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R.W. James H. Gisleson Noted Local Mason, Passes



"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in or the kind of car I drove, but, the world may be different because I was important in the life of a boy."

R.W. James H. Gisleson, Past Grand Lodge Officer and Grand Representative of Turkey died April 18, 1997 at his home in Canandaigua after a long illness.

R.W. Brother Jim was raised in Corinthian Temple Lodge No. 805 in May of 1948 and served as Master in 1960. R.W. Gisleson was an honorary member of East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 and a dual member of Canandaigua Lodge No. 294. Brother Jim was accredited by Grand Master Singer in 1987 as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Turkey near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. We do not know exactly when Jim's tenure as the Grand Representative expired, but, at that time he had made over 200 visits to Lodges in that capacity.

DeMolay

He was a Life Member of the Order of DeMolay, and a member for 73 years at the time of his passing. Brother Jim joined Triune Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Red Bank, New Jersey in November of 1923. He was a member and Past President of the Legion of Honor, a Charter member of the International DeMolay Alumni Association and was Advisor of the O.S.Y. District Chapter Dads. He was also Elected an active DeMolay Legion of Honor member by the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay in 1965 and was a Past Dean of Hadi-Ya-Saga Preceptory of the DeMolay LOH.

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Spencerport Masons Clean Canal Banks

By R.W. Jay McCullough
Many volunteer groups donate time to clean State roadsides and highways, including other Masonic Lodges. Their names are on signs denoting the areas they have "adopted". Plastic orange trash bags are seen awaiting pickup after a periodic "clean sweep".

First volunteers

Etolian Lodge Master, W. Don Darrohn, learned from the Canal Corporation in Buffalo that his was the first group to volunteer to clean Canal side banks in the State.

Along with the intended construction of the State Pump-out Station and the Spencerport gazebo on opposite sides of the Canal where it passes through the Village, the local Masons from Etolian Lodge decided to invest some volunteer time cleaning debris from the banks within Village limits.

Starting a trend!

They first purchased a State Thruway Authority Annual Permit to form a work party and gave

confirmation of liability insurance to the Canal Office in Buffalo. They then bought trash bags and tools to help with the effort. Neither signs nor clean-up supplies are currently available to local groups from the State Authority. An objective of the Lodge is to see the Highway Program extended to include the Canal and to invite Masons and other groups from throughout the State to join the effort in their areas, and "adopt" a length of the Canal for clean-up.

On the last weekend in April some three dozen 30 gallon bags were filled with glass, metal and paper trash that had accumulated through the Winter between the Martha Street Bridge and the East end of the Village Plaza, along both banks. The largest item was the back half of a bicycle. Since the activity took place a week before seasonal filling of the Canal, there was considerable "rock climbing" to extract larger pieces of debris.

Lodge members look at these efforts as being a positive influence on the recreational development of the Canal.



Etolian Lodge Clean-up Crew at work along the Erie Canal. SW Brian Keery, JW Dennis Tianello's son, Andy, and SD Mike Schwartz.



Etolian Lodge Master W. Don Darrohn, W. Dick Kessler, W. Clark Kunes, Brother Howard Gleffe, R.W. Gene Brendel, Brothers Bill Reynolds, Tom Hicks, Brian Keery, Mike Schwartz and R.W. Jay McCullough.

R.W. Robert Zahn Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Denmark



On September 27th R.W. Robert Zahn will be presented his Apron as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Denmark near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. The Presentation, by Northfield Lodge No. 426, will take place at the Maplewood Inn on East Avenue.

This is a well deserved honor for one of the most energetic supporters of the Craft in the Rochester area. Bob has been a member of the Fraternity for over 25 years and in that time has served the Craft in leadership positions in almost all of the Lodge and Concordant Bodies of the York Rite. Brother Zahn says that he hopes, through this new appointment, to be able to further his level of service to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and the Monroe Districts.

Personal

R.W. Brother Bob was born in Rochester, New York in 1932. He moved from Rochester to Pittsford in 1973. He and his wife, Linda Bowman Zahn, are members of the United Church of Pittsford and are responsible for video taping all services. Bob is the Representative of his Church to the American Baptist Churches of Rochester/Genesee Region. He retired from his job as a Photographic Technician at the Eastman Kodak Company in 1983 after 34 years of service.

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Grand Lodge 1997 is History

By R.W. Eugene Brendel
The 216th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge opened as scheduled on Monday, May 5, 1997 with a compliment of Grand Line Officers, District Deputies, Staff Officers, Masters or Representatives of Lodges and distinguished guests from New York State and around the world. Sixteen of the First and Second Monroe Masters and one Senior Warden were tucked into the Southwest corner under the balcony with District Deputies, Cy Kloner and Dave Jones, and Grand Steward, Gene Brendel, while Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bill Spillane, tiled the outer door.

World wide guests

The long list of guests included Grand Masters from Alpina, Switzerland; the Province of Ontario, Canada; Georgia; Illinois; Massachusetts; New Jersey; Ohio and West Virginia. Several other states were represented as well as Belgium, Quebec, France, Israel and a large contingent from Victoria, Australia.

Other Bodies

Several other Concordant Bodies were represented, including the Masonic Service Association and our own Ron Bertie, Grand Recorder of Knights Templar, Grand Commandery.

Mt. Why. Constance Carter, Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star spoke eloquently to the gathering and Jamie Toolen, State Master Councilor of the Order of DeMolay (who had just taken his 1st Degree) added a light hearted touch in his address proving that there are competent young men still interested in the Fraternity. An emotional reading by the Totten Essay winner received a rousing round of applause.

Constitutions

The business of Grand Lodge for the day was to consider amendments to the Constitutions. The first was a second vote that would allow the Grand Master to appoint Staff Officers as he perceives the need rather than having to appoint a fixed number statewide (Section 111). A voice

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Camp Turk

All Lodges should have received the letter from the Grand Master concerning the camping season at Camp Turk. There are some points that should be emphasized for the benefit of those Brothers who may not have attended their Lodge lately.

The age requirement for campers has been lowered to 11 (11 to 16 yrs. of age during the camping period attended). In addition to relatives of Masons, DeMolay, Constellation, Rainbow or Triangle members, non-Masonic campers with Masonic sponsors may attend.

A three week camping session is \$450, plus a non-refundable

registration fee of \$50. A comparable private camp could cost \$1500 for the same period. There will be an opportunity to visit the Camp on Grand Master's Day, August 9th. If you know of a child who will be old enough to attend the Camp next year, bring him/her along on that day.

Applications are available from your Lodge Secretary.

Important Dates

Boys - July 6th-July 26th
Girls - July 27th-August-16th.
Grand Master's Day-Aug. 9th.

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If you know of someone who might want to work at the Camp, they must be at least 19 yrs. of age and have one year of college. For information contact:

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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I wish all subscribers a safe and enjoyable Summer, once it starts. Now that that nicety is out of the way, let's get serious.

To be or not to be

As the *Times* is being put together there is always the question of what dates listed by the author are to be included. In some instances the date of an event occurs close to the end of the month. In these cases we have to decide whether to put it in the present or past tense. Perhaps an alternative would be to list these as "will be/was" events (i.e. The installation of XX lodge will be/was on May 27th). Let me know what you think of that idea!

Incidentally, I have received no letters of complaint or acclaim since a certain DDGM got upset with me three years ago. I know I'm not perfect, but what else am I to assume. If you have suggestions or complaints, please let me know about it, I can't stand just not knowing!

Applause

I'm sure we all applaud the efforts of Etolian Lodge in helping to clean up our Canal. It's no mean accomplishment to be first at anything. We owe them for this one. It's a source of personal pride in the Fraternity when I can run that kind of story in our *Times*. How about you other Lodges who are near the Canal?

Keeping them

In the latest edition of the "Philaethes Magazine" there are two articles which deal with the problem of member retention. Both are well written, but at different poles of opinion. One argues the merits of changing the Ritual to more understandable English and the other argues that we spend too much time memorizing words and do not teach the new Mason what the words mean. It has always been my goal to learn the meaning and in that way get the message across regardless of dotting all the "i"s and crossing all the "t"s. Perhaps we are not spending enough time explaining some of the peculiarities of the Ritual Language or the real meaning of the Ritual.

Bravo

Congratulations to the 1st and 2nd Monroe Lodges for a 100% effort in communicating with their Brothers. This is the first time in recent memory that all have submitted articles for the *Times*.

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Hazardous trees

Camp DeMolay needs many hands to help clean up the woods. Many, many trees are down and need to be cut up for fire wood. The trees are a hazard and even threaten our electric and telephone lines. Call Bill Hook at 671-6452 to make arrangements to help. We have one chain saw, but could use several. Fifteen to twenty men could make a great improvement in two or three days.

New means of income

Your Service Bureau is exploring other forms of income. One is by your contributing a motor vehicle (car, truck, or RV) to be auctioned off. The other is a pooled income trust where you can donate large amounts of money or securities and receive a life income for you and your spouse. This provides an immediate tax deduction for the residual, after the death of both you and your spouse, this residual will then go to the Masonic Service Bureau. I have been looking at a possible joint effort between the Masonic Home in Utica and us, and our own pooled trust using a Fidelity plan. More about this in the future.

"Nature is always hinting at us. It hints over and over again. And suddenly we take the hint." Robert Frost

Service Bureau Scholarship Awards 1997-1998

By Gail Clarke
The Masonic Service Bureau has awarded scholarships of \$1,000 each to seven County High School seniors and also six Masonic Youth Scholarships at \$500 each for the academic year 1997-1998. This is the 12th year the Service Bureau has awarded scholarships under this program and brings the total number awarded to 102 County and 32 Masonic Youth Scholarships. The Committee screened individual requests from 11 County High Schools as well as 14 individual requests. The Committee carefully studied all applications and after using established criteria identified the 13 finalists.
The recipients for the 1997-1998 County awards are as follows:
Elizabeth Fredericks, Marshall High, Franciscan University; Nicholas Giagos, Gates-Chili, SUNY Fredonia; Jessica Metzger, Hilton Central, University of Rochester; Andrew Montgomery, Penfield High, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Jennifer Morris, Greece Olympia, Nazareth College; Camila Sibata, Our Lady of Mercy, Boston University; Darlyne Stefanko, Greece Odyssey, Wells College.

The following students are to be awarded the Masonic Youth Scholarships:

Lynn Arthur, Fairport High, Monroe Community College; Sara Ann Born, Honeoye Falls-Lima, Binghamton University; Emily Gisleson, Red Jacket, Hope College; Brian Hegeman, Newark Central, SUNY Oswego; John Raab, Gates-Chili, Rochester Institute of Technology; Michael Richards, Webster, Rochester Institute of Technology.

The Committee awarded the recipients their scholarships based on their academic achievements, general character, financial needs and their involvement in extracurricular activities with their community, school and participation in voluntary service.

The recipients are to be honored at an evening Award Presentation on June 18th at the Downtown Masonic Temple. This year's applicants were all excellent students, capable of earning a successful degree in their field of endeavor. The 1997-1998 Scholarship Committee, under the Chairmanship of Gail Clarke, was very proud to have a part in assisting these winners in attaining their educational goals.

The Committee was composed of the following members: Erna-Jean T. Walker, Ruth Freeman, Charles Simpson and Dave Clarke. The Bureau thanks the Committee for completing its task in a timely fashion.

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

After a few months of inactivity, a number of community service opportunities have arisen.

School of the Holy Childhood

An appointment to visit the School and to explore avenues of possible service is in the process of being confirmed.

Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser

Auction and 8th Annual Household Sale was Monday, May 5th to Sunday, May 19th. This was held in the former Service Merchandise store on Monroe Avenue.

VAMC, Bath, NY.

Memorial Day Observance was on Monday, May 26th. There was a special program with a parade, wreath laying ceremony, and a well known speaker. This is sponsored by the Bath VA Medical Center and the Bath Area Chamber of Commerce.

School Festival

May 30th-School No. 17's Annual Children's Fest. R.: W.: David Clarke, Vice Principal, has again requested me to perform a magic show, along with the Damascus Shrine clowns.

