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Grand Lodge DeWitt Clinton Awards Given to Rescuers of Van Fire Victims



(front row, left-right) R.W. Austin Keith, Richard Stowell, Cathy Bement, Stewart Collyer-Director of VA Medical Center, Georgia Evans, Fred Evans, Patti Ciancaglioni, R.W. David Jones, R.W. Harold Bollotin. (back row, left-right) R.W. Terry Leonard-GS-OSY, R.W. William Spillane-GDC-Mon, Barry Waggoner, ArtCombs, John Morabito, Edward Quenan, Dennis Tepper-Associate Medical Director-VAMC (Photo courtesy VAMC)

By R.W. Thomas Paglia

The first time any public recognition has ever been given for effort above and beyond the call of duty at the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua was on December 23, 1996. This involved the presentation of DeWitt Clinton Awards to nine courageous people. This was the result of an incident that took place on May 29th when a minibus carrying wheelchair bound veterans and one other, caught fire. The minibus is used to transport Veterans to their every day activities. Inside the bus were six wheelchair veterans strapped down as usual to prevent them from moving around while the vehicle is in motion.

Suddenly, while approaching the gate a fire erupted in the motor compartment. Without any hesitation, one by one these nine people jumped into the burning bus to release the wheelchair veterans. These veterans could not have gotten out of the bus by themselves. Remember, this happened in a short time for just as the last veteran was removed from the bus, the fire intensified. The fire department was there in minutes, but as anyone who has witnessed auto fires knows how fast the flames travel. It takes only a few minutes for the whole vehicle to be consumed in flames and at any time the gas line could have ruptured resulting in a possible explosion.

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Eagle Scout Kit Program Table Lodge Update

By W. Don Darrohn

The Monroe Masters and Wardens Association conducted the 2nd county-wide "Table Lodge" on behalf of the Grand Lodge Eagle Scout Kit Program to benefit Otetiana Council, BSA. As in July of 1995, when the Monroe Districts Grand Lodge Officers initiated the event locally, the 2nd Table was set at Webster Lodge, this time on January 10th.

Approximately \$700 was raised at the Ceremony for use in purchasing the Kits which consist of a cloth Eagle Badge, Eagle Medal, Mother's Pin and Father's Tie Tac, contained in a black velvet box and placarded to show Masonry's sponsorship.

Still time to contribute

To be able to repeat the 1st Table Lodge success, further monies are sought from Lodges, Concordant and Allied Masonic Bodies to permit Masonry to repeat total funding of the Otetiana Council Program. Kits continue

to cost \$20.00 each and contributions in multiples of that figure would help achieve the goal again this year.

Contributory checks should be made payable to the Masonic Service Bureau and designated for "Eagle Scout Kits".

Feast preparation and presentation

Those able chefs, cooks and servers of Germania Lodge were at their very best, as was their repast! The Prime Rib and Roast Chicken Dinners were thoroughly enjoyed and included myriad 'fixins' and a Rum and Bread Pudding that few passed by. These morsels were preceded by an Hors D'Oeuvres and beverage table, surrounded during the attitude adjustment hour preceding festive board Ceremonies. The chef was that able food preparer, Andy McBride, the Junior Warden. His staff included the Master of Germania, W. Dave Foster, SW Bob McBride, Secretary John Foster and all-round handy man, Brother Heinz Gunter.

R.W. Donald C. Vetal,
Past Sr. Grand Warden

A member of the Grand Master's Educational Task Force and Chairman of the Leadership Services Committee, the special

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Grand Secretary Featured Speaker at the 11th Annual Masonic Widows Luncheon



The Masonic Widows Luncheon will again be held at Logan's Party House. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 22nd and lunch will be served at noon.

The speaker will be M.W. Gary A. Henningsen, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Do Your Part in the Work of Your Masonic Service Bureau

By Vernon L. Goodrich
Our obligation

We all have an obligation to serve our Community. Your Service Bureau takes this to heart. The past record of your Service Bureau has been most distinguished. In fact, we have accomplished as much as many Grand Lodges have throughout the US.

Serving

However, we cannot rest on our laurels. We must continue to serve both our Community and our own organization, ever seeking new ways to serve our Brothers, Sisters and our Community.

The appeal

You should be receiving our solicitation letter about the end of February. Won't you again open up your hearts and your pocketbooks? The need is great and the cause is great. Let our light shine that the entire Community will know and admire our good works.

Basis of Masonry

Love and charity are the cornerstones of Masonry. Let us continue to spread our benevolent influence upon mankind. Love is shown in many ways. Give a gift of love.

Tomorrow

Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today. When tomorrow comes, it is then today, tomorrow is yet another day. □

Masonic Youth Scholarship Program Applications Now Available

Attention: Parents of
Graduating Seniors

By Gail Clarke, Chairperson
The Bureau's Scholarship Committee announces that ap-

Last year there were 205 in attendance. It is hoped that this year's Luncheon will be equally successful. All Lodges are urged to offer transportation to all those widows who desire to come. Tickets will be available from your Lodge Chairman. If you have any questions, call William Baldwin. □

lications for the 1997 Masonic Youth Scholarship Award Program are now available. It is the plan of the Committee to award a number of \$500.00 scholarships on a one time basis to graduating high school seniors or students already attending college. Awards will be based on specific rules and decisions of the Scholarship Committee. Applicants who belong to Masonic Youth Organizations or who are sponsored by a member of a Masonic Lodge or a related Body are eligible.

The following rules will govern the winners:

a. Must be a high school senior who will be attending a school or course of study on a full time basis in 1997 or a student who is attending an accredited school on a full time basis in 1997.

b. Application is to be completed by the student in his/her own handwriting and be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from two of the following: an appropriate Masonic Youth Advisor, school/college guidance counselor or a Masonic relative.

c. Submit proof of acceptance, attendance at or a letter of intent at an accredited school or in a course of study for the ensuing year.

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

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

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Notice

One of the Brothers from Webster Lodge came up with an idea that has real merit. He suggested that we indicate which Lodges have handicap accessibility. In order for this to come to pass we have to know which Lodge buildings comply. Therefore, I am asking all Masters or those responsible for Lodge news to give us this information.

1997 Widows Luncheon

Saturday, February 22, 1997

Logan's Party House

Speaker

M.W. Gary A. Henningsen



Have you provided for your Lodge's Widows?
Deadline for reservations, February 15, 1997
For tickets contact your Lodge Master.
For more information please contact
the Masonic Service Bureau

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger

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Comments

Over the past month I have received a few comments on the *Masonic Times*, one from that sage of the Geneva area, Doc Stelter. Of course not all were as positive as his.

One person asked if we had a list of Masonic Speakers, the answer is yes. We haven't published a list lately, but look for it in this issue. Check the Index on page 1.

Awards

I again congratulate our authors on a job well done. For the first time I had more than one article that I thought deserving of commendation and I had to make a choice. Keep up the good work.

Down side

Unfortunately, all is not well in River City. The list of Lodges not submitting material is growing. Come on now fellas, we are supposed to be communicating, remember? Let's get with it. It's not hard. Just start the article in outline form, then flesh it out as events occur, what could be simpler? The only time you get in trouble is when you confuse the word deadline with the word start.

Putting them in their place

You may have noticed, in the past we have rotated all three Districts in the *Times*. A few years ago the DDs decided their messages were so similar that only one message was required. Since then, in spite of persistent efforts to dissuade them, the subsequent DDs have retained the practice. We wrestle with this every time we try to compose pages; where should the DDs go?

The new policy will be to rotate the Monroe pair with the Genesee/Wyoming (i.e. the Monroes will always be together, preceded by the DD's message and the Monroe pair will rotate with the Genesee/Wyoming.) This way we will not have to make a choice of where to put the DD's message.

Dear authors

I have sent copies of our submission suggestions, at one time or another, to all of those who submit copy. This is not to diminish anyone, we are just looking for cooperation. As I said in my last harangue on the subject, "I will not refuse an article just because it does not meet these suggestions." Enough said!

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Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Foreclosure

It can happen to anyone, regardless of how astute or careful we are in managing our affairs. Loss of a well paying job, by one or both spouses; medical catastrophe; credit card debt; even a divorce, can upset timely payment of a mortgage.

Banks hate to foreclose on a house. They are in the business of loaning money, not selling real estate. It costs a bank "serious" money to hire an attorney to foreclose on a house, especially if the homeowner files for bankruptcy. Once a bank successfully obtains a judgement from a court permitting it to foreclose, it then has to sell the house at auction. It is not unusual that the bank winds up as the high bidder on the house. As the highest bidder, the bank will own the house, and must find someone to buy it. Since the bank foreclosed on the house, it cannot come after the homeowner for any deficiency between what was owed on the mortgage and what the property is actually worth, unless the bank obtains the Court's permission. As a practical matter, banks do not seek to recover such deficiencies where the homeowner's liabilities exceed their assets (otherwise known as being judgement proof).

If you or someone you know is having trouble making those monthly mortgage payments to the point of having to miss payments, then talk to the bank. Because banks dislike foreclosures, they may take the time to work out a payment schedule until finances improve. The worst time to suggest this is after the bank has sent out a notice advising that the mortgage is in default, and will require payment in full (otherwise known as accelerating the debt). If the amount of missed payments are few in number, then the bank may allow you to make up those missed payments, and reinstate the mortgage.

If the bank has had to hire a lawyer to bring a lawsuit to foreclose on the mortgage, then one way to keep the house is to "redeem" the mortgage. This will cost more than merely reinstating the mortgage, because the bank has had to bring a lawsuit. As such, the bank will be entitled to accrued interest, certain legal costs, and if permitted, attorney fees. These amounts are in addition to paying off the principal amount remaining on the mortgage.

Another way to keep the house after foreclosure lawsuit is brought would be to declare bankruptcy under Chapter 13. Assuming that a proposed Chapter 13 payment plan is acceptable, a homeowner can reinstate the mortgage to its original terms, provided whatever arrears owed to the bank (e.g. missed mortgage payments, accrued interest, etc.) can be repaid within 3-5 years.

If the homeowner has no hopes of saving the house, one option available is to deed the house back to the bank in return for cancellation of the mortgage debt. This is known as a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure. This option is wholly discretionary with the bank, but in certain instances, can be an attractive option.

Financial Planning Solutions

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

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

Mr. Bill Stanton, a Certified Financial Adviser, has published an article in a Journal that I subscribe to, having to do with another method of investing successfully, by utilizing what he calls "America's Finest Companies".

A directory entitled "America's Finest Companies" is published annually, and contains a listing of the publicly traded companies that have ten straight years of higher earnings per share and/or dividends per share.

He claims that buying shares of these companies, continuing to do so, and also reinvesting the dividends, WILL pay off very nicely.

It is accomplished by using the following method:

1. Create your own "mini-mutual fund" of at least five to eight (I say ten) companies on this list.
2. Make sure each company selected is in a different industry.
3. Invest the same dollar amount in each company for the proper diversification (I am not certain that I totally agree with this statement).
4. Purchase more of what you already own in these companies as long as they are still on the list. If a company has been deleted, sell it and replace it with another company on this list.
5. Avoid market timing! Stay fully invested in stocks.
6. Reinvest all dividends.
7. Sell only to upgrade your portfolio, or when money is needed for other purposes. (It should be a dire emergency, because if you are properly set up for this program, the money you are using should not be needed until retirement).
8. Be patient. The longer you invest, the more successful you will be.

These are eight simple steps. Using these rules you should be able to outperform about 75 percent of the professionals 100 percent of the time. It is claimed that this system will double about every 5 to 5 1/2 years, which translates to about a 14 percent annual return.

If you notice, this man's system uses many ideas that I have been expounding in my columns.

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

Handicapped Boy Scouts

An appointment has been made with the Executive Director of Handicapped Boy Scouts at the Otetiana Council Building to explore possibilities for community service in the name of the Masonic Service Bureau in the near future. The Director was very pleased and receptive and welcomed our offer with enthusiasm. A report will be made in the next issue.

School of the Holy Childhood
The Director's Office at the School has also been contacted for the same purpose as above. My call was warmly received and I was invited to visit the School in

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the very near future, to view the facility, meet the children and explore avenues of service. A report will be made in the next issue.

Masonic Service

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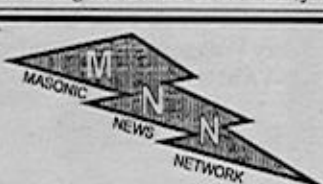
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DeWitt Clintons

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This kind of heroic action shows that human beings really care about each other. That is why our Masonic visitation group is very proud to associate with such people.

As soon as we received word of this action, the wheels were set in motion. With great help from R.W. Moses Hyman, Chairman of the Masonic Veterans Service Committee in New York State; R.W. Ronald Mertens, Past Junior Grand Warden; R.W. David Jones, DDGM, 2nd Monroe District; R.W. William Spillane, Grand Director of Ceremonies; and R.W. Harold Bollotin, Grand Representative of Israel, Grand Lodge issued nine DeWitt Clinton Awards.

These Awards were presented at the VA Medical Center in December. If you ever want to see people with the look of appreciation on their faces, these Award winners did it. As one of the women recipients said, "We really are very grateful for what you are doing. Not many people would take time to perform such a function. It shows Masons really care." Wouldn't that make you feel proud? I know I did.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evans, in spite of their harrowing experience, are still there every day to drive the minibus for the veterans.

Pictures

Our main purpose for all of the pictures and stories is to give information to the public. This way someone may see someone they know and just maybe, they will visit a veteran. These people gave a good part of their life just so everyone could enjoy freedom.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Date: June 6, 1996

From: Fire Chief (138)

Subj: Recognition

To: Medical Center Director (00)
Thru: Chief, Engineer Service (138)

1. I would like to bring to your attention that on May 29, 1996 there was a fire in the wheelchair van in the entrance of Building 7. The fire was in the engine compartment of the vehicle and was filling the passenger's compartment with heavy smoke. At the time, there were seven patients in the van, six in wheelchairs and one other. The wheelchairs were hooked in place to prevent them from moving. The wheelchairs had to be unhooked to remove the patients.

2. Medical Center employees, Barry Waggoner, Safety Officer; Cathy Bement, Police Officer; Art Combs, Police Officer; John Morabito, Richard Stowell, Edward Quennan, Firefighters and Patricia Ciancaglini, Volunteer Services, all worked to remove the patients from the wheelchair van with volunteers Fred Evans and Georgia Evans moving them to a safe area.

3. The engine compartment was fully involved by the time all patients were removed. The above mentioned removed the patients without any safety equipment on or without regard for their own safety. I feel they saved lives and prevented serious injuries from happening.

David R. Christman



Grand Lodge Officers attending were R.W. Terry Leonard-Grand Steward, R.W. Harold Bollotin-Grand Rep. Israel, R.W. William Spillane-Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. David Jones-DDGM 2nd Monroe, and on the right of Stewart Collyer-Director of the VAMC, R.W. Tom Paglia-Upstate Coordinator for the Grand Lodge Veteran's Service Committee.

Visitation day

The next visitation day will be February 9th. We will meet at 12:45 p.m. in Building 7 to start the visit.

Until next time, God Bless each of you.

Eagle Scout Kits

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Editor's Award for Non-Lodge Articles

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

guest of this Table Lodge gave a presentation on the virtue, integrity, which he deems to hold the highest rank in the Masonic lexicon. Don travelled from his home in New Hartford in the 1st Oneida District (a wintery Friday night round trip between Webster and Utica) for the sole purpose of sharing his Masonic values with Brother attendees.

The Ceremony of Seven Toasts

Dressed in their finest Masonic garb, program participants included R.W. Bruce Chilton, serving as Master, W. Don Darrohn, Sr. Warden, and W. Jim De Lorenzo as Jr. Warden. Introductions were the specialty of R.W. Rich Friedman. This feast or festive board is reminiscent of 18th Century Lodge Dinners which stood close to the very heart of the Lodge. Members then remained at Table throughout entire communications with the result being a good Masonic fellowship. Acquaintanceship, friendship and affection could flourish and there was no grim silent sitting on a bench staring across at a wall.

Memorandum

The Toasts and "good fire" were offered by Masons known throughout the community. The 1st Toast, to the United States, was led by R.W. Jay McCullough. As with each Toast, the "good fire" or simulation of the French Rite 21 Gun Salute followed. R.W. Gene Brendel gave the 2nd Toast to the Ancient Craft and the memory of its founders. The Toast to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge was led by R.W. Dave Jones, to the Masonic Creed of friendship, morality and Brotherly Love by W. Jim De Lorenzo, to our ancient and present Masters by W. Don Darrohn, to the Concordant Bodies by R.W. Cy Kloner and the final or Tyler's Toast by R.W. Rich Friedman.

Appropriate songs were sung between each of the Toasts. Wine or grape juice (for designated drivers?) "charged the cannons". The event concluded at an early hour with all proclaiming it a successful venture which should be exercised more frequently in the local Masonic community.

Serv. Bur. Scholarships

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

Applications may be obtained at the Masonic Service Bureau, 3rd floor of the Masonic Temple, 875 Main Street East.

