will supply the meat, beverage, salads and desserts. Please let Rt. Wthy. Elaine Spiegel know if you are coming. The time is 3:00 p.m. til ??

### Grand Officers

For those of you who still do not know the 1998 Grand Officers, they are: Rt. Wthy. Mary Hall, District Deputy Grand Matron; Rt. Wthy. James Spencer, District Grand Lecturer; Rt. Wthy. Marie Knittel, Associate Grand Marshal and Rt. Wthy. Dee Seeley, Grand Rep. to Texas.

### Upcoming events

The 1998 combined Officers Clubs will meet the 1st Saturday of each month at Leah Chapter No. 183 in Hilton. January 3rd will be the first meeting and a luncheon will follow. Check with your Matron for details.

The School of Instruction will be January 24th at 10:00 a.m. This will also be at Leah Chapter.

### Information needed

I need to hear from the Presidents, Chairpersons, etc., from Peaches 2, Past Matrons Association and any other group who wants information put in these articles. This information needs to be given to me by the NINTH of every MONTH. □

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Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS  
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First Saturday

7:30 P.M.

875 East Main Street  
Rochester, N. Y. 14605

By Wthy. Barbara Spano

Something to be happy about: branches of trees silvered with crystal or flocked with snow.

### Welcome

A warm welcome to our newest Sister, Erika Hansen. I hope she will enjoy the Order as much as I do. I know we will enjoy having her with us.

### Nice event

Several of us enjoyed the play directed by Wthy. Evy Ann and dinner afterwards. Good job, Evy.

### Holiday time

Our next meeting is December 6th and will be the Election of Officers and our Annual Holiday Party. We will wear long dresses. Come out and enjoy the festivities.

### Thanks

The year is just about over and the business of the year has ended. We will soon be installing new officers to begin again the great work of our Order. I wish for them the greatest of successes and a happy year. To Wthy. Evy Ann Heller, my support in your endeavors and to Wthy. Linda Zahn, my best wishes.

To the members of Rochester Chapter, I wish you all happiness and a round of applause for all your dedication and support you have given to me this past year. We worked hard, we laughed, we cried, we have new Sisters to help us along the way and we will remain strong because of all these things. Thank you all and God bless you and yours.

I wish you peace and love. □

## Webster Chapter No. 171

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

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

### Congratulations

Our new District Officers are taking the reigns and we look ahead with them. Congratulations to the Rt. Wthys. Mary Hall, James Spencer, Marie Knittel and Dee Seeley.

### December meetings

Our Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and reports are December 2nd and will be preceded by a Tureen Dinner. Brother Paul Moore and Sister Carol Moore are going to tell us about their adventures in Australia. This should be a great evening. Don't miss it.

Rt. Wthy. Faythe and Bill Mattern have installation plans for December 30th (open meeting) well underway. We look forward to her very able leadership.

### Thinking of others

In lieu of Christmas gifts to each other this year, our members have voted to support the needy of our community by contributing to the Webster Food Cupboard. These gifts must be in by December.

### November

November was a busy time with the Spaghetti Supper on the 1st Friday, our Fall Card Party on November 10th, Seneca Lodge supper on November 11th, the Grand Officer's Reception on November 15th and the Draping of the Altar in remembrance of our Sisters and Brothers who have gone on before us on November 18th. The Officer's Club Christmas Party was November 25th at Streppas Bistro.

### Closing thought

Wthy. Clara Moore, Carol and Paul Moore may recognize the words I close with as being a favorite of Ruth Wilkinson Lent. They have special meaning to me as I near the close of my year of the sun flower.

When you come to the end of a perfect day,  
And you sit alone with your thoughts,  
While the chimes ring out with a carol gay  
For the joy that the day has brought,  
Do you think what the end of a perfect day  
Can mean to a tired heart,  
When the sun goes down with a flaming ray  
And the dear friends have to part?  
(Courtesy Carrie J. Bond, "A Perfect Day") □

## NOLA Chapter No. 368

Order of the Eastern Star

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

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Wthy. Jean Stewart  
Secretary

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Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Wthy. Avis Theis

It is the time of year again when we wonder where the time has gone. It has been a busy and very nice year. We thank Wthy. Carol Wynings and Wthy. John Lenzi for their time and efforts in keeping things interesting. We thank all our members who helped Nola in any way they could. We also give a special thank you to Rt. Wthy. Carol, not only for this year, but for many years of loyalty to our Chapter and Order.

### Concerns

Our best to Rt. Wthy. Lucile Mason, Wthy. Mabel Gruendike, Wthy. Dorothy Erion, and Sister Irene Maurer. Our best to Wthy. Sue Mason and Brother Don Jacobs who have been in the hospital. I was happy to see Sisters Pat Cork and Florence Thayer and hope they will stay well.