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation

Walk for Cure on Sunday, June 8th, will start at the Highland Park Bowl.

Full reports, with photographs, will be submitted for publication in the September issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Literature Available at the Service Bureau

The Masonic Service Bureau has available the following literature to hand out to prospective Masons.

1. Facts about Freemasonry
2. What's a Mason?

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We have just purchased a small supply of the reviewed addition of the book, "Is It True What They Say About Freemasonry?". It is available for loan or for purchase.

What Masonry is All About

By Vernon Goodrich, Exe. Dir.

A Mason and his wife flew into Rochester in May for a vacation in our general area. His principal reason for this trip was to see a specific B17 airplane on display in Genesee. This was the very same B17 he flew during the war.

Unfortunately, he had lost his only credit card and none of the car rental agencies would rent to him without a card. In this instance, cash is no good.

After a wasted day of efforts trying to find a means of renting a vehicle, his wife was looking in

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The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc. Loan Closet

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James Gisleson

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When Rochester Scottish Rite and the Commanderies of Monroe County sponsored a Chapter in Rochester, Brother Jim was named Advisor and Consistory Representative to DeMolay; he later became Rochester Chapter Dad. In the sixties, with the help of his DeMolay boys, he operated the concession in the Auditorium Theater for the benefit of the DeMolay charities. Brother Gisleson was also a Fidelity Triangle Dad.

Other Masonic connections

R.W. Brother Gisleson was for many years a Director of the Masonic Service Bureau and served as its President in 1985. He was named Mason of the Year by the O.S.Y. District that same year. Brother Gisleson held memberships in the Rochester Consistory, A.A.S.R., was Past President and Life Member of the Ontario/Seneca/Yates Counties Charities Organization. He was an honorary member of the Societas Rosicruciana.

Community

In public life R.W. Brother Jim was active in the community, was Exempt Member of the Brevent, Park & Leonardo Fire Department (Leonardo, NJ) and attended the Red Bank, New Jersey First Methodist Church. At the time of his retirement from the B.P. American Oil Corporation, Rochester Bulk Plant Terminal, he was Superintendent. R.W. Brother Jim was also a charter member of the Westside Gates-Chili Lyons Club.

Brother Gisleson and his wife Myrtle were married for 69 years. They attended the First United Methodist Church of Canandaigua and lived for many years in a house that they had built on Brace Road in Victor, NY. The Gislesons raised five children and have 12 grandchildren and had 4 great-grandchildren at last count.

Brother Jim is survived by his wife of 69 years, Myrtle; daughters, Joan (Grant) Westerman, Carol (Charles) Newell, Edith Ann (James) McGuire; son James (Betsy); son-in-law, Lawrence Wellner; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; two sisters and one brother.

A Masonic Service was held at the Kennedy & Son Funeral Home in Canandaigua.

From the family

Myrtle and the family of R.W. J.H. Gisleson want to thank all who sent cards and kept in touch with phone calls and visits during Jim's lengthy illness. □

Grand Lodge

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vote and rap of the gavel approved this change.

Also on the docket were three proposals of amendment for a first vote. The first proposal (Section 200) was to require the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund to have as three of its members the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary. The justification given for this change was that Grand Lodge had no say in how the Trustees spent money. Due to some questions having previously been raised on the legality of this move and its effect on tax status, the proposal was withdrawn for further study.

The second and third proposals (Sections 600.8 and 600.9) provided for shifting the distribu-

Robert Zahn

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Masonic Career

R.W. Brother Zahn was raised in Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and later affiliated with Northfield Lodge No. 426. He served as Master of Northfield Lodge in 1981 and again in 1985. Bob is currently a Trustee of the Lodge, Assistant Secretary and Secretary of the Temple Committee.

R.W. Robert Zahn joined the York Rite and became a member of Hamilton Chapter No. 62, RAM and served as High Priest in 1990. He was appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1992.

Heserved as Illustrious Master of Doric Council, R&SM, Cryptic Masons, and is currently Commander of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar, a position he has held since May 1996.

Brother Zahn is also a member of the Genesee York Rite College No. 25 and served as Pre-eminent Governor of the College in 1995-96. In July of this year R.W. Brother Zahn will receive the Order of the Purple Cross, the York Rite equivalent of the 33° in Scottish Rite, in Denver, CO.

Bob and his wife, Linda, have been great supporters of the Eastern Star. Bob joined Webster Chapter No. 171 in 1990 and was elected Patron in 1992. He affiliated with Rochester Chapter No. 314 in 1993 and served as Patron there in 1996.

Brother Zahn has been Representative to the Masonic Service Bureau for Northfield Lodge for the past five years and is a Director of the Bureau. In 1990 he received the Outstanding Service Award from the Bureau.

If you would like to join in congratulating Bob on his new appointment, reservations for the September Apron Presentation can be made by calling Randy Griswold at 787-3357. □

tion of each member's Grand Lodge dues which has the effect of increasing the amount for Grand Lodge expense by \$2.75 and reducing the Hall and Asylum Fund by the same amount. With little notice of the nayvoices in the Southwest corner, this proposal was carried.

Announcement of the recognition of Grand Lodges on Lebanon and the individual states of Brazil were made. Also noted was that negotiations for the recognition of Prince Hall Masonry are presently on hold.

Election and Installation

On day two, Grand Master Hino and the Grand Line were re-elected to another term. Officers, District Deputies and Staff Officers were re-appointed and numerous other nominations and appointments were made. After an intermission, the elected Grand Line was installed, taking their obligations on the George Washington Bible. Following adjournment, a reception was held on the 2nd floor concluding the events of the Communication. □



Some of your Grand Lodge Officers making merry in the Big Apple. R.W. Bill Spillane flanked by R.W. Dave Jones, and R.W. Gene Brendel on the left and R.W. Cy Kloner and Alice Brendel on the right.

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Unemployment Insurance

From the employer's perspective, unemployment insurance (UI) can add significantly to the cost of doing business in New York State. From the worker's perspective, it can bridge the financial gap between jobs. The purpose of this article is two-fold: one, to broadly explain how employers can successfully challenge UI claims, thereby reducing the experience rating used in determining the unemployment tax levied on employers. The second purpose is to broadly outline how an employee can preserve his rights for present or future benefits.

Employer's perspective

You had to fire an individual because he or she didn't work out as expected. Firing people is the last thing in the world you want to do, but you have a business to run. A week later, you receive a letter in the mail from the local unemployment office, asking for information as to your reasons for firing this person. You respond. Later on, you receive another letter in the mail notifying you that UI benefits will be paid to this person. This notice also advises you of your right to request a hearing challenging this determination. Well? Should you challenge it? Here's what happens if you don't.

Experience Rating

All employers who are required to pay unemployment tax are subject to an "Experience Rating". Each time a former employee files for and receives UI, a charge is imposed on the employer. These charges are used to determine experience ratings. From these experience ratings the State determines the amount of unemployment tax to impose. To reduce the number of claims, and therefore achieve a favorable rating to acquire a favorable tax rate, it becomes necessary to challenge a UI claim filed by a former employee; especially if that employee gets laid off by a subsequent employer, and then files another UI claim. In this second layoff situation, even if the employee you fired at the time didn't qualify for UI, if he files a second time, the State will combine that employee's periods of employment during a base year. This will result in a charge to your experience rating. How these calculations are made is a technical matter that is beyond the scope of my article. For further information, contact the State Unemployment Division of the Department of Labor. They have materials to assist the employer in reducing his experience rating charges.

Mounting the successful challenge

To be successful in challenging an award of UI benefits to a former employee, you must be prepared to prove: what happened, when did it happen, was the employee warned, and if so, when and by whom? In other words, you need to prove misconduct on the employee's part; that is what acts or omissions by the employee were detrimental to your business and why it led to the decision to discharge. The key to a successful challenge is good documentation that shows when the misconduct occurred, and what warnings or discussion with the employee took place prior to termination.

The employee's perspective

Not all jobs work out, despite your best efforts. Now you find yourself laid off, without another job lined up. You have some savings to rely upon, but it won't last long. Obtaining unemployment benefits, while it's no replacement for work, can help bridge the gap until you find another job. You file for benefits with the local unemployment office. A few weeks later, after having received one or two unemployment checks, you get a notice in the mail advising you that your former employer is challenging your claim for benefits. The basis of their claim is that you were fired for misconduct.

Meeting the employer's challenge

Misconduct is often cited by employers when challenging unemployment benefits paid to former employees. As a general rule, you are disqualified from receiving UI if you quit your last job without good cause, or were fired for misconduct. Misconduct is broadly defined, but to simplify, it basically means that you conducted yourself with disregard for your employer's interests.

The hearing

A hearing requested by the employer to challenge your claim for UI is held before an administrative law judge employed by the State Department of Labor. As a claimant you are entitled to have someone (anyone) represent you at the hearing. If you do decide to get a lawyer, be aware that no fee can be charged unless you prevail at the hearing. If you prevail, then this fee must first be approved by the Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board, before you are required to pay. Fees which exceed the claimant's claim for benefits are considered excessive.

Prior to the hearing, you are entitled to look at your unemployment file. Make every effort to do so. In it you'll find evidence of what your employer claimed you did that led to the level of misconduct. The hearings themselves are informal. The judge is

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the phone book for a Masonic connection and found the Masonic Service Bureau.

Upon his appeal for help and assistance, I went out to his hotel by the airport to interview him and assess his situation. The only way I could help this Mason, who had flown 3,000 miles and was ready to give it all up and return home, was to put the rental car on my personal credit card.

This I did and I am happy to say the New York Masons extended a helping hand to a California Mason. Yes, Masonry is still alive and this is what it's all about. □

there to do substantial justice and is not bound by technical rules of pleading and evidence. In fact, you'll find that the judge will ask most of the questions, both of you and the employer. You will even be allowed to ask questions of the employer (and vice-versa). You can bring witnesses with you to the hearing to help support your position. If you need an adjournment of the hearing to a later date in order to gather evidence, all you need do is call the number in the hearing notice and ask for one. It's that easy.

The key to a successful challenge of a claim by your employer that you were fired for misconduct is to press your employer at the hearing to establish: 1. what identifiable act or behavior on your part rose to the level of misconduct; 2. that this act or behavior is what led your employer to fire you; 3. you knew or could have been reasonably expected to know that such act or behavior could have resulted in job loss. For example; always calling in sick on the third Friday of the month could be construed as misconduct. Failing to meet performance quotas, while a justifiable reason for being fired, isn't misconduct that would disqualify you from receiving unemployment benefits. □

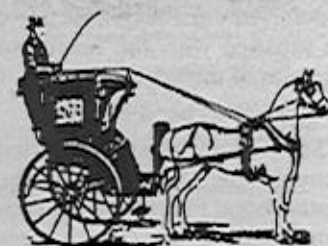
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Election

This was going to be an exciting evening for George. The Master of the Lodge had recently returned from Grand Lodge, which meant that it was time for the Election of Officers for the coming year. This was the first time George would be standing for Election. He was in line for Junior Warden. The previous offices he had held were appointed by the incoming Master. George was

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Genesee/Wyoming District



R.W. Robert F. Dagen
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Having just returned from the 216th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, I want to report on a few items which I think will be of interest to each of you. As I sat in Grand Lodge and observed the proceedings and the magnificent edifice, one of the first statements by our Grand Master struck me with renewed vigor and appreciation—"My Brethren, each of us should be extremely proud of our association with and our membership in one of the finest institutions ever created by the mind of men, namely, Freemasonry." The foregoing statement by our Grand Master was exemplified throughout the proceedings. The programs that the Grand Master implemented during the past year have been successful and for which he supplied a full and detailed report to all who were in attendance. The complete address should appear in your next issue of the "Empire State Mason" magazine.

Prince Hall

One item among many concerns the subject of Prince Hall. It was explained that there is an ongoing communication between the Grand Lodge of New York and Prince Hall, but due to the many complexities involved, all requests for recognition will be deferred until such time as we are satisfied with the results of inquiries of the same.