All applications must be completed and postmarked no later than 12 midnight, March 29, 1997.

Monroe County Graduating Seniors

The Masonic Service Bureau's Scholarship Committee announces that its County Scholarship Program will begin accepting applications after February 1, 1997. The program is designed to assist graduating County High School Seniors who are seeking financial assistance for their freshman year in college.

It is the plan of the Bureau to award a number of \$1000.00 scholarships to graduating seniors based on specific rules and decisions, determined by the Scholarship Committee. Only graduates who attend Monroe County schools are eligible.

The following rules will be used to govern the winners:

a. Must be a high school senior who will be attending a school or course of study on a full time basis in 1997.

b. Application is to be completed by the student in his/her own handwriting and be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from their school Guidance Counselor.

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

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

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

2. A very brief description of why you are in need of monetary assistance. Be sure to include a copy of the FAF or a copy of the most recent completed Family Federal Income Tax form.

The Guidance Department in each of our Monroe County schools screen students who are interested in applying for our scholarship and then recommend one student per school to our Committee. We suggest that all interested high school seniors contact their Guidance Counselors after February 1, 1997.

If for any reason your Guidance Counselor is unaware of our program, please feel free to contact our Committee at (716) 889-9134.

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

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

Holiday Party

Good food and fellowship are two of the ingredients that assure us all a good time. Such was the time on December 19th when the Post had it's Holiday Party. Our special guest, Miss Lotta Funn also made her presence known throughout the evening.

Our auctioneer, Don McDill, did a commendable job auctioning off the gifts. Everyone seemed to get swept up in the rapid fire bidding. Some even bid against themselves. This was a financial success for a good cause.

Thank you

As I finish this report, on behalf of Commander Leon VanHuben and all of us who attended, we wish to thank the members of Fame Lodge who did the serving and clean-up. As usual, Beverly VanHuben was in there doing her share.

Color Guard

On January 9th, James Spencer, Harold Bollotin, Frank Jansson and William Golding formed the Color Guard and Posted the Colors at the Installation of Thomas Paglia, new High Priest of Hiram Chapter No. 62. It was an honor for us to participate. May the newly installed Officers have an excellent 1997.

Next meeting

February 27th is the date of our dinner meeting and Election of Officers. Notices will be sent out.

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Dad*

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Genesee/Wyoming District



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In anticipation of the upcoming Spring season, I have taken the time to review the past few months. I am encouraged by what is happening throughout the District. I have had the opportunity to visit several Lodges and what I have seen and been a part of, have been positive personal experiences I shall always remember. Lodges who are in the process or have performed those duties which are essential attributes, such as the conferral of the Degrees and working to make their respective Lodge meetings meaningful are providing their members with interesting programs and projects. Programs such as recognizing their fellow Brethren for some milestone in their life, projects within the confines of the Lodge itself or within their respective communities, are just a few.

It is very evident that the Masters and Officers of the Lodges are sincere and have the desire to make their personal and indelible mark by the manner in which they are performing. I congratulate each and every one for his efforts, ask the question to those who have been involved-were the final results worth the effort? I am sure the answer is a resounding "yes". Keep up the good work! I would like to take the opportunity to thank those Brethren of the District Umbrella Team for their efforts. I ask each of you to support their respective endeavors. They too, have accepted this responsibility and have already, impacted the Fraternity by the performance of these duties.

Scholarship Program

By now all the Lodges within the District have received a packet from the State Chairman of the Scholarship Program. I suggest that everyone who has a likely candidate for this program carry out the necessary requirements for the application as soon

as possible. If you need more applications or assistance, contact me. This program is very valuable and should not be taken lightly. Our Grand Lodge is serious in respect to the education of generations to follow.

Reminders

To the Masters and those who are planning to attend Grand Lodge in May: keep the Staff Officer or me advised of any changes.

To Masters and officers-before the middle of April, the Staff Officer or I will be making an informal visit to your Lodge to review your status as relates to the "Benchmarking Key".

Finally, a reminder to all my Brethren, if you find it within the length of your cabletow and have not already done so, make your contributions to the "Challenge for Charity". Please don't leave it to someone else. Accept your responsibility as a Freemason and citizen of this great country. Your contribution affects all of our fellow men. May God Bless and keep, one and all.

Grand Sword Bearer

Genesee/Wyoming District



R.W. Richard C. Anderson

Brethren, the happy holidays are now over and it is time to get back to our Lodge and programs.

Programs

The Bring-a-Friend and Mentoring Programs are two very valuable programs to help generate new Brothers and educate them in proper Lodge procedures and ethics. We have to agree that this formal education of the Fraternity can make us more comfortable and involved as Brothers. Awards Programs, whether rewarding Lodge Brothers, or non-Masonic individuals for their accomplishments in the community, are valuable vehicles for Fraternal recognition.

Education

The Genesee/Wyoming District has scheduled the 3rd session of "The Road to the East" for February 8th at 9:00 a.m. at Attica Lodge. All participants please bring your books and the

\$5.00 registration fee. The District training team would like to schedule the Leadership Development Course in March. Those interested, please contact W. Steve Licht of Batavia Lodge or me.

My Brothers, give your attention to those in need of help. □

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



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

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

By R.W. Chester MacRae

Child ID

Child Identification, under the direction of R.W. Leonard Mason, took place on January 18th at United C.C. Church in Arcade. Although it went very well, much help is needed to continue this program.

Archives

Thanks to W. James Pickering and W. Scott Mason, fans and louvers have been installed in the Archives Room to facilitate air flow.

In retrospect

As our By-Laws reflect no meetings on the 2nd Tuesday in January and February, I thought I might offer a dissertation on Past Masters. Every Past Master of his Lodge should be cognizant of the fact that in his own time, he left something of himself that has contributed to the standards and the present success of the Lodge. How often is the finger of pride pointed towards one of our Past Masters or Past Grand Officers or one of our own Brothers when talk centers around good Ritual work?

The younger officers try to cope, striving to do the work with the same excellence and thus is transmitted the excellence of our institution.

It takes only four or five years to obtain a Master of Arts Degree from a college, but nearly twice that time should be spent to become a Master of our Arts and Sciences.

Today many of our officers are struggling, looking for help, trying to plan a future. Yet many of our Past Masters stay at home with no plans for the Lodge's future, leaving the young Mason to struggle and find his own way down the road that leads from darkness to light.

The life of our Lodge lies in its membership. The future of our Lodge is entrusted to the Past Masters.

Often in life's mirror we gaze on the reflections of others for our own failings.

Shakespeare summed it up best by stating, "Men at sometimes are Masters of their fate. The fault, Dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in themselves."

My Brothers, the Lodge needs us, each and every one of us!

Thank you for caring

I'm on the mend. Thanks to the Lodges who have sent cards. □

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



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

Stephen A. Licht Sec. (716) 343-1517
 200 E. Main Street,
 Batavia, NY 14020

By W. William H. Genagon
 3rd Degree

On Saturday, January 18th, Batavia, West Star and Attica Lodges combined their talents for the purpose of raising three Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. W. Bob Strang, Master of Attica Lodge No. 462, coordinated this project. The Degree was conferred without any problems, and a light lunch was served after the Degree. I thank Bob for the time and effort he put into setting up this Degree.

At this time, I welcome Brother Anthony Irrera into our Fraternity at Batavia Lodge. Brother Irrera is an attorney and his practice is located at 200 East Main Street, on the 2nd floor of the Masonic Temple.

Leadership Course

As of this writing, the Leadership Development Course is planned for our 2nd communication in January. I hope we will be able to complete this Course by late Spring.

Child ID

I am in the process of setting up a Child ID shoot for February 15th or the 22nd. I am hoping we will have approximately 25 kids involved in this shoot. I will have more information within the next couple of weeks. □

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



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

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

By W. Neil Parmeter

Well, it looks like Old Man Winter is back with us. He tried to hold up our first meeting of the new year, but it was well attended.

Illness

It was reported that Brothers Francis Hume and Richard Spink were ill at home. Cards were sent to wish them well.

Contest

There was a committee appointed for a Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest to be held in the Almeter Memorial Park in the Village of Varysburg this Fall. Plans are being laid and seeds are on order for distribution.

Calling Committee

A telephone tree is in the works to be sure all Brothers are reached in case of a call to labor.

Masonic history

The G that now appears in the Masonic Symbol did not appear in the United States until after the War of 1812. □

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837



W. George R. Springett, Master
 (716) 247-3557

1st and 3rd Thursday

W. John Specht, Secretary 548-2694

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

By W. George R. Springett

Now that the snowbirds have landed in the South, we at the Lodge will carry on the work in this frigid land.

Doing well

It was nice to see that Brother Ralph Marsocci was a good patient at the hospital during surgery and is following his doctor's orders, ahem.

Thank you

Many thanks to R.W. Jay McCullough for his talk about Freemasonry and the quiz that he gave at the January 2nd meeting. I was pleasantly surprised that the questions were reasonably simple for the well read Masons in the Lodge, and a learning experience for those who just listened.

Official Visit

AGL R.W. Robert G. Seils made his Official Visit on January 16th, along with his good wit. It is always a pleasure to have him in Lodge assisting us with the proper instruction.

Reports due

A reminder, the Finance Committee and the Trustees Reports are due at the end of March.

Past Masters

If you are a Past Master of the Lodge and will be in the North country on March 6th, may I suggest that you start brushing up on your Ritual. That night will be yours to chair the Lodge. I will be calling upon you to fill all of the chairs.

February

Table Lodge will begin at 7:00 p.m. on February 6th. On February 20th we will have the 1st Degree and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

March

Past Masters' Night with Irish Stew will be on March 6th, starting at 7:30 p.m.

On March 9th we will have a Build-a-Sundae Sunday party for the children of the area.

The 2nd Degree with a Garbage Plate Dinner will be held on March 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Remember the Euchre Tournament at Churchville Lodge on March 31st at 7:00 p.m. □

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**Attica Lodge
No. 462
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W.: Robert Strang, Master
(718) 591-2888
1st and 3rd Wednesday
(Jan-Feb-Mar 3rd Wed Only)

R.: W.: Donald Van Son, Secretary 591-1390
39 Main Street
Attica, N. Y. 14011

By R.: W.: Donald N. VanSon
60 Year Pin and Certificate

Brother Donald Potter, a long time Dentist in Attica and a member of Attica Lodge, now residing in Winterhaven, Florida, recently received his Pin and Certificate for 60 years of Masonic service. Brother Don never held an office in Lodge, but was a devoted supporter of Lodge events and the Brotherhood Fund. We congratulate Don on this Masonic milestone.

3rd Degree

By the time you read this, we will have received our first new member for 1997. A 3rd Degree was held on January 18th at 4:00 p.m. West Star Lodge No. 413, along with Batavia Lodge No. 475, assisted and raised members.

Congratulations

Attica Lodge is proud to announce that W.: Norman Steinbaugh was elected as Worthy Patron of Thorpe Chapter No. 462, OES. Brother Norm was installed on January 8th in a very colorful ceremony. Wthy. Thelma Shaw and Brother Norm will be good team leaders for the Chapters as both are energetic and very loyal to the Fraternity.

Good profit-little effort

Our January Pancake Breakfast realized a profit of nearly \$200.00, and with very little effort on the part of 12 members who prepared, served and cleaned up. As you know, this is a monthly fundraiser and it cannot be successful unless all who are scheduled to work show up. Work schedules are sent out 7 to 10 days prior to the breakfast and if your name is listed, we expect you to work. If for some reason you cannot work, it is your obligation to find a replacement from the list you previously received. We had 2 "no shows" in January-shame on you!

Yes, Hiram, there is a Santa Claus

We have needed another food warmer for the many events we sponsor and lo and behold, Santa left one under our Christmas tree, thanks to the officers and members of Thorpe Chapter No. 462, OES. Thank you, ladies (hint-we also need a dishwasher!).

No response


In the January issue of the *Masonic Times*, I mentioned that we need volunteers to clean the Lodge. To date we have had no response to this request. The same two volunteers, by the names of Norm and Ann Steinbaugh, have been doing this work for the past two years. Two to four hours a month is required. Please help us keep our Lodge clean. Please sign up for one or two months.

In memory

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of: Brother Arlon Waite, a 70 year member

of Attica Lodge, on December 31, 1996; Sister Ruth Godfrey, beloved wife of our Treasurer, W.: Louis Godfrey, who is a 67 year member; Sister Helen Middlebrook, beloved widow of R.: W.: Kenneth Middlebrook and mother-in-law of Brother Charley McWhorter; Sister Frances Walker, beloved mother of W.: Roger Walker; and Lucille Haynes, beloved mother of W.: Robert Haynes. We extend our sympathy to all their loved ones, family and friends. □

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



R.: W.: Robert Nicoll, Master
768-7922
1st & 3rd Wednesdays
W.: David Ehrhart, Secretary
768-6474
8 West Main Street
LeRoy, N. Y. 14482

By R.: W.: Robert G.S. Nicoll
How goes it?

Everybody has heard the Governor's State of New York State speech. So how is, what is, the state of Olive Branch Lodge?

I am very pleased to tell you that Olive Branch Lodge is financially stable. All our current and annual tax bills are paid and there is a good balance in reserve.

Maintenance

In cooperation with the ladies of the Eastern Star, there have been improvements made to the interior of our building. New plumbing fixtures and a new door in the kitchen, new wallpaper in the upstairs entry and preparation rooms and total cleaning throughout.

Thank you

All this, plus their active assistance in all our projects, Bingo at the V.A. Hospital in Batavia, the dinners, and all our planning, which includes a future renovation of the kitchen and dining room. For the last two years it has been my pleasure working with Wthy. Lois Dimick. What a great Sister, friends and neighbors she and Brother Clayton are.

Fish Fry

Valentine's Day is February 14th so come to the special Valentine's Day Fish Fry at Olive Branch. We will start serving at 4:30 p.m., a full meal, fish, baked potato, cabbage salad, pie or cake, all the trimmings, beverages and Valentine candy. As usual the price is only \$6.00

Brotherhood Fund

Please honor your responsibility to the Brotherhood Fund. Send your check in as soon as possible.

New roof


As I stated last month, we will have to replace our roof this Summer. As soon as we get some bids, I'll let you know what help will be needed to finance this job.

Next meeting

Our next communication is Wednesday, February 19th at 7:30 p.m. See you in Lodge. □

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



W.: Arthur E. Drew, Master
493-5856
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

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

By W.: Arthur Drew

Thanks to our Secretary and all the Brothers who worked to make Awards Night a big success. Brothers Steven Wing, Paul Flint, and Keith Granger were surprised to be honored for their years of unselfish service to Triluminar Lodge.

AGL Visit


R.: W.: Leonard Mason will be at our meeting on January 22nd as AGL for this year. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Table Lodge

Triluminar Lodge hosts the Annual Table Lodge on February 8th at Oakland Lodge No. 379. If you are not one of the usuals, and want to come, please contact our Secretary so there will be plenty of ammunition for everyone. Our Euchre Round Robin starts in Warsaw on February 4th, to Perry on the 6th and to Pike on the 12th. The 5th Annual Triluminar Lodge Golf Tournament is June 7th. Start planning now. It will be a fun time.

Take care. □

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



W.: Thomas Scott, Master
493-2123
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
(Jan./Feb./Mar.: 1st Tues only)

W.: Richard L. Smith, Secretary
493-5408
134 South Main St.
Castile, N.Y. 14427

By W.: Thomas Scott

Thanks for the help

I personally thank all the Brothers who came out and helped celebrate the 50 Year Pin Award Ceremony for W.: Don Robinson. Special thanks go to R.: W.: Robert F. Dagen for presenting the Award and to R.: W.: Richard Anderson for being on the sidelines. Thank you Brothers from Triluminar Lodge No. 543 for helping with the Opening and Closing.

Table Lodge

Oakland Lodge will still be the place that the Table Lodge will be held on February 8th. Though we had some water damage from pipes bursting, the Brothers from the Lodge came out and worked hard to get the Lodge back in working order.

All are welcome

I personally invite all my Brothers from Oakland Lodge to come out on February 8th for the Annual Table Lodge Dinner. I know that Triluminar Lodge will

do an excellent job serving a feast we will not forget. For the Brothers who haven't attended any of our meetings, this could be a good coming-out meeting for you.

Happy travels

I hope that the Brothers who have gone South for the Winter enjoy the weather, and the time with their wives and I look forward to seeing you back in the Spring.


Brotherhood Fund

Just another reminder for those who have yet to donate to the Brotherhood Fund, you can either personally give or send by mail, a check to D.J. Beardsley, 8 Prospect St., Castile, NY 14427.

Think bowling

Any Brothers interested in bowling in the New York State Masonic Tournament held in the Buffalo area, please contact either W.: Henry Robinson or W.: D.J. Beardsley. □

**CONSTELLATION
Lodge No. 404**



W.: Paul Stickley
Master
(716) 237-2627
\$
1st & 3rd Thursdays

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

By W.: Paul Stickley

A helpful response

W.: Frederick Gilluly, 1964 Master, sat in the West, and W.: Eric Bryant, Master 1991-3, sat in the South at the Master's request in December when a number of community events on Lodge night found us lacking officers. Thank you, Brothers.