### Dates to save

December 2nd will be the Annual Meeting with reports and elections. There will be a Win/Lose Dinner beforehand. The Committee will be Toni Jeerings, Wthy. Joan Jacobs, Sister Caroline Hedges, Sister Anne and Brother Craig Mollon.

December 5th and 6th, 11th and 12th we work at the Madrigal Dinner. If you can work, please call Wthy. Carol at 594-4692.

On December 16th there will be a get together for members, spouses and friends to honor our Matron and Patron at Stones at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by December 9th to Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff.

On January 11th there will be a Luncheon at Bosdyk's to reveal our Secret Pals. All are welcome to come. RSVP by January 6th with Wthy. Carol Wynings.

### Projects

The many projects that Wthy. Carol has had this year have been a success thanks to all who have helped in so many ways. We will continue to save Tops tapes.

We will again do something for the holidays for the Special People at Shelter Cove. If you would like to do something special for the holidays, send a donation. If you could see how happy these gifts make these people, it would make your holidays complete.

### Joy

May the special joys of the season be yours today and always. □

## HiLights

Order of the Eastern Star

GENESEE-WYOMING

DISTRICT

Rt. Wthy. CHARLOTTE BARNARD,  
DDGM

Rt. Wthy. NORMAN STEINBAUGH,  
DGL

By Rt. Wthy. June Lee

### Greetings

The members of Genesee/Wyoming District wish each and everyone of you a very joyous Holiday Season.

### Congratulations

The following members of Genesee/Wyoming have recently received 50 Year Membership Pins and/or Certificates of Membership. Over the past 50 years they have served their Chapters to the best of their ability:

Rt. Wthy. Ethel Lee, Batavia Chapter No. 267, Alden Chapter No. 401 now part of Amherst Chapter No. 555. Her twin daughters, Rt. Wthy. L. Janet Lee and Rt. Wthy. June R. Lee assisted.

Rt. Wthy. Arlene Beal, Batavia Chapter No. 267, received her 50 year Membership Certificate in the District Rooms at Grand Chapter. She will wear her mother's Pin.

Also honored were Rt. Wthy. Grace Slocum, Perry Chapter No. 497, Wthy. Meriel Coles, Perry Chapter No. 497, Sister Shirley Hyde Caccamo, Perry Chapter No. 497, and Wthy. Betty Laird, Perry Chapter No. 497.

The following received 25 Year Pins of Membership:  
Sister Betty Daniels, and Wthy. Linda Delaney, both of Perry Chapter No. 497.

### Chapter Officers

Congratulations to the 1997 Officers, especially the Matrons and Patrons of the nine Chapters in the District. It has been a busy year and you have served our Order well. Thanks!

In December Chapters will be holding their Annual Meetings at which time new Officers will be elected and appointed. Congratulations to the 1998 Officers, especially those chosen to serve as Matrons and Patrons. Best wishes for a very successful year. □

## Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay



Charlotte/Corinthian

Temple

4550 Lake Ave.

1st & 3rd Fridays

Dave Gorall

Master Councillor

458-5255

Jeff Wood, Chapter Dad

342-1947

Hello again, everyone. We hope you enjoyed our last article. Many things and changes have happened. We held our Installation of Officers on November 8th at 2:00 p.m. at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. We installed Peter Dubois as Master Councillor; Jeremy Cooper as Senior Councillor; Matt Zona as Junior Councillor; Eric Vanaman and Josh Burke as Senior and Junior Deacons; Josh Andrews and Jason Burrows as Senior and Junior Stewards; Kenny Ratliff as Chaplain; David Gorall as Marshal; Anthony Vanaman as Sentinel; Jesse Telinghuisen as Standard Bearer and Lonny Highby as Scribe.

### Sweetheart

After the Installation of the boys, Lisa Hughes was installed as Sweetheart of our Chapter by the Frontier Region Sweetheart, Kelly McGonnell. Lisa just joined Fidelity Triangle and she looks forward to helping us.

### Award

David Gorall received his Founder's Pin Award for bringing in a substantial number of members. He also delivered a Flower Talk for a dedication to our mothers. We had Master Mason's and fellow DeMolay Chapters around the region attend our Installation. We also performed an Honor Guard for the new Beloved Queen of Fidelity Triangle, Melissa DuBois.

Pete's term plan is filled with lots of travels. On November 15th we went to Utica for the Membership College and on the 22nd we went to Olean for their Installation of Officers. We will also be going to a nursing home for some Christmas Caroling and we are going to the Festival of Lights on December 28th.

### Future plans

We are going to have a Roller Skating Prospect Party on January 10th and a Super Bowl Party on the 25th. We are going to Rock Adventures on March 8th. As you can see, we have come to a point in the Chapter where we can do a lot of things that are fun, but, also a lot of things that have importance in the organizations.