Brotherhood Fund

The Grand Master reported through the Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund that this program is undergoing some changes that will require attention at the local level in order to manage and administer the process in the future. The Drive continues through the 15th of June. I ask those of you who can and have not contributed to this Challenge for Charity for this year to please do so. You can send your contri-

butions to your Lodge Chairman or directly to the address on your contribution envelope.

Fellowship

On Monday evening, May 5th, I had the opportunity to attend the Grand Master's Dinner honoring our Grand Master and also for the presentation of the Distinguished Achievement Medal to the Honorable and R.W. Brother Benjamin A. Gilman. This evening was memorable and very interesting. The fellowship among and with the Brethren, their ladies and other guests was something that will remain with me for many years to come.

Aside note of this occasion for me was the opportunity to sit and converse with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, M.W. C. Danny Woodford. It was during this short period of time that I came to realize that our sister Grand Jurisdictions are experiencing similar positives and negatives as relates to our great Fraternity, most of experiences are showing a definite move towards the positive.

For those of you who have access to computer E-mail, the following address will be of interest - www.glofga.org - the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Locally

On the local scene, I want to wish each of the Lodges and their officers within the Genesee/Wyoming District the very best of success and prosperity during their respective tenure. A successful Lodge takes effort and I am sure that we have a good foundation left to us by our predecessors in office on which to build.

Happenings

A few reminders, which I am assuming you will find covered elsewhere in this publication. The meeting of the Genesee/Wyoming Council on Masonic Activities to be held on Sunday, July 20th at 2:00 p.m. Along with normal business, final plans are to be announced for the Breakfast and Go-to-Church located on Rte. 237 North in S. Byron.

Another event to be held in our District is the awarding of Scholarships to the recipients of Western New York. These Scholarships will be made available by the Trustees of Grand Lodge and presented by the Grand Master and his Staff at the Temple in Batavia on Saturday, July 19th. More details on this event will be announced just as soon as they are firmed up.

I want to wish each of you a very enjoyable Summer and all the amenities that go with the season, fellowship with and among our Brethren on occasion and the time to enjoy the opportunities for family togetherness on vacation or in the backyard. May God bless and keep each and everyone.

Grand Sword Bearer

Genesee/Wyoming District



R.W. Richard C. Anderson

New York City

The Officers and their ladies joined the Livingston, Steuben Districts on the trip to New York City for the 216th Grand Lodge Communication. It appeared that all had a fun and successful trip, regardless of the traffic.

Busy times

May was a busy month in the District with all the Lodge Installations. The "Open to the public" Installations seem to add a great deal of emphasis to the Installation of Officers. Allowing others to witness this memorable moment of recognition for the new leaders instills the ownership of responsibility and commitment.

Utica

I invite the Brothers in the District to observe St. John's Day in Utica. You have heard what a wonderful place and time people have there, come see for yourself.

Education

The District Training Team will be scheduling "The Road to the East" and The Leadership Development Course in early Fall.

Recess

As we are all preparing for Summer recess, I hope that you will have a safe and fun time with your families and friends.

This completes my first year as Staff Officer of this District and I thank all of you for your friendly receptions.

Coming events

May 29th - M & W Meeting at Attica Lodge.

June 1st - Chicken Bar-B-Que at Arcade Lodge.

June 7th - Annual Golf Tournament, Triluminar Lodge.

June 8th - Open Installation at Hesperus Lodge.

June 15th - Annual Breakfast at Letchworth by Constellation Lodge.

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



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

Meeting

Make sure that your calendar shows that the next meeting of the Council is scheduled for July 20th at Batavia Lodge No. 475, promptly at 2:00 p.m.

Event

The District Breakfast and Go-to-Church Sunday is on August 3rd at the South Byron United Methodist Church.

Reminder

A reminder that by now your Officers' listing should be in the hands of the Secretary to meet the publishing date of July 20th for the District Directory. Do not forget to include the quantity of Directories that your organization requires.

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

A success!

Oakland Lodge's first Bring-a-Brother, Bring-a-Friend Night, I hope will be considered a success due to the number of potential candidates that attended. We had eight interested friends there. I think the program that we put on showed these men what Masonry could do for them and what they could do for Masonry.

Special thanks

I especially thank the following Brothers who helped make Bring-a-Brother, Bring-a-Friend Night a success. R.W. Bob Dagen who put on a nice lecture, R.W. Richard Anderson who gave an overall outlook of Masonry, R.W. Keith Granger, Brother Bill Swyers, Brother Jim Radigan and W. D.J. Beardsley who all brought potential candidates. W. Henry Robinson did a great job on refreshments. Thank you to all the Brothers who came out and supported this very important night.

Bowling fun

Oakland Lodge sent four individual bowling teams to the State Bowling Tournament in Buffalo. Other than Dave Tallman, I don't think any of the rest of us fared very well bowling in the tournament. We sure did have a good time. Other Brothers that may have fared better were W. Dick Smith, Brothers Bob Kemp and Brian Weber. If I have missed a name of a Brother who bowled well enough to be mentioned in this paper, let me know, but I am pretty sure I haven't missed any other guys. Ha.

Grand Lodge

This was my second year in a row that I had the opportunity to travel to Grand Lodge in NYC. For those of you who don't know how lucky we Masons are to have the people that are running Grand Lodge, let me tell you a little something. M.W. Earle J. Hino, Jr. is an exceptional Grand Master. To hear him speak and hear his Message just made me feel that Masonry is the greatest thing to be a part of. Grand Secretary, M.W. Gary Henningsen is no slouch. This man is doing a terrific job. As long as he is a part of Grand Lodge, I think New York State Masons have a worry free future in Masonry.

Snoring!

I had two guys as roommates in NY that I enjoyed. Their names are R.W. Keith Granger and Brother Bill Swyers. I had a terrific time with these guys and consider

them friends, but they are the loudest and most irritating snorers that I have ever come across. Though I was only able to sleep between their snores, I came home well rested. I do have to say that Brother Swyers is not as bad as R.W. Granger, the snoring king, but I love them.

My two years as Master

I have thoroughly enjoyed being Master of Oakland Lodge No. 379. I have learned so much in these last two years. I have had great people to work with, but all in all, I was hoping I could have done more to improve our Lodge as a whole. I am sure that the incoming Master, W. Henry Robinson, will do a terrific job and I hope that all the Brothers will support him in any way that they can. Just remember, it takes more than just the Master to make a Lodge succeed.

First Degree

We are hoping to confer a First Degree before Summer recess. If not, it will be in early Fall. You may be receiving a notice by either phone or mail. Please do your duty when asked if the Lodge needs your help on Degree work.

Dual Installation

June 3rd is the date of our Installation at Oakland Lodge, along with Warsaw Lodge. This will be done by the Purple Apron Club. Please, even if you are not being installed, come out and support those who are.

Upcoming events

Our annual Bingo Night at the VA Hospital in Batavia is on June 24th. Anyone who can volunteer, contact me at 493-2123.

Summer

I hope all the Brothers have a great and healthy Summer. Even though we don't have Lodge for two months, let's not all be strangers and keep in touch. See you in September.

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



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

No changing of the Guard

The Annual Election of Officers was held and most of the "Old Guard" is still on watch. Your Officers for 1997-98 are:

Master W. Robert Strang
 Sr. Warden W. Dennis Turton
 Jr. Warden R.W. Jerold Brade
 Treasurer W. Louis Godfrey
 Secretary R.W. Don VanSon

The Line Officers not listed will be published in the next issue of the *Times*. The Genesee/Wyoming District Purple Apron Club conducted the Installation and, as always, did an excellent job. The service was public and we are hoping to gain some new members from those who attended.

Good things never fail

The 29th Annual Mother's Day Chicken Bar-B-Que was again a huge success. The weather was sunny, but cool. Chuck Lapp, John King, and Barry Humphrey were in charge of cooking the chickens, and as usu-

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al, did an outstanding job. We had 15 members working in the kitchen and dining room and served nearly 300. As of this writing, all figures are not in, but will be reported in the next edition of this paper. Thanks, Brothers, for doing a good job.

Dues/Brotherhood Fund

As of this writing, 90% of our annual dues have been received and we thank you for this extra effort.

W.: Dennis Turton, Brotherhood Fund Chairman, states that we have had an increase of members donating in the past month. If you haven't sent your dues or a donation to the Brotherhood Fund, please do so as both are needed.

Nothing ventured, nothing lost

We held our first ever public Fish Fry, utilizing our new stove that was purchased from the Memorial Funds received in memory of R.:W.: John Stockholm. We served nearly 150 and for a first time effort, we are claiming a success. R.:W.: Jerry Brade was in charge of cooking and many members worked in the kitchen and dining room. We hope to make this an annual or maybe a semi-annual event. Figures for this will also be in the next issue.

Please remember

R.:W.: Norman Godfrey is still in the Wyoming County Nursing Home Care Facility in Warsaw. Please take a few moments and send Norm a card. He celebrates his 96th birthday on May 28th. A birthday card would lift his spirits. The nursing home address is: North Main Street, Warsaw, NY 14569. "But for the Grace of God, there go I."

R.:W.: Donald Wagner's sister passed away in mid-May. She was confined for some time with cancer. Our sympathy goes out to Don and his family.

Last before Fall

Our last session until the Fall is on Wednesday, June 4th. The Officers of Attica Lodge wish all the members a safe and happy Summer and hope they try hard to attend Lodge in the Fall.

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

R.:W.: Vernon G. Rupert
Master
343-8429
2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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

By W.: William H. Genagon
Another year has almost passed us by. We've brought new Brothers into our Lodge and lost some Brothers and friends in return. Generation replacing generation, just like your own family. Only our families are getting smaller and smaller. We have to enlighten the community about Freemasonry, show them what we are about.

The best way to do this is to continue with the Child ID Program. I look forward to setting up a booth at the "Go Arts Festival" in Batavia on July 4th from noon until 6:00 p.m. to promote this program. We have another opportunity to get involved with the public at the Air Show on June

13-15. We will be working a food booth again this year. We have to start and keep putting our best foot forward, become involved with the community if we are to bring the next "generation" into Freemasonry. No one else will do it for us, we all need to look for that good candidate to bring into Lodge who will make a good Brother.

Breakfast

We will be having our Annual St. John's Day Breakfast at the Best Western in Batavia on June 8th starting at approximately 8:00 a.m. This early start will have us finished in time for early churchgoers. We will be presenting our Longevity Awards at this time.

All are welcome

Batavia Lodge will be having an Open Installation of Officers on May 27th starting at 8:00 p.m. The Genesee/Wyoming Purple Apron Club will once again do the Installation of Officers. Everyone is welcome.

Our June 9th communication will be our last one before Summer recess. We should be able to wrap up any old business and outline our plans for the coming year. I would encourage that casual dress be the attire for this communication.

I hope everyone has a safe, happy and healthy Summer and come September, everyone will be eager to resume their labors from the previous year.

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

Bar-B-Que & Picnic

The annual Olive Branch Family Chicken Bar-B-Que and Picnic will be held Wednesday, June 18th at the Genesee County Park, Area A, at 4:00 p.m. As usual, bring a dish to pass, full of something. This will be a great time to bring some friends who might be interested in Masonry or the Order of the Eastern Star.

Repairs

We have received bids to replace the roof of our building that was damaged by the winds. We are waiting for the insurance company's decision and plan to have a new roof installed soon.

Fish Fry

Last month I was so busy that I missed the news for the ~~Masonic Times~~. On April 11th we held the Masonic Activities Fish Fry at Olive Branch. It was a very successful evening. We served over 100 dinners and made a good profit for Masonic Activities in Genesee/Wyoming District. How good it was for Brethren and friends to gather together.

Summer dates

June 4th will be a regular communication and June 18th the Family Picnic. July 12th - 13th will be the Oatka Festival with the 100th JELLO Celebration. We are planning to be involved with this event. Come on out to Lodge on June 4th and have a great Summer.