Degree work

With the 2nd Degree now completed, the date for the 3rd Degree will have to be set. Admiration must be expressed for those Brothers who can, with perfect aplomb, put on a Degree. Thank you, Brothers! A very special thanks to Brothers from nearby Lodges who contributed their time, efforts and skills.

Noteworthy events

Our Euchre Tourney will be kicked off in Warsaw on February 4, 1997, following the Lodge meeting. On February 6th, the Tourney will continue in Perry's Lodge after the meeting.

Our Annual Table Lodge will be held on Saturday, February 8th, at Oakland Lodge in Castile, NY.

On February 20th, we will recognize the 44th Anniversary of the raising of Brothers Ronald M. Chappell and Calvin S. Waterbury.

Sorrow revisited

Brother Paul G. Sternberg, M.D., died on December 27, 1996. He was raised on February 21, 1946. The Brothers express their condolences to his wife and family.

Brotherhood Fund

Please put your check in the pre-addressed envelope sent to you, fill out the required information, and mail your donation as soon as possible.

Tremendous response

The number of people, Masons and non-Masons, who expressed delight in the Temple's

Christmas decorations was very satisfying. Remember to say so to Brother Ernest Olin! Thank you, Brother Ernest, for your artwork. □

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

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

By Kenneth Kohlhagen
Congratulations

The big news for this month is that one of our members has received a title change. V.: L.: Steven L. Wing, a past AGL of the 8th Cryptic District, has received the new title of Right Illustrious, due to the fact that he has been appointed as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Alabama near the Grand Council of New York. Congratulations, R.: L.: Wing!

Plans

Plans are underway for an Apron Presentation Ceremony at our March 24th assembly. More information will follow as things fall into place.

By-Laws

At our January assembly, reproduced copies of our By-Laws were available for distribution for those in attendance. The balance of the membership will receive theirs with their annual dues notice, which will be sent out in April

Charity

Our Charity Fund Chairman, R.: L.: Layton Vogel, is gearing up for our annual drive. Through his efforts, Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council has received an award every year for the past 8 years for contributions averaging over \$5.00 per member. We are going for number nine. Are you going to help? □



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

By R.-W. Gene Brendel

Downs and ups

Events of the last week or so have caused us to stop and reflect on the nature of our Fraternity and the character of its membership. If you will bear with us and allow focus on a particular Lodge in order to make a point perhaps we can explain why Freemasonry is what it is and has been throughout the ages.

Downs

W. Ed Prevost joined Etolian Lodge in 1936, served as Master in 1944 and was regular in attendance until the ravages of age required him to leave the area to be nearer family who could see to his care. Ed was highly respected by his peers and his voice could often be heard in Ritual, either speaking or singing. He was a member of his church for over 70 years, a tireless worker and a member of the choir. Members of the Lodge ventured to his home in Trumansburg last year to present him with his 60 Year Pin. Ed passed away on January 4, 1997.

Brother LeRoy Hogue was a well respected family man and a teacher in the Spencerport school system for 33 years who had a curiosity about Freemasonry, but was never encouraged or approached to become a member. Roy was a founder of the Rochester Woodworking Society and a skilled craftsman whose creations adorned not only his home, but also his church. When his curiosity of Freemasonry came to light and he was approached, there was no hesitation on his part. Roy became a Mason in 1993. He immediately became a regular at Lodge meetings and was well liked by his Brethren. Stricken with a rapidly debilitating

disease, Roy, using the chair lift to get up the stairs, continued to attend Lodge functions as long as he could. Doctors were unable to arrest the progress of the disease and Roy passed away on January 6, 1997 ending his membership of less than four years.

Ups

On January 9th, Etolian Lodge had a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night and nine prospective candidates were in attendance. Following the Grand Lodge format, a good meal was enjoyed, a video was viewed, speakers expounded on the merits and benefits of the Craft and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Petitions were received, more are anticipated and the Lodge is preparing for an Entered Apprentice Degree.

On January 10th we attended the Table Lodge held for the purpose of raising funds to support our Eagle Scout Program. Despite the challenging weather and howling winds outside, members of the Craft found their way to Webster Lodge. Inside, the atmosphere was warm and friendly and the meal served by members of Germania Lodge was superb. Various and sundry Toasts were proposed and celebrated and the participants, following the benediction, parted in a glow of friendship and Brotherly Love satisfied that they had done their part in support of a worthy cause and had a good time doing it.

Connection

So now we must ask, how does the above tie together? Some may see nothing more than several unrelated events that have little or no connection, but perhaps we may suggest a relationship. As we are aware, Freemasonry has been experiencing a downturn in membership, but that is not to say that we are standing idly by and doing nothing.

Grand Lodge has strongly endorsed the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program and it works! It works when each individual Brother considers what the Craft is and has meant to him, to his loved ones and to the society in which he lives...and then he searches out the Eds and Roys who can infuse new life into the Fraternity.

We need the Eds who will be long standing members and staunch supporters, who will bring new ideas and vigor. We need the Roys who will bring strength of character, talent and stability.

We can attract the Eds and Roys by being more open about our support of the Eagle Scout Program, the Ronald McDonald House, the Blood Donor Pro-

gram and all the other charities that we support.

There are still many good men who are looking for positive ways to channel their energies so let's open our eyes and find those men. And don't forget to tell about the fun we have together!

See you in Lodge. Support your Master!

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SCOTT SELTZER
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By John Zabel

The first School of Ritual for 1997 was held on Wednesday, January 29th at Northfield Lodge in Pittsford. The first section of the 2nd Degree was exemplified by Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge and Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. Charlotte/Corinthian's officers exemplified the first half and Wakan/Hubbard's officers followed with the second half. We hope that all in attendance learned something from the evening.

The new School of Ritual attendance scoring system was unveiled. To recap, the scoring for attendance at the School by Lodge officers was not changed from prior years. However, the scoring for general Lodge member attendance has changed. The new method uses a weighting factor based on Lodge membership as reported at the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge. This means that the total number of members, less officers, of an attending Lodge are multiplied by a weighting factor and added to the score for the officers in attendance. Since every Lodge has or should have the same number of elected and appointed officers, the officer scoring is on the level. The total memberships of each Lodge vary greatly, which is why your AGLs have decided to use a relative size factor for the members, less officers, attending the School of Ritual. This same formula will also be used at the Grand Lecturer's Convention next September 18th.

We remind all Lodge Masters and Directors of Ritual that Scott and I, AGLs, are ready to assist in Degree rehearsals or answer Ritual questions at any time. Our phone numbers are: Scott-247-0334 and me at 223-3228. Please don't hesitate to call.

By R.-W. Cyrus Kloner

Recently while reading articles in a Masonic magazine I was astounded that one author, who should be well informed because of his position, appeared to be totally unaware of and/or confused regarding the concept, programs and direction that the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, its officers and the Masons of this jurisdiction are endeavoring to implement.

We can no longer retain the traditional view that all that was, no matter how impractical or outmoded, must be continued. Just because a particular practice was utilized and possibly was successful in the past, does not, in and of itself, warrant our blind allegiance. We live in a constantly changing society and we must respond to new challenges that are presented to us or our Fraternity will perish.

No one can doubt the fact that the membership of the Fraternity has suffered a serious decline in the last decade. Therefore, we, the Masons who are interested in the welfare of the Craft, should not and cannot criticize any legitimate effort exerted to reverse this trend. To this end we must become more visible in our community, raise the interest level of

good young men of our community, induce men of good moral character to join our Fraternity and most of all, believe in and live the tenets of Freemasonry.

The aforementioned author criticized the fact that we can now ask a potential member to join the Craft and he played upon the words seek and select. It is respectfully submitted that when a Brother seeks a potential member for the Craft, he is looking for an upright man of good moral character and the said Brother should be selective. Also, as we all should know, an Investigating Committee must inquire into and report on the character of a prospective member. Therefore, there should be no diminution in the quality of the men sought and garnered as members through active solicitation and/or the utilization of a properly conducted Brother Bring-a-Friend function. The Lodges that have followed the Membership Development Program of Grand Lodge have been successful in obtaining "qualified" new members.

We can no longer endure negativism. We must espouse positive thoughts that will lead us to meaningful action. If our forefathers did not rise to the occasion and become activists we would all still be oppressed by tyrants.

To paraphrase a common adage, "Now is the time for all good Masons to come to the aid of the Craft". We, as Grand Lodge Officers, have accepted the unknown challenges of tomorrow and have, willingly, taken up the baton of leadership, knowing full well the serious import and awesome responsibility. Each and every Mason must also take responsibility for the future of our Craft. "Let's do it."

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Grand Lodge travel arrangements

Current Masters or their proxies should by this time have made their reservations for Grand Lodge. Most of this year's Masters' group are flying to New York on Saturday, May 3rd and returning to Rochester on Tuesday, May 6th. We will be staying at the St. Moritz Hotel on Manhattan Island. If you have any questions about arrangements, please contact Susan at All Season Travel, 637-2119.

Table Lodge

Special thanks to Germania Lodge for the outstanding meal they cooked for the Brethren who attended the Table Lodge. Our appreciation also to Webster Lodge for allowing us to use their facilities. We are especially grateful to Past Senior Grand Warden, Donald Vetal, for attending as our guest speaker. Please see the additional Table Lodge article in this issue.

Widows Luncheon

This year's event again takes place at Logan's Party House,

By W.: Donald Darrohn

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Valentine season, again this year, finds the Freemasons and their Eastern Star Sisters active in three area malls. Irondequoit, Marketplace, and Greece Ridge Malls will be the focus for nine days of February, 6th through 14th, to offer hearts to the community as a contribution for the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester. If you haven't signed up to participate, please contact this year's Chairman, Charles Strickland at 872-1397, for a time and place to report. While out shopping or getting your daily walk in at one of these malls, do stop by and say hello and of course, all contributions are welcome!

Grand Ball

March 22nd, that's the date! Where: Zamira's Party House, 898 Buffalo Road, that may

Scottsville Road, on February 22nd. This is always a great affair and we encourage all who are able to attend. This year's Junior Wardens will again be available at the door to provide assistance to anyone who may need it.

February meeting

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 is hosting this meeting at the Maplewood Inn on East Ave. W.: Richard Snyder asks that we arrive at 5:30 p.m. and order from the menu, with each party being responsible for their own check. A short program after the meal will be followed by the individual groups adjourning to their respective hosting facility.

Purple Club of the Monroe Districts
 President:
 R.: W.: Joseph Privitera
 Secretary:
 R.: W.: Charles C. Spiegel, Jr.

By R.: W.: Joseph J. Privitera


Meeting

The next Purple Club meeting will be held at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge on Wednesday, February 19th. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Further details will be mailed to each member.

Have-a-Heart

We will be participating in the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign. Our day will be February 6th at the Irondequoit Mall. We will be doing 3 hour shifts starting at 3:00 p.m. and lasting until 9:00 p.m. If you wish to volunteer your time and efforts, please call me at home at 392-5583 or at my office at 392-5030.

1st Monroe District

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109

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

By W.: Richard Snyder

I know it may seem hard to believe, but as you're reading this article there are only about 12 weeks (give or take one or two) of Winter left.

Ladies Night Dinner

To make this time go by a little faster, and to provide you with a change of scenery, your Lodge officers are finalizing plans for our 4th Annual Ladies Night Valentine's Dinner. Mark your calendars and plan on being present with your lady on Tuesday night, February 11th. Watch your mail for further particulars.

Have-a-Heart

Valley/Simes will be hosting the Ronald McDonald Have-a-

Valley/Simes - 50 Year Service Award Recipients



Brother Carl J. Ester



Brother Willard C. Blazey



Brother William R. and Elaine Zander



Brother Francis and Pearl Hartman

Heart booth at the Irondequoit Mall on Wednesday, February 12th. Help is needed, both members and ladies. Call me at 342-2419 and schedule a time you'll be available. When making a donation, bring a check instead of cash and put it in the jar.

Thanks from Mat Gingold

This year Valley/Simes purchased 50 poinsettia plants from the Fidelity Triangle girls. I want to express my appreciation to R.: W.:s David Clarke and Herbert Spencer and to W.: Gary Burke, Richard Giedd, George

(Tim) Gray, Bruce Mason and Richard VanZandt for delivering most of these plants to our Lodge's sick and shut-in members and to our extra special ladies, the widows. Their cooperative effort lessened the burden on any one person, and benefited everyone from the Lodge to the Triangle girls. Thank you, one and all.

Sickness

John McNab is now at the Friendly Nursing Home. Ruth Buhlman is at Rochester Gen-
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Have-A-Heart, Buy-A-Heart campaign Schedule						
Greece Ridge Mall						
Day	Date	Organization	Shifts			
			12-3	3-6	6-9	
Thursday	February 6, 1997					
Friday	February 7, 1997	Culver Chapter #816 OES	X			
		Fame Lodge #945	X			
Saturday	February 8, 1997	Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge #1088	X	X	X	
Sunday	February 9, 1997	Etolian Lodge #479	X	X		
		Royal Arch, 3x3	X	X		
Monday	February 10, 1997					
Tuesday	February 11, 1997					
Wednesday	February 12, 1997	Etolian Lodge #479	X	X	X	
		Etolian Chapter #308, OES	X	X	X	
Thursday	February 13, 1997	Seneca Lodge #797	X	X	X	
Friday	February 14, 1997	Clio Lodge #779	X	X	X	
Irondequoit Mall						
Day	Date	Organization	Shifts			
			12-3	3-6	6-9	
Thursday	February 6, 1997	The Purple Club of the Monroe Districts	X	X	X	
Friday	February 7, 1997	Germania Lodge #722	X	X	X	
Saturday	February 8, 1997	Webster Lodge #538	X	X	X	
Sunday	February 9, 1997	Wakan Hubbard Lodge #154	X	X		
Monday	February 10, 1997	Scottish Rite	X	X	X	
Tuesday	February 11, 1997	Northfield Lodge #426	X	X	X	
Wednesday	February 12, 1997	Valley-Simes Lodge #109	X	X	X	
Thursday	February 13, 1997	Rochester Chapter #314 OES	X	X	X	
Friday	February 14, 1997	Craftsman-Robertson Lodge #989	X	X	X	
MarketPlace Mall						
Day	Date	Organization	Shifts			
			12-3	3-6	6-9	
Thursday	February 6, 1997	Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter #322 OES				X
Friday	February 7, 1997	Churchville Lodge #887	X	X	X	
Saturday	February 8, 1997	East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge #943	X	X	X	
		O-AT-KA Lodge #759	X	X	X	
Sunday	February 9, 1997	Fairport Lodge #476	X	X		
Monday	February 10, 1997	Towpath Lodge #163	X	X	X	
Tuesday	February 11, 1997	Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter #322 OES				X
Wednesday	February 12, 1997	Henrietta Lodge #626	X	X	X	
		Union Star Lodge #320	X	X	X	
Thursday	February 13, 1997					
Friday	February 14, 1997	Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter #322 OES				X

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eral recovering from an operation. George Francis fell and broke his back and is in ICU at Strong. No visitors. Check with Mat Gingold for particulars.

Bring-a-Friend

Run into any good men lately? Mark this date, April 8th, as Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. When you look at your calendar you will notice that this program has been scheduled the same night as our Lodge meeting.

We're going to kick the evening's program into forward gear with a casual dinner, and the opportunity to meet some prospective candidates. While the Lodge is in session, the candidates will be introduced to Freemasonry. Immediately following a short meeting, we'll come back together for refreshments and social discourse.

So, what's the length of your cabletow? Can you plan on attending? Do you have candidates to recommend? Can you make a few calls or assist with the dinner or refreshments? Brother Bring-a-Friend Night is an important part of our Lodge development and we need your help and attendance at this meeting. Rand Gee is Chairing this event. Please forward all candidates names to Rand by calling 582-2085, (h), or 383-2457, (w), or fax him at 383-2457. Names and addresses are needed by March 18th to be included in the invitation mailing. Don't wait! This program is a vital part of our Masonic community.

Trestleboard

On February 4th we will have our Officer's meeting at 2040 University Avenue, Rochester Lumber, at 7:30 p.m.

February 11th will be a regular meeting with a Ladies Night Dinner and Program. Officers, tux.

Fellowcraft meeting will be February 18th at Dick VanZandt's home at 230 Woodland Rd., off Monroe Avenue. The program is at 7:30 p.m. □

FAIRPORT

Lodge No. 476



W.: David H. Mawhiney, Master
(w) 274-7940
(h) 267-9646

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

W.: George R. Bracht, Secretary
(h) 383-1947 (w) 264-6250

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

By W.: David Mawhiney

Can you believe that it is already the second month of 1997? Time is flying and there is still

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Brother David G. Cromwell

much to do. February may be the shortest month of the year, but it may also be the busiest.

Have-a-Heart

Have-a-Heart and join us at Marketplace Mall on February 9th for the Annual Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign. Fairport No. 476 will be manning the booth from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m. in support of the Ronald McDonald House. If you have not signed up for 2 or 3 hours on that day, please call me. Everyone can help out and have some fun.