We have brought in 10 new members during the last year, and we have three more people waiting to join. This is a lot for us, but the more we get, the better the Chapter gets. If you know anyone from the ages of 12 to 21, give us a call: Peter Dubois 637-3276; Jeff Wood 342-1947; Dave Gorall 458-5255 and Lisa Hughes 266-5702. □

## We Need Projects

The members of the Rochester Chapter of the Order of DeMolay are looking for various community and/or charitable projects to help them earn points to qualify for their civic merit bars. □



## October

### Meyerhoff, Julius A.

Julius passed away in Florida on October 11th at the age of 81. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154.

### VanDelinder, Lucile

At the age of 91, Lucile entered into eternal rest on October 14th. She was a Past Matron of Sunshine Chapter, OES, and later joined Webster Chapter, OES, and was a member of Zama Temple No. 14, Daughters of the Nile. She is survived by her two children, Bonnie and Roy, Jr.

### Daboll, Lloyd A.

A member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and Rochester Consistory, Lloyd died on October 17th. He is survived by his wife, Sheri, children and 4 grandchildren.

### Dye, Marvin R.

Towpath Lodge No. 163 lost a member with the passing of Marvin on October 25th. He is survived by his children, 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

## November

### Burnett, Theodore R.

Ted was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538, Hiram Chapter, RAM, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery and Damascus Temple Shrine. He passed away November 7th at his home in Wisconsin. He is survived by his children, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

### Mason, Bruce E.

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 lost a member with the passing of Bruce on November 14th at the age of 66. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, children and 13 grandchildren.

### O'Reilly, Thomas C.

Death came suddenly to Tom on November 14th. A member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 and Rochester Consistory, he leaves his wife, Virginia, children and grandchildren.

The following deaths were reported with no specific information.

### Salisbury, Milton A.

Milton was a member of Hesperus Lodge No. 837 and died on September 16th.

### Morris, Ernest H.

October 16th was the date Ernest joined the Great Architect above. He was a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475.

### LaMont, Louis E.

A member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, Louis passed away November 1st.

### Roberts, Jacques E.

Jacques was a member of Fairport Lodge No. 476 and died in California. □

# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

1998

- Jan. 10 "Road to the East", Downtown Temple
- Feb. 7 "Road to the East", Downtown Temple
- Feb. 6-14 "Have-A-Heart, Buy-A-Heart" Campaign
- Mar. 5-7 Grand Chapter RAM, Albany
- Mar. 7 Leadership Training Course, Downtown Temple
- Mar. 28 Monroe Masonic Grand Ball  
Rochester Convention Center
- Apr. 25 Widows Luncheon, Logan's Party House
- Apr. 29 Annual Feast, Finger Lakes Chapter, Philalethes

## Philalethes

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on his experiences while doing his research.

It is fair to say that he has an insightful understanding of data and events and the people who made the history. Little escapes his attention, thus making his research particularly valuable.

History research and history writing is, after all, not an exact science (if there is such a thing). Rather, it is the collecting of available information in an attempt to construct a picture of life and society at a particular moment in time. The deeper we get into the Information Age, the more we appreciate the shortcomings of the histories we were raised on, and the more we can appreciate the quality of the work done by historians like Dr. Stelter. No bits of data sewed together with marginal hypotheses for that man! What you get is the data set in a knowable context, a partially completed picture awaiting further historical research.

Not everyone appreciates Dr. Stelter's work, the digressions and birdwalks in his presentations often infuriate or bore the listener. But one has to appreciate his commentary in much the same way as one would listen to a Mozart composition. Imagine listening to only the harmonic in "The Magic Flute". More importantly, getting back to history, is the fact that anyone of us has it within our skills to research records and assemble it into a presentable history which will be of value to our fellow man and consistent with our obligation. □

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XX/XX = date rec. (late)

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Etolian No. 479 11/15  
Monroe M&W 11/15

The Deadline for the January issue is:  
**December 12, 1997**

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

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Through Sat., Dec. 6

### Miss Saigon

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 p.m.  
Sat. 2:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.  
Sun. 2:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 13

### The Nutcracker

2:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 16 - Sun., Dec. 21

### Annie

## Classifieds

Brother Mason needs bedroom near Rochester General Hospital, Sunday nights thru Thursday nights, on a 4 week rotation basis, as he studies for his Doctorate. Call Roy at 691-5694.

Wanted: Toy Trains, (O and O27), and accessories, any condition. Will offer fair price based on Greenberg Book value and condition. Call Don Brugger at 473-4351 (O) or 458-6125 (H).

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December Flower: Narcissus

## Calendar December 1997

○ Deadline for the Times

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