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

I have just returned from a pleasurable trip to Grand Lodge where I have seen and heard of the expanding horizons that the Grand Master has planned for Freemasonry in the State of New York. The Grand Master's comments and actions, which are a return to the basic principles of Freemasonry that have made our Lodges and the Grand Lodge a place where the true light and the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe shine for all mankind, were of the exemplary leadership that is necessary for the growth of Masonry throughout this Lodge, State, nation and world. It would be great if all who attended could carry forth this same enthusiasm to the Lodges.

Thanks

At this time I would like to express my sincere and fraternal thanks to all the Brothers of the Lodge for all of the assistance given in making this a memorable year for me as Master. May all the Brothers continue seeing the light of Masonry in action for many years to come and receive the blessings of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Sickness and distress

It is my pleasure to report that there have been no reports of any Brother suffering with an illness or in need of our support as of the writing of this article.

Lodge Picnic

The Annual Steak Roast Picnic will be at Brother Marty and Donna Krause's cottage at Silver Lake on Saturday, August 9th at 2:00 p.m. A party boat will be available along with swimming, fishing and socializing. Parking will be at a premium, please try to double up on the driving. Please bring your own lawn chairs and a dish to pass (no desserts). Map to the Krause's cottage can be picked up at the Ralph and Rosie Deli. Reservations must be made by calling Hody Miller at 225-2204. Rain date is August 10th.

Comments from Joe Chimino

To all of the appointed officers for the ensuing year, I would like to express my thanks to you for accepting your positions.

Dates

June 5th-1st Degree
June 7th-Annual Masonic Golf Tournament at Pike
June 8-Open Installation of Officers-Dinner at 1:00 p.m.
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June 19-Sport Shirt Night-Strawberry treat
June 20-22-St. John's Day weekend
July 20-Council of Masonic Activities 2:00 p.m. at Batavia Lodge No. 475
August 3-Go-to-Church Sunday at S. Byron United Methodist Church
August 9-Grand Master's Day at Camp Turk
August 9-Lodge Picnic-see above
September 4-Regular communication.

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

W.: William A. Swyers, Master
493-2962
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

W.: Richard Anderson, Sec.
493-2203
Main Street
Pike, N. Y. 14130

As we finish our Lodge business before Summer recess, I want to thank my officers for making this year go so smoothly. Special thanks to my Senior Warden and new Master, William Swyers.

Summer plans

Remember we need Brothers for our night at the VA Hospital on June 17th. Plan to be at the hospital by 6:30 p.m.

Other upcoming events are St. John's Day Weekend, June 20-22; Council of Masonic Activities meeting, July 20 at Batavia Lodge No. 475 at 2:00 p.m.

August 3rd is the District Breakfast and Go-to-Church Sunday at S. Byron United Methodist Church.

The Wyoming County Fair will again be needing the Brothers to man our Ice Cream Stand. Please help when you can. This is our Summer fundraiser.

Remember Samantha

Don't forget Samantha Valdizar and send money for a Reward Fund to Chuck Krauss in care of Triluminal Lodge No. 543.

Have a safe and prosperous Summer and take care.

CONSTELLATION Lodge No. 404

W.: Paul Stickle Master
(716) 237-3442
§
1st & 3rd Thursdays

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

New Officers for 1997-98

Master	Paul Stickle
Senior Warden	Dale Cooley
Junior Warden	John Cook
Secretary	Charles Myers
Treasurer	John Miller
Senior Deacon	John Butler
Junior Deacon	William Barrett
Tiler	Leo Milhollen
SMC	Fletcher Parker
JMC	James Sanford
Organist	John Barnard
Chaplain	Cletis Shoup

Child ID

The first shoot took place on Saturday, May 17, 1997 at the Masonic Temple in Perry, NY. Participating parents received a videotape of their child for possible use in the event the child turns up lost or missing.

New addition

Brothers, be sure to welcome and congratulate Brother Lowell Osborne, who was raised on May 1, 1997. Brother Lowell will find it easy to attend communications as he lives next door to the Temple. Lowell is the son-in-law of Brother James Pickering, Arcade Lodge No. 419.

Invitations extended

Brothers, to find fellowship, camaraderie and opportunity to meet the tri-county Euchre champ, join us for a Father's Day Breakfast in Letchworth State Park on Sunday, June 15th. Serving will begin at 6:30 a.m. and end at about 8:30 a.m. It will be a family affair. Provide your own eating equipment. The menu will consist of coffee, fruit juice, doughnuts, ham, eggs, toast and home fries.

Masonic Widows Recognition

Thirty-seven invitations were sent out; fourteen agreed to attend. Several widows indicated their desire to attend, but could not resolve scheduling conflicts. Those attending consumed a delicious meal, enjoyed the get-together, received a Masonic Widows Pin and were given the opportunity to tour the Temple.

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

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

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

Greetings Brothers

Well, it looks like Spring is finally here and Summer is about on us. First, I thank all the Brothers at West Star who helped me this year with answers to a new Master's questions and getting this article out.

Jackets

Jackets will be ordered for any interested Brother. Contact Carl Parmeter with your size and price inquiries.

Summer events

With Summer break close at hand, don't forget to support the Lodge at our Summer events such as the Neighborhood Days on June 14-15 (we are still looking for helpers for the Chicken Bar-B-Que on Saturday, but even if you can't help, please bring your family and enjoy the food!). The Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 2nd at Vincent Memorial Park (we will be celebrating).

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brating Mel and Bills's birthdays at the Picnic).


Please support the St. John's Day Weekend on June 20-22, the Council of Masonic Activities meeting on July 20th and the District Breakfast and Go To Church Sunday at the Byron United Methodist Church on August 3rd. And, you won't want to miss out on the first meeting in the Fall.

Brotherhood Fund

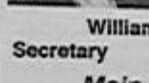
Be sure to send a donation to the Brotherhood Fund for the John Stockholm Memorial Bench and let John be remembered for the Mason and man that he was.

Thanks again to everyone who helped out and we'll see you in Lodge next season. ☐

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



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



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

Maybe too late!

Our second Memorial Day Breakfast was on May 26th, and we had a good turnout.

Future events

There will be a Joint Installation with Mt. Vernon on June 9th at 8:00 p.m.

St. John's Weekend-June 20th-22nd.

The Council of Masonic Activities will meet at Batavia Lodge at 2:00 p.m. on June 20th.

The District Breakfast/Go to Church Sunday will be on August 3rd at the S. Byron United Methodist Church.

Our first communication of the Fall season will be Sept. 9th.

Child ID

As a community service, the Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York are offering a Child Identification Program, free of charge. Law enforcement agencies have endorsed the Program, which videotapes the children. The videotapes contain close-up shots of each child's face, profile shots, a demonstration of

how the child moves, and a recording of their voices. Vital statistics about each child are also recorded. Once checked for defects, the videotapes are given to the child's parents. Since the program began in the Fall of 1992, over 50,000 children have been videotaped. For more information on the program, call Leonard Mason at 492-1813. Speakers on the program are available on request.

The Child ID Program in Niagara and Erie Counties has a busy schedule, but there are still some prime dates open in the Fall.

Thanks


I will take this opportunity to thank our Senior Warden, Scott Mason, for acting on my behalf for filling in as Master during my operation and sickness. He will now have an opportunity to be Master in his own right after the Election of Officers. ☐

Plaque to Honor R.W. "Jack" Stockholm to be Dedicated on St. John's Day

By R.W. Kenneth Kohlhaugen
As many of you know R.W. John Stockholm attended St. John's Day celebrations religiously for many years. On these occasions he would invariably make himself comfortable on a specific Bench at the entrance of the Administration Building. From this "Cat Birds Seat" he would watch the festivities and visit with the many Brothers from throughout the State who knew him.

The Genesee/Wyoming Purple Club has obtained the permission of the Grand Master, M.W. Earle J. Hino, Jr., and the Trustees to place a Plaque on the specific Bench that John used to sit on and hold sway during his sojourns at Utica. The Dedication of this Plaque will take place on St. John's Day this year. Specifics will be available.

Many Brothers have expressed a desire to participate in this venture. By making contributions to the Brotherhood Fund in memory of R.W. "Jack" through the GW Purple Apron Club, you too can participate and your Lodge will be credited with your contribution. Please make contributions to the Genesee/Wyoming Purple Apron Club in care of Sheldon Moden, 6230 Route 362, Bliss, NY 14024-0068 and be sure to indicate your Lodge name and number on the check. ☐



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**R.W. Cyrus Kloner
New Regime**

By the time you read this article most of the Lodges in our Districts will have held their elections and will have already installed or will be preparing to install their Officers for the ensuing year. With the aforementioned in mind, we take this opportunity to congratulate the Masters who have successfully completed their term of office.

But, just because your term of office is over does not mean your labors are finished. As a Past Master you are expected to be a vital and vibrant asset to your Lodge and the entire Masonic community. The experience you have gained while in line and as Master makes you a source of information and ideas that the new Line Officers and Master should be able to call on.

Responsibilities

To all of the newly elected and appointed officers of the Lodges in the Monroe Districts we extend our congratulations. To you is entrusted the care and future of the Craft in your area. It is expected that you will fulfill your duty by keeping your Lodge vibrant, alive, exciting and active, that you will cultivate new members and inspire them with a zeal for the Fraternity that will instill in them the Brotherly love and harmony that bonds us all, one to the other.

As Master of your Lodge you have choices to make and a responsibility to contribute to the success of our Fraternity and, therefore, should insist on excellence at every level, initiate or energize long range planning and garner new ideas and/or programs to go forward. You are the Master of your Lodge's destiny.

Expectations

With the good attendance and involvement that was evident at "The Road to the East" Program and the effort that was exhibited in the Trestleboards that were submitted will bode well for the ensuing year.

Let's do it!

Although the previous adoptions were directed to the Officers of our Lodges, it is every Mason's responsibility to support his Lodge. To paraphrase a common adage, "Now is the time for all good Masons to come to the aid of their Fraternity." Let's do it!

Remember, your Grand Lodge Officers are ready, willing and able to assist you in any way possible, do not hesitate to call. ☐

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of the Monroes

R.W. Eugene G. Brendel
Grand Steward
352-3574



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436-0264



**By R.W. Gene Brendel
A new season**

Just as the months of May and June bring forth a flurry of activity in nature, so do we see a multitude of activities in our Masonic Fraternity. With the disappearance of snow and cold weather the Masters of Lodges "disappear" on their annual trek to consider and cast votes on the business to come before Grand Lodge. While the daffodils and tulips are emerging from their long sleep, elections take place and new leaders emerge from the West (or South, or perhaps from a long sleep!) to inspire the Lodge and bring forth fresh new ideas for the coming Masonic year.

Best wishes

It has been our pleasure to work closely with most of those Wardens who will be stepping up to the East to serve the Craft. We were pleased to welcome 15 of 19 Wardens in the last session of "The Road to the East" Program and expect that they are better prepared for the job ahead. We wish them well and look forward to continuing to work with them.

Masters and Wardens Assoc.

We are pleased that the Masters and Wardens Association is showing signs of improved health and are encouraged that the leadership that will emerge is competent, energetic and ready to roll up their sleeves and go to work. Our thanks to the outgoing participants for their efforts and the ground work they have laid.

Informational events

We hope that the incoming Masters will soon be planning for Brother Bring-a-Friend or Masonic Information events to promote the Craft and enlighten potential Masons. There is no doubt that these programs work. Having recently witnessed the raising of four Fellowcrafts, from two Lodges working together with over 50 participants and sideliners, we know that the spirit of Masonry is alive and that cooperative efforts can be beneficial. This approach need not be a desperate act, but rather a carefully planned event. Think about it!

St. John's Day


As we move into June and the Summer months, your Grand

Lodge Officers will be making another visit to Utica for St. John's Day. We will be receiving the Grand Master's Message and returning to lay plans for the new Masonic year. We expect that the new Masters will also be calling together their elected and appointed Officers to prepare for the Fall. Just as the Grand Lodge Officers work as a team, so should the Senior Officers cooperate and plan together.