1st Degree

Our first communication of February will be the Degree of Entered Apprentice. We look forward to seeing W.: Bob Slominski in the East to initiate our new candidates.

Widows Luncheon

The Annual Monroe Districts Masonic Widows Luncheon is slated for February 22nd at Logan's Party House. As has become our pleasure and custom, Fairport will sponsor the wives of our departed Brethren. Escorts to provide transportation and assistance to the ladies are needed. Let me know if you can help out.

Official Visit

R.: W.: Cyrus Kloner, DDGM, will be making his Official Visit at Fairport No. 476 on February 24th. Join us to hear the Grand Master's Message. The meeting will be prefaced by a dinner. Brother Tom Richenderfer (377-7782) will have the details and will take reservations.

Ladies Night

Efforts are afoot for a Ladies Night during February. The committee has been slaving away to make this a most memorable evening. Unfortunately, plans have not been finalized as of this writing. Come out to Lodge to learn what the committee has up their collective sleeves.

Retrospective

January was quite a month. W.: Marcel Goldenberg's program on Jamaica left me humming reggae music and dreaming of soft tropical nights. There is no doubt, my Brothers, that our Kingstonian Brethren need our help to adequately celebrate their 200 years of Masonry.

It was a sense of pride and honor that washed over me during the Awards Night. I was proud to recognize so many of our Lodge members for their fidelity to the Craft. I was also honored to have the pleasure of presenting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wolf with the DeWitt Clinton Award. The Wolfs represent ideals to which most of us merely aspire. Their concern and dedication to the welfare of the developmentally disabled is truly admirable.

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Our hearts go out to W.: Bob Slominski and his family on the passing of his mother during January. W.: Bob, we join you in your sorrow.

Conclusion

Our trestleboard is full. There are exciting plans in the offing. By taking part in the activities or simply joining us for our regular communications, you can make the work that much more enjoyable. I look forward to greeting each of you at our next program. □

Wakan/Hubbard

Lodge No. 154



W.: Donald C. Bell, Master
334-7768

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

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

By W.: Don Bell

February

In the spirit of Masonic Brotherhood, the Masters and Wardens are supporting the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign. We have signed up for Irondequoit Mall on Sunday, February 9th, noon - 9:00 p.m. Reserve this date and plan to work at our booth.

This month features our Ladies Appreciation Night Dinner sponsored by the officers of the Lodge. W.: Gordon Oakes has lined up a splendid Barbershop Quartet. Save the date and bring your lady to an evening complete with dinner and entertainment just for them. This month will also see SW Frank Briffa in the East to confer the 1st Degree.

Annual Widows Luncheon

This year, as usual, we will be hosting the Lodge widows at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Road, February 22nd. We remind our widows that if they haven't received a call, and plan to attend, contact John Rees

at 288-5461 or Don Bell at 334-7768. Be sure to let them know if you need transportation.

March

Our 1st meeting of the month features a dinner, with our ladies invited, and a program put on by members of the Secret Service. Our speaker will delve into financial crimes, credit card fraud, etc.

We will have an officers meeting on the 12th.

At our 2nd meeting, on March 24th, the 2nd Degree will be conferred by the Past Masters.

This month also hosts the Masonic Grand Ball, sponsored by the Masters and Wardens Association of Monroe County. This event will be on March 22nd. Reserve this date and plan to attend with your lady.

Looking ahead

April will start with a wine tasting program put on by W.: Charles Tijou and company on April 14th. That will be followed by the 3rd Degree on April 28th with yours truly in the East. □

News and Views

By Frank Briffa

January marks for us the beginning of a new year and the beginning of the second half of the Lodge year. I sincerely hope that everyone had a great holiday and is well.

Holiday Party

I'm a month behind with news of the Christmas Party, however, being that it was a lot of fun, it is well worth the wait. Although I didn't do a count of children, Santa was busy handing out presents to them. Santa, played by JW Sh-



"Bubba" Bob Folts, assisted Santa at the Wakan/Hubbard Children's Holiday Party.



Guess who? Junior Warden, Sherwin Isaacs, portraying a believable Santa at the Wakan/Hubbard Children's Holiday Party. (Photo courtesy Jim VanZile)

erwin Isaacs, did a wonderful job. He received several compliments from the guests. (We have to be nice to him next year. It's rumored that he may turn professional and charge us.)

Brother Bob Folts joined us in his clown make-up. The children loved it, so did some of the adults! Thanks for the fun time, Bob.

Pictures

Once again we thank Jim VanZile for bringing in the computer system and photo equipment. The pictures were spectacular. Jim had no problem taking pictures for everyone. There were plenty of memories taken home that day. This brings me to a sad part of News and Views for me. Jim has become a good friend and fellow officer. He will be leaving our Lodge and traveling down a new highway in his life. I wish him and his family the best and prosperity in the future. His departure will leave an emptiness in my heart and a void in our line of fine officers. Much luck my friend!

Help!

We would (the Master, myself and several other friends of his) like to entice Brother Robert Betkowski II back in line as Junior Deacon for the remainder of this year, and to move ahead in the ensuing year. Please help me in this endeavor by offering your support.

Sadness

Finally, but regretfully, we lost another pillar of the Lodge. Jim Willis passed to that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. He will be missed. □

MONROE

Lodge No. 173



W.: Neil E. Laundry, Master
964-2135

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

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

By W.: Neil E. Laundry

We're in the midst of Winter, but if I'm to believe all of the "Spring" sales I see advertised in the newspaper and on TV, warm weather can't be far behind. Since this article is actually being written in early January, we've had no regular communications since the Christmas season. The best I can do, therefore, is to tell you a little about what has transpired since then and highlight upcoming events.

Success

I mentioned in our last article the success of our Christmas pointsetta deliveries. W.: Roy Goold tells me that once again he has received a ton of letters, cards, and phone calls from our ladies and shut-ins letting us know how much they appreciated this little gesture. We hope that we were able to contact all of our local widows and shut-in Brothers with this activity. If somehow we managed to miss you, please drop us a note to say "hello" and to alert us that you didn't receive a Christmas blossom. We'll make sure that we update our list and see that we get some "Spring flowers" to you in the near future.

Widows Luncheon

The Annual Widows Luncheon is fast approaching. If

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you've never attended, this would be a great time for you to find out what it is all about. W.: Jerry Werner would love to hear from you if you could volunteer to act as chauffeur for some of our ladies. There is always super food, entertainment, and fellowship. The date is February 22nd at Logan's Party House. (No stairs to climb, everything is on the level.) Give Jerry a call!

Have-a-Heart

The Have-a-Heart Campaign for 1997 is in full swing, but Monroe has yet to schedule a slot for our participation. We plan to invite our Eastern Star Sisters and Constellation girls to join us if we can enlist enough Brothers to represent us in this activity. If you would like to participate in selling hearts for the Ronald McDonald House and would like to know when and where the Lodge will be scheduled to work, please give me a call at home and I'll make sure that you're included. It's great fun, very rewarding, and deeply appreciated by the kids and families that are served by the House.

Recognition

No matter how hard we try, we know that over the years we unintentionally fail to recognize some of our Brothers for their major Masonic anniversaries and milestones. If we've not recognized your service awards or if you know of a friend who has not been recognized, please give W.: Roy Goold or me a call or drop us a card to get us up to speed.

Maintenance

W.: Jerry Werner has been busy with Trustees' business. In early Fall, one of our building tenants suffered a break-in that called for several repairs. Recently another tenant had a window blow in during high winds. Jerry has taken care of these emergencies and several other Trustee maintenance items in the past few months. W.: Mel Doverspike, while never saying a word, can often be found cleaning and vacuuming the Lodge rooms and surrounding stairs and hallways. Few of us take the time to recognize the work of our Trustees or thank them for their time and effort. Next time you see these Brothers, give them a big thank you for all of the behind the scenes labor that they so graciously volunteer.

Brotherhood Fund

Speaking of W.: Mel Doverspike, he is also our Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman. He asked me to remind you that, if you've not taken the time to contribute to the Fund, this is a great time to send your contribution to Grand Lodge. As I've mentioned before, it is not the amount that matters, but rather your participation in the Lodge's effort to support this important Masonic charity. Let's show our pride in our Lodge and set an example for others through our generosity and participation.

Dues

Secretary W.: Roy Goold also updated me during the past week and tells me that the dues for '97 are coming in at a good clip. Roy asks that I thank those Brothers who have already tended to this matter of business. Good job, Brothers! Your promptness is greatly appreciated. If you've let this duty slip, send your dues in now. Roy can always find more bills to pay. If for some reason you find it difficult to keep up with your dues, please do not hesitate to let us know. There are several ways that we can help in this matter. We sincerely wish to help Brothers in need and keep their membership in Monroe No. 173 sound.

Know anyone?

If you are aware of any worthy individual whom you would like to have as a Brother in our great Fraternity, or more specifically in Monroe No. 173, please place a petition in his hands or contact me regarding his interest. Let's all take an active role in seeing that Monroe Lodge is a going and growing concern. (That sounds like a good slogan for '97: "Go" and "Grow" with Monroe. Join Monroe Lodge: A "Going" and "Growing" force in Brockport.) It sounds good, but...can we make it happen? I think we can!

Brothers, I look forward to your company and the warmth of your fellowship. Greetings to our cold weather sojourners and, until we are together again, may God bless you and hold you in the palm of His hand.

Flower City Lodge No. 910

W.: Douglas Higgins,
Master
475-0478

2nd Thursday
7:30 P.M.

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

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

By W.: Douglas Higgins
The holidays have come and gone and here we are in 1997! It's hard to believe just how quickly the year is passing. Before we know it June will be here and the new officers will be taking over Flower City Lodge.

Thanks

My thanks to Assistant District Attorney, Mike Rice, for putting on a fine program for us on Thursday, January 9th. Brother Rice spoke to us about Welfare Fraud. It's a shame how such things as this corrupt our society. We can only hope that some day society will wake up, or better yet, that society will eventually grow enough that the welfare system will no longer be needed.

February meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13th at 7:30 p.m. The program for the

evening will be open. It is important, my Brothers, that you bring the ladies with you for this program. The DeMolay boys will be with us to put on their Flower Talk Degree. This program is especially geared towards the ladies. I have never had the privilege of seeing this program personally, so I am quite curious as to what it's about. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Ritual

It's time for us to prepare our Ritual. As some of you know, we have several new candidates who will be joining our ranks, so I need all officers to be familiar with their work. The dates for the Degree work will be announced soon, so you still have time to get ready. Rehearsals have already been scheduled. If you have questions, please feel free to call me or one of your officers.

Well, Brethren, I think that's all for now. I'm open for conversation if anyone has concerns or questions. Please call me if you need my assistance.

W.: Thomas C. Foote, Master
(h) 458-2862 (w) 723-7380

Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.

W.: Robert C. Green, Sec.
(h) 223-5953 (fx) 425-7054
30 Orchard St.,
Webster, N.Y. 14580

By W.: Thomas Foote
Welcome to Winter in Rochester! I hope all is well with everyone. Even though the busy holiday season is behind us, there is much work to be done in the quarries.

Sickness

Luke Dey has had a very difficult time of it. Since late December he has been in and out of the hospital a few times. Please include Florence and him in your thoughts and prayers. Bob Franzen has been doing much better and has been eating regular food with the exception of those that are excessively spiced. His energy is up and he is gaining back some of the weight he had lost. Archie Clark is still recovering from his heart attack and continues to have some restrictions. Norm Selke is attending physiotherapy twice a week and feels he is showing slow but steady progress. All of these Brothers thank you for your spiritual support. If you have any news concerning yourself or any Brother in sickness or distress, please contact me.

Thanks

Don Rose has been elected to the Divan of Damascus Temple and will aspire to become Potentate in the future. Congratulations, Don, and thank you for representing Seneca. Mike Goehle and I are in the planning stages of an ongoing volunteer effort to provide eyeglass adjustment and minor repair services for the VA Medical Center. We may need some help with this and will ask when things are set. Thank you, Brother Goehle.

Derek VanHouten, Don Rose and I attended a Table Lodge to benefit the Eagle Scout Program sponsored by the Masters and Wardens Organization. The wine, food and format were quite

fun. Maybe we should have one of our own sometime. Thanks to Derek and Don for attending this worthy event.

Masonic Info Night

As you all know, on February 8th we will host our first Masonic Information Night at Webster Temple. We sent out 21 letters to potential candidates. The results are not known as of yet due to the fact that this article was published prior to the event. Thank you to all who attended. Assuming we have candidates, we will proceed with the Degrees.

Upcoming events

The Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign is in full swing this month. Please contact me and say you will help man the booth. Our day is February 13th from 12 noon until 9:00 p.m. at the Greece Town Center Mall.

On March 9th we will be visiting the VA Medical Center as a Lodge. It is suggested that we bring 4 or 5 people. Call me and let me know that you will attend. We will meet for brunch prior to the event.

Seneca Lodge will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner at Woodcliff on Saturday, April 26th. We need full participation in this event. It will be our Annual Ladies Night. More information will be forthcoming.

The time is now

My Brothers, this is the start of a new era for Seneca Lodge. We are making progress towards revitalizing ourselves. Now is the time to act on our obligations by participating in as many Lodge functions as possible. Success is ours for the taking.

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538

W.: William J. Edwards,
Master
872-3993

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

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

By W.: William Edwards
February is an active month for Webster Lodge. Take the time to put the activities on your calendar and get involved!

1st Degree

The Entered Apprentice Degree is scheduled for February 6th. W.: George Bracht will be in the East. Come on out and support the candidate and the officers. It is a great opportunity for you to meet our new Brother and enjoy some quality Ritual.

Spaghetti Dinner

The monthly Spaghetti Dinner with Webster OES is planned for Friday, February 7th. Dinner is served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will need additional help as our "regular help" have headed South for the Winter. If you have not volunteered recently, please lend a hand. A few additional hands would be greatly appreciated, especially in the afternoon, to assist with preparation. If you cannot help as a volunteer, bring your family and come support the

dinner. You will get a great dinner for a reasonable price.

Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

Webster Lodge will be assisting the annual Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign on Saturday, February 8th at Irondequoit Mall. Hopefully, you have already signed up to help by the time you read this article. The booth will be staffed from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The funds raised assist the local Ronald McDonald House with the Home Away from Home Program.

Steak Roast and Euchre

The Annual Euchre Tournament and Steak Roast is scheduled for Saturday, February 15th. Dinner will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Euchre Tournament will begin at 8:00 p.m. Please call dinner and Euchre Tournament reservations in to Paul or Charlie Moore. Bring your families and friends.

Past Master Night

Webster Lodge Past Master Night is scheduled for Thursday, February 20th. R.: W.: Bruce Chilton, as President of the Past Master Association, is organizing the program for the evening.

Widows Luncheon

W.: Paul Sobotzick is coordinating our attendance at the Annual Widows Luncheon for Saturday, February 22nd at Logan's Party House. Please contact Paul for tickets. Come on out and support our widows.

Best wishes

Congratulations and best wishes to Matron Ruth Beard, Patron Mark Fenton and Webster Chapter, OES! Ruth and her officers were installed on Tuesday, January 7th with a public ceremony. It was nice to see 17 Webster Lodge members in attendance. I look forward to another great year of working with Webster Chapter.

May the blessings of Heaven rest upon all Masons.

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East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943



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Mondays
7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Richard C. Friedman
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By W.: Michael Rice

Holiday visits - revisited

Although the holidays are well behind us and last month I reported on our visits to Brothers who can't make it to Lodge, I feel compelled to "revisit" the experience.

As the last column was written in advance of the visits, I could not have known how proud I would feel when 15 Brothers showed up at 8:00 a.m. on a cold Saturday morning to deliver poinsettias to fellow Masons. At a time when some Lodges are straining to fill enough chairs to hold a communication, the participation of so many Brothers provided me with the highlight of the season. All of ERAC has reason to be proud. Congratulations!

Historical theme continues

January continued our theme of Masonic History and Tradition as Brother Napoleon Bostich gave a great presentation on "The Buffalo Soldiers" and the Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New York, R.:W.: George Peter told us of "Our Impressive Heritage". Another suc-

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cessful Brother Bring-a-Friend Night rounded out the month's work and instruction. It was a good month to spotlight our Masonic past and our Lodge's future.

Chase those blues away!

February will be busy, Brothers, providing an opportunity to overcome the blues that accompany the cold, gray days of Winter.

Start with an enthusiastic contribution of your time on February 8th when ERAC again leads all participants in raising funds for the Ronald McDonald House in the annual Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign. Revel in a traditional Table Lodge on February 17th and seek an active role in the 1st Degree Ritual scheduled for the 24th.

If all this activity doesn't help you forget that you didn't plan that trip to Florida where the sun burns your nose and the golf courses are crowded, then take the family to our third annual "It's Not Really Winter Party". Dig out the shorts and aloha shirt and have a good time despite the temperature!