Renewal

Summer time offers an opportunity to rest and refresh oneself and allow for some creative thinking. There is nothing wrong with new ideas for a new season. Creative thinking is often stimulated by reading and Summer time is a good time to read. Keep in mind the extensive Library and the wealth of information available at the TCC. For those whose interests are more in working with their hands, call the Service Bureau and volunteer to maintain equipment in the loan closet or help with the upkeep of Camp DeMolay in Sodus. Whatever may be your choice, we hope that all will have a safe and pleasant Summer and be ready to "pick up the working tools of the Craftsman" in the Fall. ☐

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS



R.W. D. SCOTT SELTZER
2ND MONROE DISTRICT



V.W. JOHN ZABEL
1ST MONROE DISTRICT

**By V.W. John Zabel
Investiture**

May 16th was a momentous evening for many of the newly installed, or soon to be installed, Masters of the Lodges in the Monroe Districts. That was the evening that the Masters-elect were invested with the Secrets of the Chair. R.W. Scott Seltzer, AGL for the 2nd Monroe District, was the Investing Officer, aided by the members of the Purple Club. The Ceremony was under the able direction of R.W. Steve Whittaker, with the assistance of the Grand Lodge Officers of the Districts. We hope everyone in attendance had a good time and enjoyed listening to R.W. John Fuller, Past Senior Grand Warden. We must also thank Hilda DiJames for the delicious dinner prepared for the Brethren that evening.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

This Convention is scheduled for Thursday, September 18th at the Damascus Temple Mosque on Bay Road in Webster. The Shrine graciously offered their building for the Convention and has also offered to serve a Steak Dinner preceding the Convention. We will be sending details to each Lodge over the Summer.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is where your Lodge can earn the Howard Potts Award. The Award is given to every Lodge attending the Convention that has the top seven officers of

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the Lodge in attendance. These seven officers are: Master, Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, Sr. Deacon, Jr. Deacon, and the two Masters of Ceremony. Other officers and members of the Lodge in attendance will help the Lodge gain points towards the Convention Attendance Banner for each District. The Convention is also where any Brother can ask the Grand Lecturer any question concerning the Ritual of the Craft. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. This should be a great evening and the best way to start the Fall season.

Schools of Ritual

The Schools of Ritual are not set yet. Scott and I are looking for Lodges to host and participate in the Schools. If we don't hear from you, hint, hint, Masters, we will be calling.

Ritual

The Ritual of Freemasonry is a great heritage that has come down to us from our Brethren in the past. We must do our best to preserve and protect the Ritual by proper exemplification and instruction. Your AGLs are available to help. We know that a Lodge that is well run and exemplifies the Ritual very well will grow and men will be seeking initiation and membership in that Lodge. Do not hesitate in seeking assistance from qualified Brethren like your AGLs.

Masters and Wardens Association 1st & 2nd Monroe Districts. President: W. Robert McBride 442-6040. Secretary: W. Brian P. Keery 352-726.

By W. Bob McBride
Looking ahead

The place to see and be seen on March 28th, 1998 will be the Monroe County Masonic Grand Ball. Put the date on your calendar now and look forward to a great celebration.

The 1997-'98 Masters, after much discussion and in belief that our Brethren have voted with their feet for several years now, have agreed on the following observations and conclusions:

A. The Grand Ball will be a much grander affair if we concentrate on pleasing guests with food, ambiance, entertainment and fellowship than if we concentrate on pleasing guests with how little we spend to hold the celebration.

B. It costs \$50.00 or more to take our spouses out just for a nice dinner. We are not going to be able to keep the cost of tickets below \$25.00 per person and still host the type of an event people will want to attend.

C. We can keep ticket prices low and still make a sizeable charitable contribution by holding fundraisers throughout the year.

D. Telling the world early and often what we are planning should help us to reach our attendance goal of 300 people.

It is therefore my pleasure to announce that the theme of the 1998 Ball will be "Unity". The Site Planning Committee, Don Rose and Bob and Mary Rose McBride, is looking for a downtown site. Possibilities are the

Convention Center, University Club, Jerry's Rochester Club, and the Art Gallery. The Committee is scheduled to report to the Masters group at our Summer picnic in July. A decision will be made then and the result reported in this space in September.

As an aside

Our Theme was chosen last Fall. The group wanted to stress the need for all Masons to spread the mortar of Brotherly Love in order to help close or heal the many rifts affecting not only Masonry, but the various communities in which we live. We intend to invite the local members of Prince Hall Lodges to join us at our celebration. The centrally located site of the Ball will make it convenient for the greatest number of people possible to attend. Our DeWitt Clinton Award nominees have all worked diligently to develop solutions beneficial to the entire community and not one segment in preference to another (the theme of "Unity" was first suggested during a low point in City-County relations).

Music

Frank Briffa, Dan and Linda Walker, and Mary Rose McBride will be checking out local bands between now and the July meeting. They will make a selection and contract the band in September. We hope to accomplish that before the 12th so that we can announce the name of the band in our October article.

Fundraiser

Our first fundraiser has already begun. Outer Banks II polo shirts in navy, emblazoned in gold with the square and compasses inside an outline of Monroe County with the words "The Monroes" are available now from your incoming Master. We hope to see these shirts every time we play golf or attend local festivals this Summer. The shirts were designed by Frank Briffa who invested quite a bit of his own money, as well as time, in this project. Shirts are available in sizes up to XXL and are priced at \$18.00. Frank, thank you again for all your efforts.

Any more ideas?

Anyone with additional fundraising ideas, should pass them along to us through their officers. We are planning at least one other sale (holiday wreaths?) and possibly a Winter Party to raise funds. Contact Brian Keery (Etolian) if you have suggestions for the Silent Auction at the Grand Ball or wish to donate an item. We will have at least one travel package (TBA in September - the donor will give me final details in July).

Have-A-Heart

Brian Keery is the person to contact regarding the Have-A-Heart Campaign. Please call this Summer with ideas, October is too late to implement changes in this project smoothly.

Scout Kits

We expect to contribute to the Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Kits purchase again this year. Depending upon how we do with our general fundraising, we may or may not have to organize a project specifically for this very worthy cause. This is a charitable act on our part, done so that the youthful recipients will not have to raise funds for their own Awards and because we believe that this Award has value for the recipient and the community.

Our reward for this work is the knowledge that we have contributed to a worthwhile activity in a

tangible way. Although we hope that Lodges will be invited to witness the presentations in their geographical area, we recognize that our work is done when the funds to purchase these Awards are raised and contributed.

"Let's Do It"

With your support we expect to have an enjoyable year, contribute to charities, work for the betterment of our community and thereby promote Masonry in Monroe County. To steal the Viking Team's thunder, "Let's Do It".

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

Be prepared

Your current Lodge Officers have been installed and the Masters and Wardens Association, and the Officers of your Lodge have been preparing for the 1997-'98 Lodge year. Trestleboards have been designed to make the new year interesting and exciting. Some new Masters have attended "The Road to the East" Program to prepare themselves for their year. That preparation continues this August when the Masters and Wardens Association meets with the Grand Lodge Officers and Umbrella Chairmen.

Make your plans to attend

It is now up to us as Brothers and members of our respective Lodges to take advantage of this training and preparation. Plan now to attend Lodge meetings and social functions. For those of you who would like to participate, but need transportation, call the Master and let him know. For the snowbirds, please attend when you can and keep in touch.

Be there to help

Membership Retention is not only the responsibility of the Master and his Officers, it is everyone's. You can be of assistance by picking up a Brother, helping with visitation, or by making phone calls. The opportunities to assist the Master of your Lodge are there. All it takes is that first step. Ask your Officers if there is any way that you can help.

Have a good Summer and we will see you in the Fall.

2nd Monroe District

Union Star Lodge No. 320. W. William J. Meachom, Master 346-6946. 2nd Monday 7:30 P.M. W. Joseph Cotteleer, Sec. (h) 624-1365 (w) 624-1881 3 North Main St. Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

By SW Lloyd A. Wood, Jr.

Greetings from the East

As I'm writing this, I've been back from New York City and Grand Lodge only three days. Going to NYC is quite an experience. We played tourist for two days and then got down to business. My thanks to W. Mike Herrmann who played chaperone and W. Kevin Fisher who acted

as our navigator and did a flawless job of getting us around the island. My thanks also to W. Dick and Rita Snyder for all their planning. The trip was a great success.

Lodge news

We now have all the furniture and other paraphernalia from Henrietta Lodge moved into Union Star Lodge. We have not distributed it around the Lodge yet, but during the Summer this task will be started and should be finished by the Fall.

June

We still have two more meetings this year. We will be conferring the 3rd Degree on June 2nd with dinner at 6:30 p.m. W. Paul Josephson will be in the East. He puts on a great Degree. Come out and see it. Our Installation will be June 9th at 7:30 p.m. It is our final meeting of the year.

Closing

I take this opportunity to thank all the Brothers who helped me be both SW and Master this year. Special thanks go to W. Craig Emmons for all his help. Hopefully, I've made all the mistakes in this "practice" year so next year I should get it right! I look forward to next year as the first year of the combined Henrietta and Union Star Lodge. It should be an exciting year. Again, thanks to all.

NORTHFIELD Lodge No. 426 Instituted March 1857. 1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:30 P.M. W. Randall S. Griswold Master 436-1323. R.W. D. Scott Seltzer Secretary 247-0334 17 Church Street Pittsford, N.Y. 14534

Greetings

I offer a hearty hello to the Brothers of Northfield, their families, and the widows of our departed Brothers.

Let me take a moment to introduce myself, my name is Randall S. Griswold, Master of Northfield Lodge No. 426. I have been a member of this Lodge for 5 years and came from a solid background of Masons. My father, R.W. Duane M. Griswold was DDGM of the Allegany District for 1992-93. One uncle and three great uncles are Masons, so I am very pleased and honored to have the opportunity to serve the Lodge in this capacity.

Welcome

I welcome our newest Brother, Relton Roland, into our family. He is a fine man and I am sure that Masonry will benefit greatly from his association. I thank the Brothers who participated in his 3rd Degree. A great job was done

by all, especially Brother Pierre Dube who did a fine job as SD. A big thank you to R.W. Ray Beardsley and R.W. Dave Jones who did fine work as well. It is always good to see these men working for the betterment of the Craft.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to R.W. Robert L. Zahn for being appointed as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Denmark. Bob is a fine example of what Freemasonry is all about. His dedication and love of the Craft is greatly appreciated. Bob, great honors!

Clean-up day

Clean-up day took place on May 3rd. The numbers were few, but the work done was great. The outside looks fantastic! A big thank you to John Dudley, Bob Zahn, Dan Walker and Mike Herrmann. Nice work fellas!

Upcoming events

The Pittsford Colonial Days are June 13-15. This means we will need help with the setting up and manning of the Sausage Stand along with the members of the American Legion. Brothers, this is a very important event for our Lodge. It accounts for a substantial portion of our operating costs for the year and your help is needed. If you think you can be of assistance please contact an officer of the Lodge. I can be reached at 787-3357 (ask for Randy). A sign-up sheet will be passed around at Lodge. We will be setting up the stand on June 12th at 6:00 p.m. Remember, many hands make light work.

Strawberry Fest

Our annual Strawberry Fest will be held on June 26th at 5:00 p.m. 'til? A sign-up sheet will be available for set-up, serving and teardown.

Picnic

The Lodge Picnic will be on July 24th at 5:30 p.m. at the Lodge. All you need is a dish to pass and your own place settings.

Steak and Chicken Roast

The Steak and Chicken Roast will be on August 30th at 5:00 p.m. at the Lodge. A dish to pass and your own place settings are all you need. Meat will be provided at a nominal fee.

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Help will be needed for all of these events.

Sickness and distress

Brothers, it becomes my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Brothers David R. McConnell and Louis Lublin. The hearts of Northfield go out to Virginia and Joan. May the Great Architect of the Universe hold you in His hand during your time of sadness.

Snowbirds

Welcome back to our Brothers that left us all behind to shiver for the Winter. Your tans tell the whole story. We are jealous, but I guess we will forgive you.

In closing, I am very excited about the coming year. My Trestleboard is pretty much in order.

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088. W.: Michael Gorall, Master. (h) 458-5255, (w) 588-9901. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 P.M. C. William Flomming, Secretary 723-0083, 4550 Lake Avenue, Rochester, New York 14612.

Greetings from the East

As I sat in the West watching the Worshipful Master I could not believe how fast his term went by. My Officers and I hope to have as successful a term as did Worshipful James De Lorenzo. May 20th was our Installation of Officers. We thought we would try it on a regular meeting night. Thank you to all who attended.

June events

Summer is fast approaching and the weather is getting nicer and there are just a few dates to remember. On June 3rd we will have a regular meeting where the Trestleboard will be presented. This will be Sport Shirt Night.

Our Family Picnic at Camp Eastman is on June 8th. It will start at noon and is a Pig Roast.

On June 10th we are planning on having a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. This will be the last event until the Fall.

I hope that everyone has a happy and safe Summer.

September

Our first meeting of the Fall will be on September 2nd. It will

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be Crazy Sport Shirt Night. See who can have the wildest shirt.

Recap

By W.: James A. De Lorenzo. Well, it has finally arrived, the culmination of my year as Master and what a year it has been! It has been an honor, a privilege and quite honestly a lot of fun. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I have.

We raised five new Brothers and gave numerous Awards, got involved in the community, had many different Lodge activities, some fun, some sad, and enjoyed our Ladies Night and family events, as well as the Cornish Hens of W.: Cliff Short and the culinary delights of Laura Alvarez.

Thank you

A special thanks to R.: W.: Joe Privitera and W.: Cliff Short for their sound guidance, to R.: W.: Davey Jones, DDGM, for all his great advice, to my Line Officers - I expect great things from these guys!

Thank you all. Have a great Summer and may the force be with you!

The year at a glance

We received the Howard Potts Award, the School of Ritual and Grand Lecturer's Attendance Banners and won 1st Place in the Amateur Division for the best Chili in town.

We gave one 60 Year Service Award and eight 50 Year Service Awards.

We became very active in community projects and enjoyed many Lodge activities.

Our family events were: the Christmas Party, Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt and the Family Picnic at Camp Eastman.

We hosted dinners for a Bring-a-Friend Night and Masters & Wardens Association.

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

3rd Degree

On behalf of Churchville Lodge, W.: Craig Mollon sends thanks to W.: Don Darrohn and the Brothers of Etolian Lodge for a great job with the 3rd Degree. With over 50 Brothers in attendance, this was an awesome evening. Churchville welcomes our two new Brothers, Larry Tiebold and Kenneth Stewart into Masonry.

Installation

May 28th is the date of our Installation of Officers (hopefully this issue will reach you before that date).

Awards Night

I invite all the Brothers of Churchville Lodge to attend our Awards Night on Tuesday, June 10th. There will be a Swiss Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m., prior to the 7:30 p.m. meeting. (Take note, this is a Tuesday evening.)

Come on out, meet the new Officers, and celebrate with your Brothers who are receiving Awards. We are honoring three Brothers for 40 years of service, three Brothers for 45 years, one Brother for 50 years and one for 55 years. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

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

By W.: Kevin C. Fisher

Thank you

I thank everyone for their support of my year as Master of Oatka Lodge and I hope that you agree we had a great year! Several programs were instituted which were beneficial to the Lodge, the Brethren, and the greater community. I particularly enjoyed the support of my Officers and Trustees and trust that you will continue to be supportive of them.

I thank W.: Glenn Scheerens for his work as Secretary the last five years. Glenn is leaving his pen to complete course work at RIT. I have told Don Tubman that I would accept the position of Ritualist to help him in conferring Degrees. I trust I will see you in Lodge, your cabledow permitting.

Help!

With Tubman's Trestleboard he will need and anticipates your help and support.

New York City

Just a note about the Grand Lodge, 216th Annual Communication, held in the Big Apple. With the other Monroe Masters, I had an enjoyable and pleasurable trip. The experience reinforced in me, the Brotherhood of Masonry. Through this experience and my year as Master, I have built many relationships that will last our lifetimes. I recommend a visit to Grand Lodge.

Thank you everyone for the opportunity to have served as Master and to represent Oatka at Grand Lodge.

New Master's article

By W.: Don Tubman

Thanks and support

Thank you from the East. The road has been rocky and arduous, but after 21 years, I'm here. I only regret that R.: W.: George Wagar, W.: Bob Wright and Brother Luigi Mattese are not with me to view it, they having passed away and now provide counsel to the Supreme Architect.

I thank all of you for your support and solicit your help for the coming year. Your attendance is always solicited. Call me or one of my Line Officers if you have difficulty with transportation to Lodge or have a suggestion or a beef. We have around 100 members of Oatka and all are important to the continued success and survival of this Lodge and Masonry in this area.

NYC Footnote

Prior to Kevin Fisher's Big Apple Tour, on May 6th, I went to Grand Lodge and had the pleasure of meeting with William Moore, Director of the Living-

ston Masonic Library. We discussed the Lending Library Program, and a program to provide books to Masonic Libraries on a permanent basis as part of their deaccession program, at a nominal cost. I urge all Oatka Brothers to contact me about these programs. I have the necessary applications.

Trestleboard

The work has been planned, now the plan must be worked.

Our last meeting of this year, June 11th will be a Strawberry Social, with a short sleeve, wild-est shirt night is an opportunity to bring your significant others and your children for some tasty fare. The Shepherd Program for Oatka Brethren will be instituted and the ladies of Oatka Chapter have planned a brief program for our significant others.

We have not decided what we will be doing for the Wheatland Festival, August 23rd - 25th, but please save the dates. We have been asked to march in the Festival Parade.

Barn raising

W.: Terry Wright's barn was totally destroyed by fire in January and plans are underway to have an old-fashioned barn raising this Summer. If you are interested in participating in this architectural endeavor please attend the June 11th meeting where details will be discussed and assignments made.

GERMANIA Lodge No. 722. W.: Robert G. McBride, Master 442-6040. 3rd Tues. Sept. - Apr. & 1st Tues. My. Jn. Oct. 7:30 P.M. Secretary W.: John H. Foster 467-1677, 4275 Culver Rd., Rochester, N.Y. 14622.

Statistics

Brothers, I expect that our new Line will be installed by the time this article goes to print. The average age of our newly elected three Line Officers is 40, and the average age of our Officers from Junior Deacon through Master is 42. The average age of the last 8 Brothers raised is 38 (as of today, not on the dates when raised).

We need to raise ten Brothers per year for another ten years in order to be at or about the same position in the year 2008 that we are today (approximately 20-30 Brothers active in Lodge functions), assuming that we will continue to lose members to death, transfer out of the area (work), moving out of the area for other reasons and demits at about the same rate as in the past five years.

The good news is that if we can keep bringing in new members at that rate for a period of twenty years our Lodge rolls will increase by about 50% and the number of Brothers actively involved in Lodge should double or triple. There is no "quick fix". One, two, or even five years of raising 10 Brothers a year will not drastically affect the reality of Lodge. Most of our work, whether social, charitable or ritual, is accomplished by a handful of persons who work constantly. If we have four projects which require participation buy about one-quarter of the Lodge, we invariably have the same one-quarter of the Lodge volunteer for all four projects.

Support the Lodge

Brothers, I ask that this year everyone in the Rochester area attend at least 2 Lodge meetings and attend at least one Lodge function more than you did last year in order to support the Lodge. I recognize that some Brothers' cabledows do not allow them to attend Lodge at all due to health, employment or family obligations. It is hard to believe that so large a percentage of our members are so situated that attendance at Lodge is not possible, based upon attendance at meetings, service projects and parties.

Our Lodge has received the Howard Potts Award two of the last three years. We are growing and doing so most rapidly in the under 40 age group (based on the ages of our last eight Brothers raised on the date of raising). We have doubled our social calendar for next year and committed to several service projects already. We need everyone's support.

Personal contact

Because we need to hear from everyone in order to plan for the future of the Lodge and in order to uphold our obligations to each other, the WM, SW and JW will each contact every member of Lodge by phone this year. We are each going to contact one-third of the Lodge during the Summer, one-third before New Year's and one-third before April, 1998. You should receive three calls this year asking if there is anything the Lodge can do for you and generally for suggestions as to how we can do things better. If you do not receive a call before September, please call John Foster to verify your phone number in our records (each officer will report your comments at our quarterly officers' meetings and everyone's comments will be reported in Lodge at least once during the year).

The Lodge trestleboard will be mailed to you during the Summer. I look forward to seeing everyone at the "mini German fest" after Lodge in June and at our Corn and Sausage Roast to be held at Ed Schmidt's home in August.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969. W.: Carmen Vitali, Master (h) 334-1214 (w) 724-8106. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 P.M. Thomas W. Kendig, Secretary 265-2624, 875 Main Street East, Rochester, N.Y. 14605.

Bonita Springs, FL.

Our Secretary, W.: Tom Kendig, reported he was glad to receive a letter from W.: Chuck Chatfield in reply to the Summons letter stating, "the Summons was beyond the length of my cabledow, but I wish to extend my best wishes for a strong Line for the ensuing year". Incidentally, Brother Chuck and Louise are tentatively planning a trip to the Rochester area. We'll look forward to hearing from you, Brother Chuck.

Retiring

Our very best to Brother Ron Freida, who plans to retire June 27th from AAA after starting there in 1979. Brother Ron is Continued on page 9

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presently Manager of Road Service and I am sure he won't miss the pressure and stress connected with it. Good luck, Ron.

Public Installation

On June 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Temple, R.W. Vern Goodrich will install the Officers of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 for the ensuing year. R.W. Paul Robertson will be the Installing Marshal. Preceding the ceremonies a catered dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m., with the ladies invited.

From the Philippines

W. Tom Kendig was recently and pleasantly surprised with two letters from Brother George E. Whitwell from Caloocan City, Manila in the Philippines. Everything seems to be going well with Brother George and our Brothers were pleased you contacted our Secretary.

Birthdays

To the following Brothers who arrived on this planet in June, we salute you: John Beach, Lou Benjamin, John Brown, Ed Fulmer, Norm Gauch, Al Goodrich, Vern Goodrich, Bruce Hinkley, Fred Lang, Joe Martin, Phil McCaskill, John Meier, Ken Mertz, George Reiber, Len Schmeer, Mike Schum, Ray Smith, Bill Staats, Chuck Strickland and Chuck Walker.


Wild Shirt Night

Our new Master-elect, W. Bill Hook, has designated June 17th as our Annual Wild Shirt Night event. So Brothers, check your wardrobe and let's make this occasion a memorable one as this will be our last meeting 'til September 2nd. Have a great Summer!

Trestleboard


June 3rd is Installation of Officers, preceded by a dinner. A 1st Degree rehearsal will take place on June 10th. Wild Shirt Night is June 17th.

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Words of thanks and good luck

We extend our heartfelt thanks to W. Larry Lundgren for his fine leadership this year in "Making Good Men Better." While we are saddened he won't be with us as often, we also congratulate him on his new appointment in the Buffalo area and wish him continued success.

Ladies Night

On May 8th, sixteen of our Brothers and their ladies enjoyed a delicious meal and time of fellowship at the Wishing Well...and even had a surprise birthday recognition for Arlene Hoak! Look for more social activities in the coming year.

Special Awards

We congratulate recipients of Service Awards for 25, 35, and

even 50 years of faithful service to the Craft. We extend to Brother Fran Warburton our warmest congratulations on receiving the Distinguished Service Award.

Summer activities

June 3rd will bring a focus on Concordant Bodies (delayed from April), more details on how we can support the Soap Box Derby (ably headed by JW Phil Hurwitz and committee) and a focus on the Annual Sport Shirt and Bring-a-Friend Night on Tuesday, June 17th.