We're having a great year, Brothers. I can tell by your attendance and your personification of what Masonry was meant to be. No need for me to say, "Keep it up", just "Great job!" See you at Lodge. Oh, and remember the Brotherhood Fund. □

CLIO LODGE No. 779



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7:30 P.M.

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By W.: Thomas W. Tanner
Degrees

Our 1st Degree was on January 21st. SW Dale Polmateer was in the East to confer the Degree on our two new Brothers.

The 2nd Degree will be on February 18th. Please plan to attend and watch JW Sean Noonan do his stuff as Master for this Degree.

On March 18th we will confer the 3rd Degree, conferred by yours truly. There will be a dinner before this Degree at 6:30 p.m.

Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

My Brothers, on February 14th we will man a booth at Greece Ridge Mall for this Ronald McDonald House Campaign. The shifts are 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Please make every effort to help. Call me at 964-8518 and let me know which shift you will be working.

Secretaries notes

By Charles A. Tucker D.S.A.

Brotherhood Fund

First, I thank all the Brothers who have made donations to the Brotherhood Fund. There are still a lot of envelopes out there not being used. Please take a few minutes now and put a check in it for the Brotherhood Fund.

Dues

Brothers, would you please take a look at your dues card. If it doesn't say 1997 on it, please remit your dues today. Thank you.

Help!

I was asked by the Grand Lodge Registry Department to supply them with members of Clio Lodge having birthdays in the months of January, October, November and December. I have contacted everyone in the Hilton area, but I need this information from those living outside of Monroe County. Please call me at (716) 392-2006 or mail me the information to 60C Village II Dr., Hilton, NY 14468-1518. Include your name, address and date of birth. Thank you in advance. All of our Lodge records were destroyed in a fire years ago.

Sickness and distress

Harry DeHollander's daughter, Melaine, is very ill. Brother Alvin McMann had open heart surgery in November. W.: Merle Wallace's father passed away in January and Brother Roy Steinbronn lost his father.

Spaghetti Dinners

Our Spaghetti Dinners are doing well. The dates in February are the 12th and 26th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We can always use help to set up and clean up.

Happy Birthday

The following Brothers are celebrating birthdays this month: Bill Hess, John Burgess, Dave Goodrich, Roy Spry, Nick Panarites, Clyde Rathbun, Roger Judd, and Jeff Ross. □

Spaghetti Dinner

Weds., Feb. 12th & 26th

Clio Lodge Hall

287 East Avenue
Hilton, NY

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ETOLIAN

Lodge No. 479



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

W.: James M. Barker,
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By W.: Donald Darrohn
Bring-a-Friend

Thank you to all the Brothers who provided names of prospective Craftsmen, we had 9 attend our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on January 9th. We believe that we will have several candidates as a result of our efforts. We are always looking for potential prospects for the next Bring-a-Friend Program; please contact me with the names so that they can subsequently be invited.

Sweetheart Dinner

Better call the Master and let him know you're going to be there. This event is February 10th, a Pork Dinner with all the trimmings for \$7.00, followed by some of your favorite old time songs. Lodge business will be kept to a minimum so that we can enjoy Strong Museum Curator, Chris Bensch's presentation, Valentine Traditions. The young ladies and advisors of Fidelity Triangle No. 4 will be waiting on us that evening. Proceeds, after ex-

penses from the dinner, will be divided between the Ronald McDonald House and the Eagle Scout Pin Kits.

Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

We are staffing the booth at Greece Ridge Mall this year on Sunday, February 9th and Wednesday, February 12th. We thought we could handle both dates by asking those working members and family to staff the booth on the Sunday; and the retirees and significant others to attend to the booth on Wednesday. If you happen to be out and about any of the nine days the booths are open at the three area malls, stop by and say hello to your Brothers and Sisters.

1st Degree

February 24th will find Brother Dennis Tianello in the East for our 1st Degree. Previously mentioned in this article was the Bring-a-Friend Program that we expect will yield several candidates.

Widows Luncheon

February 22nd we will again honor our widows at Logan's Party House. We have sent out letters encouraging them to be our guests for this event. Transportation will be provided, the most important thing for our widows to do is notify us of their willingness to attend.

Condolences

The Supreme Architect called home the following Brethren: W.: Harry Jackling, W.: Edward Prevost, and Brother LeRoy Hogue. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of our departed Brothers.

Traveling Gavel

It is my delight to once again report that this object of contention is still in the possession of Etolian Lodge No. 479. □

2nd Monroe District

NORTHFIELD

Lodge No. 426
Instituted March 1857

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



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Secretary 473-3515
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By W.: Michael J. Herrmann
Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

The Campaign is February 6th-14th. This year Northfield will be at Irondequoit Mall on Tuesday, February 11th. We are taking the whole day. We have 3 shifts; noon to 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please come join us for this Community Project which supports the Ronald McDonald House. We do have fun with this project in the mall. Bring your family to help out.

Northfield caps

R.:W.: Jack Thibaut has the caps. The first order went quickly. The second order has arrived. The hats cost \$10.00 each and have the Masonic emblem and say

February 1997

"Northfield Lodge No. 426, Pittsford, NY". Brother Jack came up with this small fundraiser. The hats are well made and well worth the \$10.00.

1st Degree

There will be a 1st Degree on February 20th. The SW, Randall S. Griswold, will be in the East to confer the Degree. Reservations will be needed for the dinner, which will be at 6:30 p.m. Come and be there for our new Brothers. Linda Zahn always puts on a good dinner for our Lodge.

Lodge history

This program will be on April 3rd. We do need your help getting this put together.

Brotherhood Fund

The mailings have gone out. Please, if you can, send in a donation. W.: John Dudley is the Chairman for our Lodge this year. Please give the Fund your support.

Sickness and distress

Brother Walter Weick, DSA, home phone is 248-2564. He is recovering nicely from his triple by-pass surgery. He claims he is following the doctor's orders and walking. Walt, it is good to hear you're on the mend. Your Senior MC Chair awaits you. For those of you who haven't been aware of what Walt does for the Lodge, he stops by and checks out the Lodge. He also takes out the trash when we forget to, makes sure the boiler is working, etc. We miss that. Just in case I forgot to tell you, Walt, thank you!!

Dues

Please check and make sure your dues card is current. We need to meet our Lodge expenses. We have sent in your Grand Lodge Assessment/dues.

Snowbirds

You know who you are. Don't think your running away from this cold, ice, sleet, snow and all this lousy weather hasn't been noticed. I look around and I know that you are not in Lodge. Don't you feel a little guilty about leaving us?

I do hope you had a safe trip. Visit other Lodges. Write and let us know how you are doing to PO Box 18262, Rochester, NY 14618-0261.

Programs

W.: Robert Zahn gave a presentation on Brother Johnson on December 5th. Brother Johnson was a Mason in the Mohawk-Valley back in the 1700's. Very interesting presentation. Brother Bob has been doing a lot of research on this person, and he gets an A+ for his homework.

R.:W.: Raymond Beardsley did a presentation on Brother William Morgan. I learned even more than I knew about the Morgan incident. Brother Ray does give a fine presentation.

Thank you to both of these fine gentlemen for sharing their knowledge and research with us at the Lodge.

Widows

My thanks to the many of you who have sent cards and letters. We enjoy hearing from you. Thank you for the thoughtfulness in your donations to the Lodge. Your husband's presence in the Lodge is very much in our memories. □

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By W.: James A. De Lorenzo
December
 On December 20th JW Andy Alvarez and W.: Mike Staub donated their time at the Salvation Army at Liberty Pole Way by building Holiday Baskets for the needy. Nice job, Brothers.

January
 On January 7th we had a Sport Shirt Night, which some of our ladies attended. The program for the night was music. We had the "Swing Choir" from Spencerport High School, led by Program Director Allen Jones, entertain us for the first half. They sang a number of grand melodies that filled our Lodge. They were terrific!

We had the pleasure of listening to a string quartet led by Program Director Robin Beel from Brockport High School for the second half. They were also terrific! Our refreshments were: make your own ice cream sundaes, chocolate or butterscotch, with cookies and brownies or wine and cheese. All in all, it truly was a fine evening.

On January 10th SD Tom Grape and I attended the Eagle Scout Table Lodge at Webster Lodge. There were over 30 Brothers from the various Monroe Lodges in attendance. Proceeds will be donated toward Eagle Scout Award Kits that will be presented to Scouts that have recently earned the Eagle Scout rank in this District with a card signifying they were donated by the Masons.

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was coordinated, planned and presented by W.: Mike Staub on January 14th for five possible candidates. Nice job Mike!

R.: W.: Joe Privitera presented the Annual Report on January 21st. SW Mike Gorall planned and coordinated the program, which was Youth Night. The DeMolay and Triangle performed some really interesting programs. Nice job, Mike.

February
 Our 1st Degree will be on February 4th. The Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m. and our dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please call JW Andy Alvarez at 426-1946 with your reservation. These meals are really good! Don't miss another one.

The Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign will take place the week of the 6th to the 14th at local Malls. We will be at Greece Ridge on February 8th from noon to 9:00 p.m. There will be three, 3 hour shifts - noon - 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Please come out and help us make this year's donation to the Ronald McDonald House the biggest yet! Call me with your time slot at 458-8856.

The Chilly-Chili Contest will be on February 9th. Please contact JW Andy Alvarez at 426-1946 if you would like to help out. This will be a fun time!

Ben Franklin Night will be on February 18th. There will be no regular meeting. This will be a sport shirt night. Bring your ladies! The program will be performed by Paul Stillman of Historically Speaking. I had the pleasure of seeing him perform last year and he does a fabulous job of impersonating Ben Franklin, from his garb to his accent. He also entertains questions from the audience. Don't miss this one! A dinner will precede the program. Please call JE Andy Alvarez with your reservation.

Looking ahead

Our 2nd Degree will be on March 4th when our Senior Warden will be in the East. The Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m. and our dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Andy Alvarez will again be taking reservations.

The Morgan Talk will be presented on March 18th. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m. Again, call Andy Alvarez for reservations.

The Masonic Grand Ball is scheduled for March 22nd at Famiara's Party House on Buffalo Road.

Annual Brunch

This event is scheduled for March 29th. The date was changed due to a conflict with the Grand Ball. The Brunch will be held at our Lodge and Andy Alvarez is taking reservations.

Table Lodge

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

Dues and Brotherhood Fund

You should have received your dues notices. Please remit. Remember the Brotherhood Fund. See ya soon!

Towpath
Lodge No. 163

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By W.: Lawrence E. Lundgren
 We continue our work this year under the theme, "Making Good Men Better". On December 17th we held our Annual Meeting, replete with appropriate reports and the presentation of the new budget. R.: W.: Terry Wihlen, Secretary, reported that we began 1996 with 286 members. Thirteen Brothers have passed to their rewards during the year, 3 were raised, and 3 left the Fraternity, leaving a total of 273 members. R.: W.: Ronald Mertens, Treasurer, reported that we finished the year in a strong financial position. The Trustees of Towpath, under the leadership of W.: David Crawford, have begun some long range planning-looking at our resources and the needs of the Lodge. This study will include a complete physical inventory, check of investments, and a study of program activities-with particular attention to their financial impact. It is their intent to present the results of their study to the Lodge by April.

Values
 Our program for that evening, a study of allegories and symbols of the 3rd Degree, was postponed to February 4th due to the illness of the presenter. Our first communication of the New Year, on January 7th, focused on making commitments for personal growth in the year ahead. A video clip of the film, "Chariots of Fire", powerfully brought forth the fact that principle based decisions are not always the easiest to back, but are always the best. As Masons, our commitments to principled living is at the core of our values.

DeWitt Clinton Award

On January 21st Towpath presented the DeWitt Clinton Award to Mr. Howard S. Beye, who has been active as a leader in Lone Star Troop No. 55 of the Boy Scouts at Covenant United Methodist Church since 1957. His service as a Scoutmaster spans three decades and has touched the lives of countless boys. In addition to his Scout service, Howard has led the Board of Trustees at Covenant for over 20 years, and gives State-wide leadership and direction to the Finger Lakes Trail Association.

Valentine's Party

Take out your calendars and mark Tuesday, February 11th. The Wishing Well has been reserved for a Valentine's Party. Plan to attend with your wife or guest. Reservations can be made with Dan Emerson at 334-7730 or by calling Tom LeBeau at 482-3936.

Have-a-Heart

The Monroes' Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign to benefit the Rochester Ronald McDonald House is scheduled for February 6th-14th in area malls. Towpath will be responsible for Monday, February 10th at Marketplace Mall from noon until 9:00 p.m. If you can take a three hour period to help with this project, call Ron Mertens at 482-0994.

On behalf of the Officers of Towpath Lodge, we wish you a happy new year and hope that God's blessings be with you and yours in the coming days.

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By W.: Dean F. Marsaw
 I am dedicating this column to R.: W.: William C. Gavitt and his family. He was called Home by the Supreme Architect on December 4, 1996.

R.: W.: Bill was a dedicated member of Fame Lodge for 47 years. He became Master in 1959 and was very active with the Master's group.

Bill was appointed Grand Master of Ceremonies for 1967-68 and lived up to his dedication to Masonry with integrity.

The Officers and members once again express our sincere condolences to the family of R.: W.: Bill. He will be missed.

Degree
 The Degree Class has been put on hold until September, due to a change in a candidate's hours. The 1st Degree will now be September 23, 1997.

Have-a-Heart

Fame Lodge will be taking part in the Have-a-Heart Program on Friday, February 7th from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. Culver Chapter will join us again this year.

New plans

SW Glen Campbell will be starting to put his program together for his year and will be asking Brothers to take part. Please come to his aid when approached. He is going to make a great Master and one that Fame Lodge will be proud of.

Well done

I am proud to report that thru your contributions we sent a check to the Open Door Mission that helped feed 15 people on Christmas Day.

This shows true Brotherhood and next year I am sure we will be able to increase the contribution. A job well done.

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By W.: Dave Foster
February

Our meeting this month is on February 18th. Our program that night will be either a 1st Degree or a historic Masonic program, depending on the success of our Bring-a-Friend Program which has not taken place as of this writing. Hopefully it will be a 1st Degree. Special thanks to those Brothers who helped arrange the Bring-a-Friend Night. We have to keep on trying to raise new members or run the very real chance of having to merge with another Lodge. The choice is up to you.

Thank you

Special thanks to Brothers Heinz Gunkel, Kenn Kassell, Bob McBride, John Foster and especially Andy McBride, head chef, for the great job they did preparing the dinner for the Eagle Scout Table Lodge on January 10th. Everyone had only the highest praise for the meal. You might have earned yourself a permanent job!

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Sickness and distress
 We hope by this time that Brother Oscar Reber is well on the mend. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Sincerest sympathy to Geri Werner on the passing of her son this past January. We wish you God's comforting peace.

Keep those Brotherhood Fund contributions coming in. Remember, we're shooting to hit 85% participation this year. A dollar is all it takes and that dollar can work miracles. It certainly can help bring a little sunshine into the lives of our Brothers at the Masonic Home in Utica. Please give as much as you can. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Reminder!

Our meeting in February is on Tuesday the 18th. It will be a 1st Degree or historic Masonic presentation. Either way, it will be an enjoyable evening. As usual, our Pot Luck Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. Give a call to a Brother who we haven't seen in a while and encourage him to come out. Offer him a ride. Make it your special gift to a Brother who may find it hard to get out this time of year.

Dues

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

Support the Lodge

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

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By Lloyd Wood
Greetings from the East
 Well, now that the holidays are over, we can get back to work. I hope that all the Brothers had a good Christmas and have a happy, safe New Year.

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Consolidation

There is still not much to report on the consolidation of Henrietta Lodge and Union Star Lodge. We received a letter from Grand Lodge asking for more information, which we have sent back. Hopefully, consolidation will happen within the next month.

Lodge news

There's not much to report on Lodge as of yet, either. As soon as the consolidation is complete, committees will be formed to begin refinishing different rooms within the Lodge. If you're interested in helping out, please let me know. We are also planning a 1st Degree for the fourth Monday in February. All Brothers are welcome to attend.

Close

That's about it for this month. Please remember the Brotherhood Fund. Your contribution helps further Masonry. Until next month, take care of yourselves. □

Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County

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By John E. Zabel

How do I explain this?

Part 2

George spent the evening reading and skimming the books in his small Masonic library. Periodically he would think, "I didn't realize that" or "I remember that". He really enjoyed himself and felt that he was better prepared to discuss Freemasonry with non-members.

The phone rang shortly after dinner the next evening. "Hello", answered George.

"Hi, this is Sean Peterson. We met yesterday in the gift shop, you were buying a gift for your wife and we started to talk about your Masonic ring", said the caller.

"Yes, yes, hi, we were going to arrange a time to get together weren't we?" asked George.

"That's why I called. I have Thursday evening free if you're available. I know of a neat little coffee shop near me where we can meet, if that's OK", replied Sean.

"Let me check...yes I am free that night. Where is this coffee shop?"

"It's at the Northeast corner of Elm and Washington Streets. Why don't we meet about 7:30 p.m. They have some really great pies and we can talk."

"That would be great, see you then. Oh, before you go, what is your number in case I need to reach you?" asked George.

"It's 555-3478", replied Sean.

After hanging up, George started to feel excited. Well, maybe anxious, well, different anyhow. This was going to be the first time he had ever sat down to talk to someone about Masonry who wasn't already a member. He remembered seeing some pamphlets about the Craft in the Lodge so he called the Secretary to see if he could get some copies. The Secretary told him to stop by the house and pick them up and said that he had a few other brochures that George might like.

George picked up the brochures and while he was at it, he asked for a couple of petitions. He was getting excited. On Thursday he could hardly contain himself through dinner and told his wife, "I am going to meet someone this evening to talk about Masonry. We're meeting at a coffee house, so I won't need dessert."

"Oh, who is that?" asked his wife.

"A clerk I met in a store. He noticed my ring and we got talking. I didn't have much time then so I arranged to meet him again. Tonight's the night", replied George.

Shortly George got ready and left for the coffee house. On arriving, he parked, entered the shop and looked for Sean. Seeing him, he approached and said, "Hi, Sean, it's me George."

Continued next month---

What's happening

Set aside Saturday, April 5th to attend the "Leadership Development Course" at the Downtown Masonic Temple. The schedule is check-in, with coffee, etc., starting at 8:00 a.m. with instruction starting at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be at noon. The Course will run until approximately 3:00 p.m. and the fee is \$20.00. This covers materials and lunch. It is recommended that registrants also purchase, or obtain from their Lodge, a copy of the "24 Inch Gauge".

To register, send your name, address, Lodge name and registration fee to: LDC, Masonic Service Bureau, 875 Main St. E., Rochester, NY 14605.

The Bureau of Masonic Education is run by the elected officers, District Deputies and Grand Lodge Staff Officers of the Monroe Districts, AGLs and the Masonic Education Chairman of each Lodge in the Monroe Districts. It was brought to our attention that the Lodge Education Chairmen did not know that they were entitled to attend and help plan the Bureau's activities. To correct that, we will be sending

each Lodge the minutes of the Bureau's meetings and notices of upcoming meetings. Lodge Masters are asked to send the name of their Education Chairman to the President of the Bureau of Masonic Education listed in the Monroe County Masonic Directory. □

Membership Retention

R. W. Joseph Privitera
1st & 2nd Monroes

By R. W. Joseph Privitera

Leadership Programs

The Officers of your Lodges are currently involved in a program called, "The Road to the East". This program and others such as the Leadership Development Course and the publication, "The 24 Inch Gauge" are some of the tools used to improve the leadership abilities of your current and future Lodge Officers.

So you ask, how does this involve most of the members and membership retention. These programs prepare an Officer for his year as Master of his Lodge. They teach the setting up of a 20 meeting program and other Lodge functions, the duties and responsibilities of Lodge Officers, and much more. The results are meetings that are interesting and informative, a Master who leads and is not just a caretaker, a Master who communicates and most of all, this will make the Brothers come back for more.

Your responsibility is to encourage your Officers to use these programs.

Amnesty

I recently received a phone call from a leader of a Concordant Body who asked if Lodges could be encouraged to grant amnesty to members dropped for nonpayment of dues. What this involves is forgiving some of the back dues in order to bring a member back into the Lodge. When a member has a desire to come back, but cannot afford all the back dues, a Lodge can vote to forgive unpaid dues up to the amount of Grand Lodge dues or some other agreed upon amount. This is solely up to the Lodge and is something to consider. If anyone wants to further discuss this idea or any other item, please call me at 392-5583. □



By Harold Bollotin

My published photographs are one month behind. A word of explanation: a full written report is made of the current visit to the Medical Center in a current issue. The photographs, however, are published in the following issue. Therefore, the photographs relating to the Gift Wrap Session on December 10th are submitted herewith for the February, 1997 issue.

Holiday Gift Distribution

On December 22nd, the Annual Holiday Gift Distribution, the highlight of the year, was held at the VA Medical Center. This has always been a fun filled and rewarding experience.

The Auditorium was filled to capacity by representatives of many veteran, fraternal and other organizations, all wearing Santa hats. After a brief welcoming ceremony, each group proceeded to their assigned wards.

The total Masonic representation, under the direction of Tom Paglia, consisted of 16 people, as follows: Tom and Cora Paglia, Harold and Sylvia Bollo-tin, June Moon, Heinz Gunkel, Robert McBride, Tom Soames, William and Barbara Cobb, Carol Wynings, and Ray and Hildegard DiJames. The last five were from Irondequoit Chapter, OES, and presented some beautiful handmade lap robes.

All the volunteers pitched right in and performed a great job in presenting the gifts, serving refreshments and egg nog, and generally spreading holiday cheer. They also sang Christmas Carols.

On behalf of the Masonic Service Bureau and Tom Paglia, we appreciate their participation and thank them most sincerely for their great voluntary community service effort.

DeWitt Clinton Awards

On December 23rd, a great event, promoted and organized by Tom Paglia, was held in the Administration Building of the VA Medical Center. A number of DeWitt Clinton Awards were presented to a group of firemen and policemen who rescued wheelchair patients trapped in a minibus which caught fire. A report with photos appears in the Veterans Service Committee's column. □



Workers at the VMAC Christmas Gift Wrap Session: (seated) Doris Robertson, Sylvia Bollo-tin, Cora Paglia, Marge Hood, June Moon and Charlotte Meier. (standing) Courtland Young, Harold Bollo-tin, Tom Paglia, Larry Hood, Rod Meier and Paul Robertson.



Tom Paglia-Upstate Coordinator for Veteran's Services, Dennis Tepper Assoc. Dir.-VMAC; Robin Johnson-Dir. of Volunteer Services-VMAC, and Harold Bollo-tin. (Photos courtesy Harold Bollo-tin)



Our local Group busily working in the Auditorium at the Christmas Gift Wrap Session, VMAC-Canandaigua.

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Reflections on Early Training

By Don Brugger

Observation

While reading the local paper the other day, I was quite surprised at one of the editorials. It was written by one of the more conservative members of the press, Richard Cohen. He recounted and compared the conditions in New York City now and in the 50s and 60s. He cited the similarities in the crime rates and reminisced about the safety of the streets, which now seems to have returned. He attributed the increased safety of the streets and the decrease in crime to the efforts of the immediate past Commissioner of Police, William Bratton and his campaign to rid the streets of those committing even the slightest infraction.

It seems that it had been found that those drinking in public or "fare jumping" in the subway, were, more often than not, those carrying guns. The premise being that they were being caught before they had a chance to commit a more serious crime.

The statistics are miraculous. Of course, there are other theories. One attributes demographics; the decrease in young males in New York City, they being involved in most of the violent crime. Another cites "dumb luck" or the changes in drug trafficking and fewer turf wars.

Our author tends to stick with the first assumption of getting offenders early. He feels that the almost 50% drop in the murder rate during the past five years is due mainly to the reduction in the number of gun carrying thugs. He feels that if you bust some one for jumping a turnstile and take his gun away, it sends a message to the criminals; don't carry a gun! The author also suggests that this sends a message to the public in general about the rules of society applying to all of us: "that you can't spit on the street, put your feet up on the subway seats, play your radio too loudly, get drunk in public, "clean" the windshields of cars that do not need it anyway or, otherwise, make a public nuisance of yourself."

Why

Isn't that strange? Doesn't that sound a little familiar? The idea that if you catch some one early enough you can affect a change. There is actually some credence given to the idea that attitudes can be changed by early intervention. Isn't this what child rearing is all about? Isn't it the scolding of a youngster to not stick his gum under the seat or to not throw trash in the streets or to be considerate of others just part of a child's early training? Don't we all intuitively know this?

If this method of socializing or civilizing is so effective why don't we use it more often? Why do we need to study manuals on child rearing or consult with psychologists and do study after study, ad nauseam, when the most effective training methods are so evident?

Probable cause

Perhaps it's because "modern" parents are not familiar with the method, it being suppressed by the dearth of psychological treatises read by their well intentioned parents and educators. Perhaps there is something to be said for the old methods not only for civilizing the young, but also the

older members of our out of control society. Isn't this another excellent opportunity for Freemasonry to, by example, affect a real change? □

George Washington "He's Still There!"

By Ill. John I. Druchak, 33°

The Nation celebrates the 266th birthday of George Washington on February 22nd. Down through the years his quality of life and service have stood the test of time.

As one historian has noted, about every 30 years or so, someone comes along attempting to find a flaw in his character to diminish his heroic proportions, or to weaken his memory. But as Calvin Coolidge once said, wheeling around in his chair so that he could look out the window at the Washington Monument, "He's still there!"

There are good reasons why Washington has endured while the lives of too many "heroes" have faded over the years. In many ways, Valley Forge remains one of the best examples of George Washington-The Man.

It was the famed Winter of 1777-78. At first, there was plenty of food and decent comfort for the troops. Then came January and the bleak Winter. Miles of mud. The dwindling supplies and little more than hickory nuts to eat.

What followed was even worse--March with its blizzards! The men were sick with smallpox, typhus and dysentery, and almost no medical help. Washington's Army was thinned down from disease, death and desertion. Half of his men had neither shoes nor shirts. In the end, General Washington had but 3,000 half-starved soldiers at his command.

Yet, through it all, Washington was still there. What held him firm was an unyielding sense of duty. As Alistair Cooke comments, "He had given his word that he would hold on with his Army, however sick and bedraggled it might be, and did proceed to do so."

Washington, the man, won the battle of the Winter. That was the real victory. The enemy was not the British Army. The real foe was far more formidable--a weakness of will. But when Spring came, Washington and his men were still there. The American Revolution had not failed.

As Freemasons, this gallant hero is known to us as Brother George Washington. His love for our Fraternity is clear and his Masonic leadership is well known. In Washington's life, the man...the Mason...were one. On his 266th birthday, George Washington's Masonic legacy is with us. Above all else, DUTY. There is no doubt that George Washington is "still there" as Coolidge remarked. But at this moment of history, a more important question faces us as Masons... "What about our dedication to duty?" May it be that history will say about us... "They were still there!" (Courtesy The Otsego Beacon) □

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Abraham Lincoln

(Ode recited at the Harvard Commemoration, July 1865)

Such was he, our martyr-Chief,
Whom late the Nation he led
With ashes on her head,
Wept with passion of the
angry grief:

Forgive me, if from present
things I turn
To speak what in my heart will
beat and burn,
And hand my wreath on his
world-honored urn.

Nature, they say, doth dote,
And save on some worn-out
plan,
Repeating us by rote:

For him her Old-World moulds
aside she threw,
And choosing sweet clay from
the breast

Of the exhausted West,
With stuff untainted shaped a
hero new,
Wise, steadfast in strength of
God, and true.

How beautiful to see
Once more a shepherd of man
kind indeed,
Who loved his charge, but never
loved to lead;

One whose meek flock the people
joyed to be,
Not lured by any chest of birth,
But by his clear-grained
human worth,

And brave old wisdom of
sincerity!
They knew that outward grace
is dust;

They could not choose but
trust
In that sure-footed mind's
unfaltering skill,
And supple-tempered will

That bent like perfect steel to
spring again and thrust.
His was no lonely mountain-
peak of mind

Thrusting to this air o'er our
cloudy bars,
A sea-mark now, now lost in
vapors blind;

Broad prairie rather, genial,
level-lined,
Fruitful and friendly for all
human kind,

Yet also nigh to heaven and loved
of loftiest stars.
Nothing of Europe here,
Or, the, of Europe fronting
mornward still,

Ere any names of Serf and Peer
Could Nature's equal scheme
deface

Ant thwart her genial will;
Here was a type of the true
elder race,

And one of Plutarch's men talked
with us face to face.
I praise him not; it were too
late;

And some innative weakness
there must be
In him who condescends to
victory

such as the Present gives, and can
not wait,
Safe in himself as in a fate.
So always firmly he:

He knew to bide his time,
And can his fame abide,
Still patient in his simple faith
sublime,

Till the wise years decide.
Great captains, with their guns
and drums


Disturb our judgement for the
hour,
But at last silence comes;

Those all are gone, and, standing
like a tower,
Our children shall behold his
fame,

The kindly-carnest, brave, fore
seeing man,
Sagacious, patient, dreading
praise, not blame,
New Birth of our new soil, the
first American.


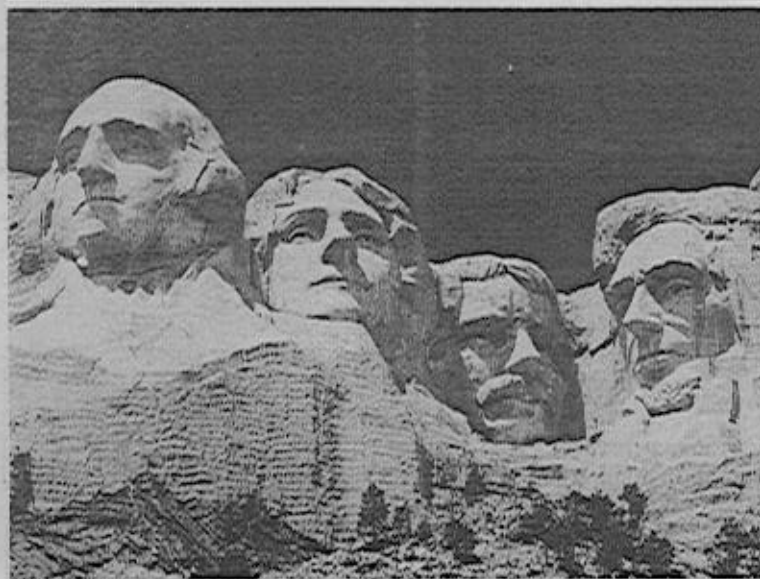
James Russell Lowell

"I never met a man I didn't like."



Will Rogers said it and he meant it. He had more than humor: he had heart. The cowboy-humorist expressed his love of humanity not just in warm sentiments and friendly greetings. He took action to help wherever he could. A fire in Ireland, a flood along the Mississippi, an earthquake in Nicaragua, the devastation of the Dust Bowl, American troops entering WWI - for all of them, Will Rogers was there in person, raising funds as well as spirits. Brother Rogers' compassion beautifully reflected our Masonic and Scottish Rite ideals. He traveled the world, leaving behind a legacy of hope. For decades now, as a part of our Scottish Rite tradition, the annual Blue Envelope Appeal has offered each of us an opportunity to contribute to a legacy of hope. By placing your gift in the Blue Envelope, you take action for a better future through these Supreme Council Charities: the Scottish Rite Schizophrenia Research Program, the Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarships, and the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library. Please give.

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humorist, actor,
philanthropist, is
honored on the 1996-97
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America the Beautiful


1.
O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brother-
hood
From sea to shining sea!

2.
O Beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

3.
O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country
loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!

4.
O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brother-
hood
From sea to shining sea!

Katharine Lee Bates □



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A new year

The deadline for last month's column was before the holidays, so this column is the first written in the new calendar year. I mention this because, to me, the most frantic part of the year occurs in the Autumn and Fall and this period we are entering, when the sun is making its journey toward Northern latitudes, is a time to take a steady strain and enjoy a more sedate existence. A glance at the calendar would indicate that this year will be the same: program meetings in February and March; the Feast of the Paschal Lamb on March 20th; Brother-Bring-a-Brother Night on April 4th, the Spring Reunion on April 17th and 19th and a wrap-up with the Election of Officers on May Day. There are, however, a couple of activities that might make it a very interesting Spring, the construction of the Children's Learning Center and preparations for the Council of Deliberation Meeting.

February Program

The Program for February 6th will be a return visit of the "Schuhplattler Verein Heiden-

gold", the team of German folk dancers. They gave us an entertaining show last year and I am sure they will again.

Cancellation

The business meeting scheduled for April 3rd has been cancelled because of the BBB Night on April 4th and the Reunion later in the month. Look for this to happen more often next year.

For Program nights we will try to dispense with the formal business meetings to cut down on the waiting-around time for our guests. Also, I plan to try scheduling our meetings for the 3rd Thursday of the month to avoid the two nights-in-a-row conflict for the Shriners.

Don't forget Valentine's Day!

Buddy can you spare a dime?

What is a dime anyway? Come to the Scottish Rite Open Program on Thursday, March 6th at 8:00 p.m. and find out.

That evening, John Zabel, that un-noted numismatist, will present a program on the early money of the United States. The Program will include slides and real life examples of this Country's early money, both metal and paper. Coins can be brought for examination and discussion.

John is a Past President of the Rochester Numismatic Association, a member of the American Numismatic Association, the Society of Paper Money Collectors, the International Bank Note Society, an accomplished exhibitor of coins and paper money and a certified exhibit judge. He is well qualified to discuss MONEY. □

Contribute to the Blue Envelope Appeal

Dues and Assessments

We are in the process of sending out another billing for the 1997 Dues and Assessments. There is a misconception that the \$5.00 on the bill for the Assessments does not have to be paid. This is not so. The Valley of Rochester is billed per member by the Supreme Council and the New York Council of Deliberation for these Assessments.