Blood Drive

Labor continues through the Summer, though at a more relaxed pace, with our Blood Drive on August 12th, 2p.m. - 7p.m., at the Lodge, 152 West Commercial St., East Rochester, NY. Our goal is 25 pints.

Picnic

On Sunday, August 17th we'll gather for our Annual Picnic and Scholarship Awards at 2:00 p.m. at Rand Lodge in Powder Mills Park. I hope to see many of you at these events. On behalf of our Officers, may your Summer be restful and renewing!

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Lodge No. 945
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W. Glen S. Campbell, Master
865-5395
2nd & 4th Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

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

Service Awards

On April 22nd it was my privilege and honor to present 50 Year Pins to three of our Brothers. Fifty years of commitment and service to any entity is noteworthy, but as each of us knows, 50 years of Masonic service is a special milestone and accomplishment. So, with great pride and thanks, I say congratulations to Robert Duerr, raised November 25, 1947; Henry Spies, raised November 25, 1947; and Charles Petersen, raised March 18, 1947.

Rentals

The Fame Lodge building still has open nights available for rent to any organization looking for meeting space. Contact Charles Petersen at 663-7661.

Dates

Open Installation of Officers was held on May 27th.

Loud and Crazy Shirt Night - women are welcome for strawberries and shortcake and to hear our special guest, Carol Ritter.

Pancake Breakfast with real maple syrup will be on June 22nd starting at 9:00 a.m. The price is \$3.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 years of age and under.


We plan to have another Pancake Breakfast on August 9th.

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

W. George R. Bracht, Secretary
(h) 383-1947 (w) 264-6250
37 South Main St.
Fairport, N.Y. 14450

Make things happen

This is truly my swan song, for as you peruse these words, I am a lame duck. The Master and Wardens have been elected and are in waiting for their Installation. All that remains is one more Opening and to hand over the Gavel of Authority to the new Line.

Even though my year has come to an end, it is my intention to remain active and to support Fairport Lodge to the best of my ability. I call on each of you to join me in this endeavor. Remember, a Lodge is only as good as its officers and the officers can only be as good as the members will let them. It is, therefore, up to you to make things happen.

New Line, new trestleboard

June promises to be a very active month, starting with our annual concession at Fairport Village Days. Again, we will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers and Italian sausages, behind Fleet Bank. Set-up will commence Friday, June 6th and we will tear down on Sunday, June 8th. Brother Doug Skelton tells me we are still in need of helpers. Call him at 223-0502 to lend a hand.

Immediately following Village Days on June 9th, will be the Installation of the 1997-'98 Officers. Come meet your new Line and learn of their plans for the upcoming year. I expect some pleasant surprises. (There is talk of a Public Installation on June 15th, but you will need to come to the June 9th meeting to get the details).

On June 21st there is scheduled a breakfast for the incoming Line and Past Masters. Again, details are a bit sketchy, but further information will be transmitted as it becomes available.

The last meeting before Summer recess will be held on June 23rd. As is our custom, we will be hosting the Little League Masons for an evening of fun and games. We have been sponsoring the Masons for a goodly number of years and the kids get a big kick out of their night at the Lodge, so come join the merriment. (By the way, several of us have been going out to the games on a fairly regular basis. It's a great brand of baseball. The kids are playing for the pure joy of the game. Schedules are available at the Lodge if you are interested in joining us).

Even though we will recess during July and August, that does not mean we will be inactive. Plans are being formulated for a Star Mason Picnic during July at R.W. Chick Becker's camp in the Bristol Hills. Those of us who attended last year certainly enjoyed a warm, relaxed day with some good company. The entry fee will be a dish to pass and the desire for some pleasant interaction.


Three other events are planned for the Summer, but the dates are still pending. They are: the Annual Blood Drive planned for later in August; a clean-up of our adopted highway (Rte. 250) from the Canal Bridge to Rte. 440; and a Bring-a-Friend Night. Details of these and some other plans under discussion will be made available in the very near future.

Recommitment

To paraphrase Charles Dickens, the '96-'97 year was the best of times, was the worst of times. Fairport No. 476 struggled this past year. We faced several difficult challenges and were able to persevere, perhaps not as successfully as we would have hoped, but we made it. On the other hand, we also enjoyed some significant successes. We had two classes of new Brothers, we have increased our revenue through new lease agreements substantially and we are taking a very serious look at the future of No. 476. Yet, now is the time for us to recommit ourselves to the principals of Masonry and to refresh those obligations we took not so very long ago.

We have an investment of one sort or another at Fairport Lodge No. 476, and it is time to protect that investment. Apathy, lethargy and grudges (real or imagined) are the death knell of any organization or relationship. Come, communicate, participate and celebrate as we carry the tenets of Freemasonry in our community into the second millennium.

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. George R. Bracht
Greetings

A new Masonic year is about to begin with enthusiastic officers ready for their new responsibilities. When talking to each of the new officers, they stated they are all looking forward to their new duties. To work with each of your officers, a Past Master has volunteered to be their mentor. I thank the Past Masters for their help and support, past and future. With this support it is a plea-

sure to be your Master and an officer of Webster Lodge.

Installation

Our Open Installation will be on June 5th. Please invite your families and friends. With our new By-Law change it will not be necessary to formally Open and Close the Lodge for Open meetings. Installation will start at 7:30 p.m., which will keep the evening refreshments reasonably short. Refreshments will follow the Installation. Please call me at 383-1947 if you are planning to attend so I can plan for the refreshments. If I am not there, please leave a message.

Picnic

A Family Picnic (Hot Dog Roast & Sport Shirt Night) is scheduled for June 19th at 6:00 p.m. This is another opportunity to invite your family and friends. If the weather is cool or rainy, we will eat in the dining room. Please let me know if you are bringing a potential member and a short informal discussion will be planned explaining the Masonic Fraternity. I will be asking for help to cook and set up for the picnic. Please call JW Bernie Russell at 872-1353 with your reservation and let him know if you will help.

Food booths/Fundraisers

Again this Summer we will be having our Arboretum in July and Good Neighbor Days in August. Please volunteer your help and give us some of your time. You will be contacted by Brothers John Ponschok or Bernie Russell to fill the time slots. These food events go smoother when many Brothers help. These are the main fundraisers for the Lodge and we need your support.

Bring-a-Friend

Our first meeting after the Summer recess Thursday, September 4th will be our annual Corn & Sausage Roast, Bring-a-Friend Night. With the excellent attendance we usually get at this meeting, any non-Mason should enjoy the evening with us. A short information program will be planned and we may have to take care of some business. Please let JW Bernie Russell know if you are bringing any potential members when you make your reservation.

Closing

My challenge is to come up to the high standards of your Past Masters, and I will do my best. With your support and that of the Past Masters, the Officers are looking forward to the coming year. Please pick up a calendar of the 1997-'98 meetings and remember the opportunity to bring your non-Masonic family and friends to the scheduled open meetings and Bring-a-Friend Nights.

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W. Keith
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637-9318

2nd
Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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

It's your choice

Picture, if you will, a fine white stallion at a full gallop. The person holding the reins is a young aggressive, determined, "Don't tell me we can't" type of leader. Behind him are all 99 members of Monroe No. 173. Some are confidently seated behind their Master, others are clinging to each other with quiet reserve, still others are frantically trying to slow the stallion by pulling on its tail and the rest who haven't already been trampled are being dragged behind. One way or the other though, their all along for the ride!

What place will you occupy?

I can't do it alone! We must do it together. I have a never ending supply of energy and ideas and I will be there with my sleeves rolled up to make things happen. But, I need each and every one of you, whether you attend meetings or not, to give me and Monroe No. 173 your support. Ninety-nine people with shared ideas and enthusiasm can do anything they want to! From the youngest to the oldest, the craftsmen to the professional, the newly-made Mason to the burned out, "I've put in my time", Past Master, you all have something we need!

Upcoming events

The June 10th meeting is a tiled one with casual attire. It is our Summer planning session.

Our Family Picnic is on June 28th at North Hampton Park picnic area at 4:00 p.m. Meat and beverages will be provided. Bring your own table settings, toys, chairs, and a dish to pass.

The Bicycle Rodeo and Brockport Sidewalk Sale will be in July. The Brockport Canal Days and the Duck Race will be held in August. Come and cheer on our Masonic ducks to victory.

August 23rd is the date of our "Sundae Matinee" at 2:00 p.m. at the Lodge. Bring the kids and their friends, make your own sun-

daes and enjoy the movies. That is only the Summer schedule! Bring your family and rediscover what Masonry is really all about! Have a great Summer! □

**Flower City
Lodge No. 910**

W. Douglas
Higgins,
Master
475-0478

2nd
Thursday
7:30 P.M.

R. W. Phillip Averbach,
Secretary 458-1817

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

Greetings from the East

My year as Master of Flower City Lodge is quickly coming to an end. It's hard to believe that Summer is just around the corner.

May

Our May meeting was quite productive. The work for the evening was the Election of Officers for the ensuing year. I offer my sincere congratulations to everyone in their newly elected stations and places. I know that Flower City Lodge will be in good hands next year.

June

The Installation of Officers will be at our next meeting on June 12th at 7:30 p.m. This will be an Open Installation, so please feel free to bring your ladies. I encourage each of you to attend this special evening. It will provide each of you an opportunity to meet your new officers for next year, as well as support your Lodge. We are still looking into having a dinner prior to the meeting. If we can arrange this, someone will be calling you for reservations. This will be our final communication before we break for Summer. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Steak Roast

We will have our annual Steak Roast on Thursday, June 19th at Robert's Cabin in Henrietta Town Park, located off Calkins Road. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please read your newsletter for further information.

Well, my Brothers, I guess that's all for now. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. □

Communicate**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. 14528

Ladies Night

We had a good attendance and an enjoyable evening at our Ladies Night on May 3rd, chaired by JWSherwin Isaacs. That evening, Judge Franklin D'Aurizio was presented the Dewitt Clinton Award by R. W. A. John Tijou.

Judge D'Aurizio is a resident of Irondequoit and practices law there with his son. He is a man of many accomplishments, having served as Town Justice from 1981-93, is the founder and member of the Board of the Irondequoit Volunteer Ambulance Service, and is a Past President of the East Ridge Kiwanis Club. He also is founder and chairman of the Irondequoit Pescara Sister Cities Program for East Ridge High School and its opposite number in Pescara, Italy, and the exchange of students between Nazareth College and the College in Pescara. As some of you can attest, he has also been able to arrange for Masonic Brothers in Rochester and Pescara to exchange visits.

Howard W. Potts Award

Brothers, it was my good fortune to have the top seven officers of our Lodge present at the Grand Lecturer's Convention for the 9th consecutive year. I am told that this sets a new record for consecutive Awards. It was my pleasure to receive the Howard W. Potts Award at Grand Lodge. With your continued help we can keep up the tradition for a good many years.

Support

It has been my pleasure to serve with you this past year. I greatly appreciate all of your support. I hope that you will continue this tradition and will support our incoming Master as well as you have supported me.

By Frank Briffa

Coming events

We're ready for the Summer to start, (we still haven't had Spring) and to open pools. Along with that comes the break from Lodge. There are two events that need our attention over the Summer:

1. Wakan/Hubbard's part in the 4th of July Parade will be Chaired by R. W. Wayne Slack. Show up and ride in the antique cars that our Brothers and associates annually bring.

2. The Fellowcraft Steak Roast on August 16th will be held at Damascus Temple Mosque and Chaired by W. Don Bell. Things will get underway for early arrivers with a lunch at noon of Hots and Hamburgers, etc. Other fare will be available around 4:00 p.m. and dinner is scheduled for 6:00 p.m.

Thank you

Thanks to all the Past Masters for attending the May 16th dinner at Bosdyk's before the Investiture at the Downtown Masonic Temple. We had a wonderful turnout. Your support is greatly appreciated. We truly have one

of the greatest Lodges in the State. The year ahead will be smooth thanks to all of you. Your unity can only enhance membership and attendance at our meetings and functions.

Installation

Open Installation is on June 7th from noon to whenever (approximately 4 p.m.) We expect a great turnout.