Therefore, when paying your dues, please be sure to include the \$5.00 for the Assessments. If you are a Life or Dues Exempt Member, and are billed for the Assessments only, please remit if you have not already done so. □

Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA

James Gisleson - At home, appreciates hearing from everyone.
Stan Allen - Still in intensive care.

George Francis - Spine injury.
Oscar Reber - Had a slight stroke.

William T. Boyd - Went to Strong Hospital for a hip problem.

Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr. - Had operation on eyelid.

William Beldue, Jr. - Recovering at home.

Please call me or the Scottish Rite Office if you hear of anyone who is ill or in need of help. □

Why Build a Learning Center for Dyslexia?

By Ill. Bruce W. Widger, 33°, Active and Deputy for New York

Children are the most important asset we have. They are the future leaders of our Nation and our Craft. The importance of every child being given the opportunity to reach their potential cannot be stressed too strongly.

Children who are born with a learning disability called dyslexia suffer the possibility of never reaching their potential. Dyslexia is defined as a severe and persistent difficulty in learning to read despite average or above-average intelligence, normal vision, and appropriate reading instruction. The cause is unknown, but some studies have offered evidence that dyslexia is a neurological problem. Many dyslexics have trouble matching letters to their corresponding sounds. Some common disabilities associated with dyslexia are the reversal of letters, as b for d, also called mirror writing; word reversals, as saw for was, and defects in the visual and auditory perception and memory considered necessary for reading. Dyslexia, a type of learning disability, was first described (1896) by English ophthalmologist, W. P. Morgan, who called the condition *word blindness*.

Research has shown that with proper specialized training, this disability can be overcome. We as Scottish Rite Masons, have the opportunity to assist children with this ailment and allow them to grow and reach their true potential.

The City of Rochester, New York has been selected as the site of our first Learning Center. Groundbreaking for this project will begin in mid 1997. Although the physical plant may be able to be erected within a reasonable period of time, there are other

important elements necessary before the Center can be opened and operational.

- A qualified Staff must be selected.

- Specialized materials and equipment need to be purchased.
- Funds must be raised and available for construction expenses and operational costs.

The GOAL of the fundraising campaign is to provide the Center with sufficient startup capital to assure that our initial and day-to-day costs will be met while allowing for the anticipated growth of the project. These funds must be in the bank before groundbreaking takes place.

Please answer the call, and assist the Fundraising Committee in their efforts to educate others about the Center and the necessity to support this worthy cause. □

New York Scottish Rite Masons Cruise to Bermuda

The New York Council of Deliberation, A.A. Scottish Rite, at its Annual Meeting in Lake Placid, announced its sponsorship of a "Cruise to Bermuda" in the Spring of 1997. It will be aboard The M/S Zenith of the Celebrity Cruise Line. The ship will depart from New York Harbor on April 26th and return on May 3rd (Saturday to Saturday). Four price categories are offered

ranging from \$1294-\$1444 per person/double occupancy. Each category includes a significant donation to the Learning Center which is tax deductible. Each couple will have their names engraved on a scroll of honor which will be placed in the lobby of the Learning Center when it opens in July of 1997. Details can be obtained from your Valley Secretary or by contacting the Cruise Director: William Dalgarno, 39 Strong Ave., Babylon, NY 11702; phone - (516) 669-0847. □

"They Don't Need Me at the Rehearsal - I Know My Part"

Does the above strike a familiar cord?

Have you said this to yourself when you received a card for that rehearsal for the Degree or Degrees you are in are upcoming? Do you attend the rehearsal or do you think that because you know your part and have done it for so many years, that it is just a waste of your time to attend?

What about the new man in the Degree? So many of our Degree parts are being recast. The new man, though witnessing the Degrees at times, really doesn't have the feel for the stage work - movement of cast members during the Degree, etc. How can he learn when maybe just one or two cast members show up?

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ing how the weatherman scared everyone with the forecast. My thanks to all who were there.

Installing team

E.. Raymond Beardsley was the Presiding Officer at the Installation, but he could only stay a short time due to his wife's impending surgery the next day. Lila, we wish you all the blessings of God and hope you have a rapid recovery. You two are very special people to the Chapter. Thank you, E.. Raymond, for all that you did for us that evening.

R..E.. Arnold Palmer, Grand Captain of the Host, did the remaining section. Thank you for taking over, you did a super job.

To R..E.. Charles Roberts who did the prayer and blessing at the altar, I don't know what powers you have, but when you had your hand on my head, a strange feeling came over me, a feeling of serenity and calm, as if to say ev-

erything would be all right. Do you have a direct contact with Him? Thank you for the blessing.

New Officers

The following Officers were installed in office:

High Priest Thomas M. Paglia
King Paul Josephson
Scribe Bruce Horncastle
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Secretary Richard J. Oliver
Trustees Donald J. Brugger
Vernon L. Goodrich
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Lawrence Dunn
Master 3rd Veil William Lindsay
Master 2nd Veil Thomas Kendig
Master 1st Veil Edward Brereton
Organist John Walker
Sentinel William Hook

I have two supposedly lucky numbers according to the chart and they are 5 and 7. I was High Priest in 1995 and now in 1997. Is there a coincidence??

February meetings

On February 13th Gerald Glaser will be our speaker.

You have all received your notice about the February 27th Information Seminar. It would be very nice if we had 20 Masons, their wives and their guests attend. The dinner is free of charge for the guest, his wife, you and your wife. Let us have the dining room filled to capacity. The guest attending must be a Mason. You must bring a guest to qualify for the free dinner. All Hiram officers are required to be there.

Let me sign off now with best wishes from the Officers of Hiram Chapter. Hope to see you all at Chapter meetings. You all come back now, you hear? □

take the time to send a check to our Secretary. Your Grand Chapter assessment has already been forwarded, leaving the treasury quite anemic while we await your dues payment.

Change?

A lengthy discussion was being held on regarding our convocations held the 1st Thursday of each month. We do NOT wish to amend the By-Laws and eliminate this convocation on a permanent basis.

Future District events

Saturday, February 1st
R..E.. Steve Wing has presented a proposal to hold a Royal Arch Festival and Western Star has volunteered its Tabernacle. Chapter will be opened promptly at 9:00 a.m. for conferral of the Mark Master Degree. A lunch will be served. Each High Priest from participating Chapters, please advise either Horace Wilder or myself of the number of Companions and candidates who will be attending.

February 6th is the date of our next regular convocation. Due to the inclemency's of this season, no activity is anticipated. I will be more than pleased to practice Ritual work with any interested Companion on this evening.

The Order of the High Priesthood in Rochester will be held on February 8th at 3:00 p.m.

We will have a regular convocation on February 20th. This will provide us with an opportunity to welcome our newest Companion into the tabernacle. Our Secretary may still be on an extended vacation from Hawaii, the next stop was in the sunny South. Plans for attending the Grand Convocation in Albany will be finalized. We should have information from the Grand Lecturer regarding the work to be exemplified at the upcoming Convention to be held on March 19th at 3X3 Chapter in Spencerport. Refreshments to follow. □

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By SK Robert Zahn

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At our February 3rd Conclave we will continue to work on the Full Form Opening. Refreshments will be provided by SK Fred Holderle and SK Doug Poole. Please call me if you are unable to be there. A Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. will precede our Conclave on February 17th. At this Conclave we will add the Sword Manual to the Full Form Opening.

Looking ahead

There will be a catered St. Patrick's Day Dinner prior to the March 17th Conclave. Bring your significant other and have a good time. Mark your calendar now. Reservations are a must and more details will follow in the next issue.

April 7th is the date for our Inspection. Dinner will precede this Conclave. □

Poetry Niche
Contributions welcome

Memories

Cast we all our days aside
But memories we cannot hide;
They live on through endless years,
A reminder of our joys and fears.

Some bring pain that's hard to bear
That lingers on with deep despair;
But others fill our hearts and souls,
With gifts of love as we grow old.

In silent times, our thoughts are filled
With events occurred when we were little;
Of friends we knew, fun times we shared,
Of family ties and those who cared.

So days pass by, turn into years
We smile some and shed our tears;
Some treasured things are lost and gone,
But memories live on and on.

By Isabelle S. Bishop

Books

Books with hard covers; books that are soft.
Books read in city libraries; books read in barn lofts.
Books just for fantasy; books for deep thought.
Books that are borrowed; books that are bought.
Books are our teachers; books travel well.
Books are the knowledge upon which our memories dwell.

M. Cathy Helmes

Concord Hymn

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept;
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps;
And Time the ruined bridge has swept
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

On this green bank, by this soft stream,
We set today a votive stone;
That memory may their deed redeem,
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.

Spirit, that made those heroes dare
To die, and leave their children free,
Bid Time and Nature gently spare
The shaft we raise to them and thee.

Ralph Waldo Emerson □

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"55 Alive Program"
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William Zufall
"The Morgan Affair"
271-0795 □

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Frank Jansson of the Vets and Donald Freeman of the Shrine Color Guard who participated in the Honor Guard.



James Spencer and Harold Boltin, members of the Masonic War Veterans, who formed the Honor Guard at the Installation.

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By V..E.. Stephen A. Licht
Installation

A snowstorm interfered with LeRoy Chapter on January 11th requiring us to install on January 16th, preceding the Past Master Degree.

Dues
Many of the Companions have not yet paid their dues. If you find yourself in this category, please

Past High Priests Association
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By V..E.. Stephen Licht
Coming events

On February 1st the Royal Arch Degree Festival for the 29th District will be held in Batavia at Western Star Chapter's Tabernacle. The opening is planned for 9:00 a.m. sharp! A luncheon will be served. Please let the High Priest of Western Star know if you are coming and the number of candidates you are bringing.

February 8th is the date for the Order of the High Priesthood in Rochester. The ceremonies will begin at 3:00 p.m. All Past High Priests are encouraged to attend.

Angola Chapter has scheduled a Royal Arch Degree on February 19th.

On February 25th the Tonawanda/Keystone Chapter has scheduled a Mark Master and a Past Master Degree.

March 6, 7, and 8th Grand Chapter Convocation will be held in Albany. Hope to see you there!

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Monarch's Message

I want to thank all the ESGA Officers for installing me and my fellow officers of the Grotto. I would also like to take this moment to thank the ladies of the Caldron for the lovely dinner they served at the Installation.

The February 19th meeting will be the Monarch's Euchre Tournament on the 3rd floor of the Downtown Temple. A Ham Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. This is free with a 1997 dues card. Euchre warm up at 7:30 p.m. and the general meeting will follow. The Tournament starts at 8:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies

The Euchre Tournament and Ham Dinner, prepared and served by the ladies of the Caldron at 6:30 p.m., will be the feature of our February meeting. This is free with a 1997 dues card and a reservation. Non-Grotto members who would like to attend must make a reservation. The donation is \$7.00 and reservations must be honored-period. Call Ron at 334-4196 before February 12th. No reservation, no eat.

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

ESGA Spring Meeting

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

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

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

Grotto Spring Round Up

By Ken Hutchinson

The first Chuck Wagon Dinner of the '97 Spring Round Up will be Monday, March 31st at 6:15 p.m. 'til --- at the Roberts Cabin, Henrietta Park, off Calkins Road.

Come just as you are, right off the range. Leave your branding irons and lassoes outside. Tie your mustangs back of the ranch house.

Round up your candidates now, men, every cowhand should be out for this important date.

Call in your reservations to "Old Chief Rain-in-Face" Morthorst at 334-4196. We are always interested in your ideas and suggestions as how to attract Masons to Lalla Rookh Grotto.

Share your thoughts with us. As always, remember the Membership Hot Line at 334-4196.

Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson

The Installation of the 1997 Officers was held on January 25, 1997 at the Dutch Mill and was well attended.

1997 Officers

Commander **Dick Topel**
Exec. Officer **Ken Hutchinson**
Finance Officer **Frank Murrer**
Quartermaster **Howard Topel**
Chaplain **Mike Bell**

February meeting

The next meeting of the Legion of Honor will be on Monday, February 10th at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Avenue.

The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. You may order off the menu, but I will need a head count for the restaurant by February 6th. Call me at 872-2385 with your reservation.

Sickness and distress

George Francis continues to be in our thoughts and prayers.

It is our sad duty to report the passing of Prophet Roger Harris in November. He was the 1974 Commander of the Legion. He is sadly missed and happily remembered.

Dates to Remember

Mon., Feb. 3rd-Board of Governors 7:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 10th-Legion of Honor Dutch Mill 6:30 p.m. Dinner
Mon., Feb. 3rd-Caldron Meeting Doric Hall 8:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 19th-Grotto Meeting Cathedral Hall 8:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Reservations a must.
Thurs., Feb. 20th-Caldron Exe. Council at Marcia Morrison's home

**Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship**

Auditorium Calendar

Check the Auditorium calendar in this issue. If there is a show on, get here early for a good parking place. Tell the attendant you are a Mason and the charge is only \$1.00.

Membership

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

Information Line

Need an update on Grotto events and happenings, 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.

Caldron News

By Christina Eeckhout, MCO

This month, February, is a very important month for Lalla Rookh Caldron. We will be celebrating our 49th birthday! All the Grotto Prophets and their ladies are invited to join us to help celebrate this grand occasion. Be sure to contact Committee Chairman, Daughter Marcia Morrison, to secure reservations for the Birthday Dinner at the Maplewood Inn on East Avenue on Saturday, February 15th. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Grotto Installation

The Lalla Rookh Grotto MOVPER Installation took place at the Masonic Temple on Saturday afternoon, January 18th. We extend congratulations and best wishes to Monarch Jan Lughart and all his officers, and hope you all enjoyed the Installation Dinner our members prepared and served in honor of this special event. We look forward to sharing good times with our fraternal organization. Next month our night to honor the Prophets is on Thursday, March 13th. Please come, all Prophets.

February meetings

Our February meeting is on the 13th, and we will honor our PMCO's. The eve of Valentine's Day couldn't be a better time for recognition and honors for them. Each and every one has left an indelible mark that makes our organization what it is today.

The Executive Council will meet February 20th at Marcia Morrison's home. The Caldron Patrol will meet at Ethel Hazzard's home on Thursday, March 6th at 8:00 p.m.

The new Patrol Officers elected at the January meeting are:

President	Arlene Topel
Vice-Pres.	Doris Bell
Sec-Treas.	Jean Wood
Chaplain	Merline Bueg
Sunshine	Marcia Morrison

We realize how bad the weather has been, especially the Northwest part of the country, and Europe with its deep freezing temperatures. We have been very fortunate so far, but I realize Winter is here and bad snow days come with it. The TV Channel 8 has issued travel advisories when necessary. Rest assured, our meetings will be canceled and made up as necessary. Our Telephone Committee will be activated as the need arises and each and everyone of you should receive a call if that becomes necessary. Meanwhile, stay warm and cozy!

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors will meet on Monday, February 3rd in the Grotto Office at 7:30 p.m.

Lalla Rookh Grotto

M.O.V.P.E.R.

Annual

Monarch's Euchre Tournament

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Change in schedule

The Club has decided to changesome of the events around this year. We are still going to have our Steak and Chicken Roast. The Roast that we had in September at the Damascus Shrine Mosque on Bay Road was well attended. It seems that by September, people are settled down from their Summer activi-

ties and the weather is not as hot. The Mosque is well equipped for our needs and the facilities are clean and dependable (if you know what I mean).

Cruise

This year we are going to have a Dinner Cruise. The Canandaigua Lady, a cruise ship that is at the North end of Canandaigua Lake, has been well recommended. This will take the place of Ladies Night. The date is yet to be announced, but figure early to mid-June.

Special meeting

The Election of Officers will still be in the 1st part of December. This past year some of the Officers and members got together at the Maplewood Inn to organize some of the events. We found that these little get-togethers are quite enjoyable. Pat Mammano at the Maplewood gives us an area to discuss our business. Those who wish to have dinner after the meeting remain

to do so. Food is good (order off the menu), dress is casual. It is a rather relaxed get-together. We would like to have you join us. Give me a call if you are interested and I will keep you informed of the date. We try to meet around 5:00 p.m., mid-week. It's the type of meeting that you don't have to be there on time. When you get there is OK.

New members

With all Clubs, we are looking for new members. The Club has been around for many years. Our members, of course, belong to Lodges and other organizations. We do not demand much of your time and we do have some basic things in common. All of our members are Masons. Our regular members, are or have worked in Law Enforcement, Public Safety, for a Volunteer Fire Department, Security or the Judicial Systems. Just like our Masonic families, we come from a

wide range of services. Associate members need not come from a Public Safety background, but cannot vote or hold a position as an Officer of the Club.

Want to join?

If you are interested in joining the Police Fire and Square Club, the dues are \$5.00 per year. If you want more information, or would like to petition the Club for membership, give me a call.

Have a safe and pleasant new year.

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A.A.S.R. "Rehearsal"
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Certainly there are times when a cast member may have a major conflict of interest on a rehearsal night. But with the opportunity to take an active role in YOUR Scottish Rite, only happening once or twice a year, couldn't you help a new Brother do the best job possible?

Prime example - we were fortunate enough to have one of our younger members undertake the direction of a Degree. This member has a Degree in Theatrical Work and is most active with a local theatre, both as an actor and as a director. How lucky we were to find him and have him willing to say, "Yes, I will direct this Degree!: Young blood! Good ideas!

Unfortunately, to the utter dismay of the officers and office staff this new director walked in, the week after our last Reunion, and handed the director's book and key to the building back to the Office Manager. "There was no joy in directing this Degree", he stated. "I stayed awake nights worrying about how the Degree would go - would I do a good job? I gave up some personal time to call cast members, go to the office to check on procedures, and went to the rehearsal. Three cast members attended the rehearsal - the evening of the performance, cast members, who had NOT attended the rehearsal, were asking me (while I was thinking about the major part I had in the Degree), where do I stand? When do I say my part?" No, I guess there was no joy in that. So we have lost an interested member who was willing to give, but received little cooperation. (Courtesy Valley of Jamestown Masonic News)

Twelve Reasons Why Freemasons Should Attain the 32°

1. The Degrees in Scottish Rite Masonry permanently fasten in the mind of the candidate the basic principles of the order through the beauty and dramatic impressiveness of the work.
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10. The Degrees teach you how to participate in the glorious work of spreading the propaganda of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, so that in time to come, the words of the Master may be fulfilled when He said, "I will draw all men unto me."

11. It will bring to you many new friends whom you would not meet otherwise.

12. It presents to you an opportunity to obtain that coveted ambition to become a 32° Mason.

A Few Questions and Answers

Q. What is the Scottish Rite?

A. It is a branch of Freemasonry, membership in which is limited to those who are Master Masons in a recognized Masonic Blue Lodge.

Q. How many Degrees in it?

A. Thirty, from the Fourth to the Thirty-third inclusive.

Q. Why does it begin at the Fourth Degree?

A. Because the first Three Degrees are under the jurisdiction of the various State Grand Lodges in this Country.

Q. Where are the Fourth to the Thirty-second Degrees conferred?

A. The Fourth to the Fourteenth Degrees are conferred in a Lodge of Perfection, the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Degrees in a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Degrees in a Chapter of Rose Croix, and the Nineteenth

to Thirty-second Degrees in a Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret.

Q. What about the Thirty-third Degree?

A. This Degree can never be applied for and is conferred by the Supreme Council only.

Q. How widely distributed is the Scottish Rite?

A. Universally.

Q. How many Grand Jurisdictions are there in the United States.

A. Two, the Northern and the Southern.

Q. What States does the Northern Jurisdiction embrace?

A. Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Q. What States does the Southern Jurisdiction embrace?

A. All of the balance.

Q. What is the total 32° membership in the Northern Jurisdiction?

A. Approximately 448,305.

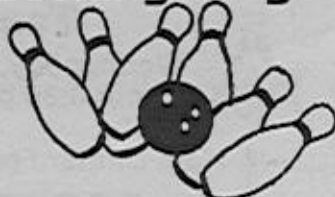
Who is Eligible?

A Blue Lodge Mason having resided in the State of New York for one year and who is in good standing in his Blue Lodge, in any State or Country that is recognized by the New York Grand Lodge is eligible for membership.

Members of any Scottish Rite Body in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction may affiliate without any affiliation fee.

A petition should be in the hands of a Blue Lodge Brother. Will you put it there? (Courtesy Valley of Schenectady Mar./Apr. 1995)

Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

By John J. Flynn

With both Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Wednesday, the Masonic Gothic Bowling league had a two week vacation just past the midpoint of the season. After sixteen weeks, the standings are as follows: Hubbard, 78-50; The X-Men, 76-52; Underachievers, 76-52; WTP, 74-54; Maiden Lanes 73-55; Big Balls, 64-64; Northfield, 54-74; Quadrants, 53-75; Mauls, 52-76; Alley Gators, 40-88.

Since my last column, league bowlers have rolled 9-600 series and 36-200 games.

600 series were rolled by Bud Abbott-636 (243), Rick Flanagan-629 (232), Don Weis-627 (228), Warham Quinlan-626 (236), Mark Noto-620, Rex Edwards, Jr. 617 (262), Dick Snyder-616 (229, 236), Mike Pastore-616 (226), and Dick Topel-600 (221, 225).

Other notable games were rolled by Glenn Keenan-255, Bud Abbott 230, Harold Reynolds-224, John Kenney-222, Dave Mawhiney-222, John Harris-221, and Bill Wood-205.

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

Order of the Eastern Star Highlights

MONROE DISTRICT
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Rt. Wthy.	Rt. Wthy.
Elaine Spiegel	William Cobb

By Wthy. Barbara Spano

Wouldn't it be nice if we could bottle the time we save to use when we need a little extra.

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

The New Year has begun with a very successful organizational meeting. The Clubs are raring to go. A reminder, the 4 Clubs will meet the 1st Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m., Penfield Lodge. There will be a general meeting and then we will break into our individual Clubs. Bring a sandwich, dessert and beverage will be provided.

We have a new Grand Officer, Wthy. Dee Seely will be the Grand Representative of Texas. Congratulations and have a wonderful year.

Star

To benefit Star, the Seeing Eye Dog, the Goossensspiegels (1993 Monroe District OES family) are planning an escape from the mid-Winter blues and invite you to join us on Saturday, February 15th. We will leave Midtown at 7:30 a.m. and go to Turning Stone Casino, \$20.00 per person. Reservations and money by February 10th to your 1993 Matron or Joy Woodley at 672-6152. First timers bring picture ID and proof of Social Security number. Veterans, don't forget "your Card". We will depart from Turning Stone at 7:00 p.m.

Peaches

Peaches 2 will meet February 27th at the home of Bill and Barbara Cobb, 28 Roselawn Ave, Fairport at 7:30 p.m. This is open to anyone who is a member of the OES. The monies raised go for the Grand Matron's and Patron's projects. Your input is needed.

Euchre

March 3rd is the Euchre Tournament. It will be at the Mosque on Bay Road and will begin at 3:00 p.m., dinner is at 5:00 p.m. After dinner there will be more Euchre. The cost of the tickets is \$9.00. Each Chapter has been asked to donate door prizes. Get them to Rt. Wthy. Elaine as soon as possible. This sounds like a fun day. Everyone is welcome, bring friends and relatives.

Sympathy

Condolences and prayers go out to Rt. Wthy. Rucci, Grand Conductress, on the death of her husband, Andrew, who passed away on January 5th.

Important dates

January 29th is the Membership Committee at 209 Judy Ann Dr.

April 17th-Grand Matron's Official Visit to Monroe District.

July 25-26th-Pilgrimage to Oriskany.

August 16-17th-Chicken Bar-B-Que and Breakfast.

October 7th-Homecoming for Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi.

October 29th-District Banquet at the Beahan Road Party House.

Matrons, please don't forget to pass the Baby Banks around,

fill them up, empty them out and fill them up again.

Whatever the season, whatever the time of year, let us make time to praise the Lord for the new life that continues to appear.

Until next time, I wish you peace.

Webster Chapter No. 171

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Webster, New York

By Wthy. Ruth Beard
Birthday

We are well into '97 already and excited about plans for our 98th birthday to be celebrated on March 18th at the Clarke House in Penfield. Get your reservations in to Sister Eva Anderson, 975 Jackson Road, Webster 14580. Your check for \$6.00, if you are a member in good standing, will be your reservation. Guests will be \$20.00 each.

Spaghetti Dinners

The Spaghetti Dinners hosted by Webster Lodge and Webster Chapter OES continue to be very popular - and so delicious. Bring your friends and enjoy a warm, social evening.

February

On February 4th we will have a Tureen Dinner, during which Sharon Pratt from the Webster Food Cupboard will speak to us about ways to help our local needy. Please bring valentines to be sent to our shut-ins.

Wthy. Joy Woodley will preside in my absence on February 18th. The program will be announced.

Looking ahead

March 4th we will serve a Tureen Dinner for our Master Masons Night. Bring your Master Mason for an evening of fun and surprises.

Repairs will begin on our downstairs South wall on March 5th. We will cooperate during any inconvenience this may cause.

I look forward to working with all of you this Year of the Sun Flower in Webster.

God gives you this year to do just as you would,

You can do what is wicked or do what is good.

You can hand out a smile, or just give 'em a frown;

You can lift someone up, or push someone down.

You can lighten some load or some progress impede;

You can look for a rose or just gather a weed.

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That God gives to you? Don't throw it away!



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you are through reading that paperback, put it in a box and don't throw away those clothes, put them in a bag for the Open Door Mission.
 Walk with God and until next time, I wish you peace. □

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 637-0811



February
 We plan to start off the month of February with a bang! On the 1st we will be conferring both Degrees. Our big social event is the Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 15th. Robert R. Livingston Chapter in Kingston, NY, said they will attend and the dance is open to the public. The cost will be \$3.00 per person, \$5.00 per couple.

By W. Avis Theis
 1997

It is with pride each year that we congratulate our members who have reached a special year of service. Wthy. Jessie Johnson has served 73 years; Wthy. Madeline Beattie, 50 years; Sister Phyllis Boughner and Sister Doris Ray, 40 years. We thank you for your loyalty.

Sympathy
 We send our condolences to Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings and her family on the death of her mother, Rt. Wthy. Evelyn Seegert.

Sickness
 We send our best to Wthy. Jessie Johnson, Rt. Wthy. Lucille Mason, Sister Ethel Hall and Sister Florence Thayer.

Meetings
 February 4th is Past Matron's and Patron's Night.

On February 18th we will have Long Form, with entertainment to follow both meetings.

The Committee for February is: Sisters Liz Morris, Florence Smith, Dawn Ireland Monsees, Karen DesJardin and Brother Leroy Lester. If you are on an committee, do try to get in touch.

Mystery trip
 On Sunday, February 23rd, we will leave Churchville parking lot at 12:30 sharp. The cost is \$40.00 per person. Make checks payable to Nola Chapter. The price includes bus, food, and entertainment. RSVP to Rt. Wthy. Carol at 594-4692 before January 25th. If you'd like to go. This is for members, family and friends. Join us, it will be fun.

Thanks so much
 We thank the members who sent us Christmas cards, notes and the extra gifts you sent for the Chapter. It is all worthwhile when so many of you enjoy the *Masonic Times*.

Happy Valentine's Day
 It doesn't matter who you love or how you love, but that you love.
 Happy Valentine's birthday to Wthy. Florence Sage. □

By Wthy. Barbara Spano
 Something to be happy about, a Cardinal's brilliance against the snow.

To my special Angels
 The holidays are over, Installation is over and it was very lovely. Now, if only Winter were over...

February 1st is our first meeting since installation, and we will be rehearsing for Official Visit. At 6:00 p.m. we will gather at the Temple for dinner, you do not have to bring anything, we are trying something new this year. Rt. Wthy. Barb and Rt. Wthy. Ron will host the first dinner and the cost will be nominal.

Have-a-Heart
 We will be helping the Masons again this year for their Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign. We will be at Irondequoit Mall on February 13th. The time slots for this event are from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please call me and let me know when you can be there. It's a lot of fun and you meet such interesting people. We will also be playing Winners and Losers this year, starting date was January 1st. We will have all the information at Ways and Means, and for those of you who cannot be there, we will have the information for you on February 1st at the meeting.

Start working
 We will be doing a Spring Bazaar this year. We do not have the date as yet, but I am sure it is in March, before Easter. Please start working on stuff and let Rt. Wthy. Audrey know what you are doing. Thank you.

Everyone is important
 Hugs and Angel dust to anyone is sickness or distress, our prayers go out to all. Please let the Secretary or me know when a Sister or Brother is ill or in the hospital. You are all very important to us.

Save items!
 The District is collecting a variety of things. When you open a can of Campbell's soup, cut off the label. After you open your mail, clip off the stamps; when

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By Rt. Wthy. June R. Lee
 New Grand Officer

Congratulations to Rt. Wthy. Helen Forbes of Olive Branch Chapter No. 509, LeRoy, who has been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Indiana near the Grand Chapter of New York. Her appointment became effective January 15, 1997 and is a two year term.

All of us at Genessee/Wyoming wish her safe journeys and good health while she represents the Grand Chapter of Indiana.

Congratulations
 Congratulations to all who have been installed as an officer of their Chapter.
 God bless thy year!
 Thy rest, thy traveling about,
 The rough, the smooth,
 The bright, the dear,
 God bless thy year!

1997 Matrons and Patrons
 Arcade Chapter No. 337- Gwyneth and Ronald Jaquish.
 Batavia Chapter No. 267- Sharon Stokes and Mark Madgett, III.
 Centennial Chapter No. 299- Jane Heubusch and Ted LaWall.
 Hesperus Chapter No. 823- Nancy and John Specht.
 Olive Branch Chapter No. 509- Marilyn and David Liles.
 Perry Chapter No. 497- Charlotte Barnard and Timothy Bucknam.
 Stebbins Court No. 503- Waneta Krauss and Steven Wing.
 Thorpe Chapter No. 462- Thelma Shaw and Norman Steinbaugh.
 Vernon Chapter No. 611- Elizabeth and Otis Maynard. □

By Nancy Lynch, Jr. Deputy
 Happy New Year a little late!
Poinsettias

First, I would like to thank Mat Gingold from Valley/Simes Lodge and Neil Laundry from Monroe Lodge for remembering to support our Triangle. They bought poinsettias from us for their widows and shut-ins. Way to go! You really helped us by your orders.

Project time
 Our new Beloved Queen, Erika Hansen, is very excited about her job and is trying to think of ways to get new members. This month one of our projects is to serve a dinner for Donald Darrohn, Master of Etolian Lodge.

In March we will be selling corsages at the Monroe Masonic Grand Ball. Please come by and get your lovely date a beautiful flower. Our girls in white will be waiting for your support.

Again, as always, if you know a girl between the ages of 11 and 21 who would like to have fun and grow into a beautiful young woman with confidence and poise, contact BQ Erika at 637-0811 or me at 334-7953.

Have a happy Valentine's Day!
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March
 Coming up in March we will be having a movie-a-thon to raise money for the DeMolay Dream Team. We will be looking for sponsors for this event. DeMolay Dream Team was set up to help grant wishes to terminally or chronically ill children. If you would like to help with the event or sponsor one of our Chapter members, please don't hesitate to call me at 458-5255.

On March 22nd we would like to invite Masons and their wives to join us for a Devotional Day Dance. The Chapter will devote that day to our advisors for all the help they have given us. The Chapter will supervise the adults at this dance!

My term as Master Councilor is almost half over and I hope the Chapter will continue to strive for perfection. □

In Memoriam
December

Detandt, Albert D.
 Death claimed Albert on December 14, 1996, at the age of 65 in Florida. He was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 and Rochester Consistory. Albert is survived by his children, 7 grandchildren, and other family members.

January, 1997
Prevost, Edward J.
 Edward was a 60 year member and the 1944 Master of Etolian Lodge No. 479 when he was called Home on January 4, 1997. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, one son and many other family members.

Hogue, LeRoy G.
 LeRoy was a dedicated member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 since 1993 and passed away on January 6th. He is survived by his wife, Betty Lou, children and 6 grandchildren.

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

Smith, Edwin J.
 A member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969, Edwin died December 22, 1996.

Sternberg, Paul G.
 Paul was a member of Constellation Lodge No. 404 and passed away December 27, 1996.

Hamelink, John A.
 Death claimed John on December 28, 1996. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538.

Waite, Arlon
 Arlon resided in the Eastside Nursing Home in Warsaw when he was called Home on December 31, 1996.

Rugenstein, George H.
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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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1997	
Mar. 6	Scottish Rite Open Program Meeting
Mar. 7,8	Grand Chapter, Albany
Mar. 15	Road to the East - Downtown Temple
Mar. 20	A.A.S.R. Feast of the Paschal Lamb
Mar. 22	DeMolay invites Masonic Fraternity to their Devotional Day Dance
Apr. 5	Leadership Development Course - Downtown
Apr. 17, 19	Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
Apr. 19	Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet
Apr.	Empire State Grotto Association Convention Rochester
Apr. 30	Finger Lakes Chapter Philalethes
May 4-6	Grand Lodge, New York City
May 16	Joint Investiture - Downtown Temple
July 10-13	New York Council of Deliberation Rochester Holiday Inn, Genesee Plaza
Sept.	Grand Commandery
Oct. 13	The Last Round of Golf (Lakeside Foundation)
Oct. 25	Grand Master's Town Meeting, Area 15 Downtown Temple, Rochester

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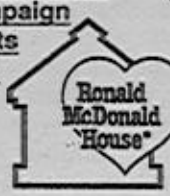



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<p>9  Boy Scout Week</p>	<p>10 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Union Star - Honeoyo Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield - Dinner RAM - Arcade OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes</p>	<p>11 Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Henrietta Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - Danville, Wyoming OES - Leah</p>	<p>12 Service Bureau Luncheon Lincoln's Birthday Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike RAM - Webster OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia</p>	<p>13 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City Caldron RAM - Hiram</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day  Olive Branch - Fish Fry</p>	<p>15 Road to the East 3rd Fl. Downtown Temple OES - Rochester Chapter DeMolay - Valentine Dance</p>																												
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