Last meeting

The last meeting of the season will be on Monday, June 9th. We will have a dinner and strawberries for dessert. This will be the traditional Sport Shirt Night and the ladies are invited.

September

Our first meeting after the Summer recess will be on September 8th. It will be a Table Lodge with a Wine and Cheese Tasting. This will be closely followed by our Clambake on September 13th, Chaired by SD Gordon Ball. The Grand Lecturer's Convention at Damascus Temple will be on September 18th.

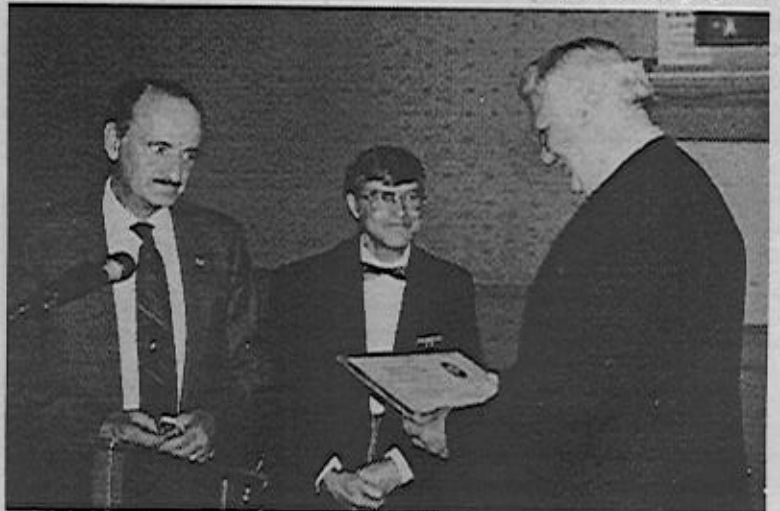
Member highlight

We have special article for you this time. I relate a story heard at the last Lodge meeting by R. W. Wayne Slack. Wayne was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on the same day that he and Margaret were married! Talk about a day to remember. The following was written by Wayne:

Wayne was born in Morrisville, Vermont and at an early age moved to Waterbury Center where his folks ran a general store. After graduating from Waterbury High School, Wayne enlisted in the Navy and served as a Radar Technician. Wayne met Margaret while attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. After marriage and a job offer from Stromberg Carlson he moved to Rochester and attended night school, graduating from RIT in 1954.

In June of 1947 Wayne was raised in Winooske Lodge No. 49, Waterbury, Vt., the same year his father was Master. In 1960 he transferred his membership to Penfield Union Lodge where he was Master in 1974 and appointed DDGM, 1st Monroe, 1983-'84. Wayne served as Secretary of Penfield Union and is glad to take some of the credit for their merger with Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in 1989. Wayne is a member of the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R.; Shrine; Grotto; Hiram Chapter, RAM; Doric Council; and is a Past Commander of Monroe Commandery, KT.

Wayne and Margaret have three children, Virginia (Daniel) Moran of Rexford, NY, Carol (Rob) Maher and Wayne (Mary) Slack and nine grandchildren.



R. W. A. John Tijou and W. Don Bell presenting the DeWitt Clinton Award to Judge Franklin d'Aurizio at Wakan/Hubbard Ladies Night.

June 1997

He is a Past Commander of Doty-MaGill Legion Post No. 771. Wayne and Margaret have been active members of Penfield United Methodist Church since 1953.

His hobby is antique cars which started with his purchase of a 1925 Jewett in 1961. His son, also a member of our Lodge, is a partner in Wayne's hobby. Together they maintain the 1925 Jewett, 1931 and 1940 Chevrolets and a 1950 Buick. Wayne is a member of the Genesee Valley Antique Car Society, Secretary of the Finger Lakes Buick Club and a member of the Lake Ontario Region Chevrolet Club.

Since retiring in 1981, Wayne and Margaret have spent many hours researching their family genealogy which covers many of the New England states. He is a past officer of the local Tritown Genealogical Society and delights in describing the feats of his ancestors in the American Revolution.

What a fine story! Thanks Wayne. If anyone else has an article about a milestone in marriage or Masonry (or both), please let me know.

To everyone, remember UNITY for the Lodge and the Craft! See you soon. □

ETOLIAN**Lodge No. 479**

W. Brian P.
Keery
Master
352-2928

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

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

To all the Brothers of Etolian, I thank you for electing me Master of our Lodge for 1997-'98. I appreciate your vote of confidence and I will do my very best to continue the good work that has preceded me. I particularly thank W. Donald Darrohn for an excellent year as Master of our Lodge. Don has done much to improve Etolian Lodge and has established a solid foundation upon which to build a better Fraternity. In addition, a special thank you goes out to W. James Barker for his dedicated service to Etolian Lodge as Secretary at a time when we needed it the most.

New Brothers

On April 28th we raised four Brothers; two from our Lodge and two from Churchville Lodge No. 667. Congratulations to Brothers William Reynolds and Thomas Hicks of Etolian and Kenneth Stewart and Lawrence Tibeau of Churchville on their

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advancement to Master Mason. It was quite a sight to see more than 50 Brothers on the sidelines to participate in the Degree. Well done!

Election and Installation

On Monday, May 12th, the following Brothers were elected and subsequently will be installed on May 31st:

- Master **Brian Keery**
SW **Dennis Tianello**
JW **Michael Schwartz**
Sec. **R.W. Jay McCullough**
Treas. **Thomas Michielsen**
Trustee, 3 yrs. **Donald Darrohn**

Congratulations and thank you to the Brothers for accepting these important positions for the ensuing year.

Upcoming events

July 9th will be our Sport Shirt Night. As a new fun twist, let us see who can bring the most "ugly" necktie. The more audacious the better. I promise that you will not have to wear them...at least not for too long. Be careful that your selection was not an important gift from someone special. No need to cause any unnecessary distress.

July 16th is the date of our Family Picnic at Pineway Ponds with Etolian Chapter No. 308 OES. As usual all family members are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun. There will be games for the kids, beverages and meat will be provided. You will need to bring your own table settings and a dish to pass. Hope to see you there.

Editor's Award for Lodge News Articles
The following article has been selected as an outstanding and well written contribution from a local author.

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943

W.. Robert E. Carlson, Master
426-8572

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

R.. W.. Richard C. Friedman
Sec. (h) 377-6175 (w) 271-2775
152 Commercial St. West
East Rochester, N.Y. 14445

New Master

It is with great honor and pleasure that I communicate to you as Master of this wonderful Lodge. I am proud to assume the leadership of this group of dedicated Brothers and am very excited about my plans for the new year. I realize the importance of having a versatile and interesting Trestleboard that peaks and maintains the interest of us all. My hope is that you will not be disappointed with our plans for the year.

The way to the East

In becoming Master, I believe I did it the best way, by working my way up through all the Chairs. Each Chair giving me a different perspective on the Lodge and fully appreciating the role has helped me to better understand the workings of the Craft. I have seen too often Brothers being

progressing quickly and not properly benefitting from the process. No Master should be in the East without the experience of the Senior Deacon Chair. It was there I learned the importance of Degree work and the beauty of the Ritual.

Standards

ERAC No. 943 has a history of high Lodge standards and it is my intention to hold to that tradition through good communication, rehearsals for Opening/Closing the Lodge and Degree work, proper Ritual work and fellowship.

Attendance

One area of concern is related to newly raised Brothers within the last four years who have disappeared from Lodge attendance. I would like to make a plea to you and hope that you will consider rejoining us. This actually applies to any Brother who has not attended a meeting recently. My hope is to see 35-40 of us at each meeting. I promise to make the return a pleasant and rewarding experience.

Communication

For our out of the area Brothers who rely on this communication, I will be dedicated to updating you on our progress and experiences throughout the course of the year.

Events

Look for the Trestleboard and notice two events of importance in the month of August. On the 9th we will be marching as a Lodge in the East Rochester Parade. The 25th, our first meeting of the year, will be our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Please call me or any of the officers to address questions or concerns.

Dues

For those Brothers without their 1997 dues card, make that happen as quickly as possible! The Lodge needs all of us to be current with our annual dues.

I hope your Summer is wonderful and we see you at Lodge in August.

SENECA LODGE NO. 943
1980
Rochester, N.Y.

W.. Donald A. Rose, Master
458-9005
Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.

W.. Robert C. Green, Sec.
(H) 223-5953 (F) 425-7054
Webster Masonic Temple
30 Orchard St.,
Webster, N.Y. 14580

Brethren

Thank you for the vote of confidence you have in me that I was able to run for the Office of Master unopposed and thanks to Masonic friends that supported us by attending the installation of Officers at Seneca. I take this opportunity in open forum to thank the out-going Master, W.. Tom Foote, for his assistance, and also the venerable R..W.. William Russell, R..W.. Norman Selke and R..W.. Fred Belluscio for their work in the Installation of Officers and my Investiture. It is at times like these that the heritage of Seneca Lodge is most apparent.

Summer events

The dates of our Summer events are:
June 10th - Dinner, meeting, rehearsal for the 2nd Degree.

June 13th - Dinner on Canal.
June 18th - Dinner and 2nd Degree.

July 19th - Picnic on Canandaigua Lake.

August - Steak Roast/Bring-a-Friend.

I ask any of our Brothers to suggest candidates for the DeWitt Clinton Award we plan to present at the November communication.

Be there

I give all of you a special invitation to attend Lodge and become involved with your Brothers.

For those unable to attend meetings because of sickness, please notify us so that we might pass along your condition to the Brethren and boost your spirits with a note of good wishes for a speedy recovery. For those unable to venture out at night or are unsteady behind the wheel, let us know that we might aid you to attend Lodge.

For those too far away let us hear from you that we may inform the Lodge of your current circumstances and pass along highlights in your life.

Out of sight is NOT out of mind.

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 Michael Batz

I had the honor of attending a dinner on April 29th at the Maplewood Inn for our Past Masters. There were twenty or so in attendance who all shared their histories and favorite Masonic memories. W.. John McNab (1941), the second oldest Past Master, was in attendance. I laid out some of the work on my trestleboard, and named next year's Line. The group shared their wisdom and applauded my views for the ensuing year.

New officers

If you didn't make the May Lodge meeting to vote, the following Brothers have been elected:
Master **Michael Batz**
Senior Warden **Glenn Stahl**
Junior Warden **William Baldwin**
Secretary **Herb Spencer**
Treasurer **Howard Belt**

We have filled all the Chairs and all of the officers will be installed at an Open Installation on Tuesday, June 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge room. There will be a social hour from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (with the Fellowcraft bar) and Rund's will cater a sit down dinner. Reservations are required, please call Herb Spencer. The cost is only \$8.00 or \$15.00 per couple. Since this is an Open Installation, feel free to bring a potential candidate or family members.

Plans

The new budget was submitted and it proposes some increased expenditures in order to fulfill my sincere commitment to growing Lodge membership. Several gatherings are planned for the Summer, such as our picnic, a Red Wings game, dinner cruise, and much more. Watch your mail

for flyers and details of upcoming events. They will be designed for family fun and to introduce potential candidates to our Fraternity.

Planning these events takes time and energy; if you have an interest in helping out in anyway, contact Herb Spencer or me. One of our newest Brothers, Rand Gee, has graciously volunteered to lend his talents in organizing many of these events. I don't expect him to do this alone. Appointments are pending.

Please join us

The market has been good to our trust funds and we will have a final report for your perusal. We have elected new Trustees as needed. I will publish a full list of officers, along with the approved budget, and my trestleboard for the next year. (My focus will be on this Summer's events). Most, if not all, of our regular business meetings will have a program, refreshments, and fellowship. Please join us when you are able, there are many Brothers I have never had the honor to meet and that is a personal goal of mine this year.

CLIO LODGE No. 779

W.. Dale Polmateer
Master
392-9076

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

Charles A. Tucker, DSA
Secretary 392-2006
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Hilton, N.Y. 14468
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By Charles Tucker, MSA

My Brothers

As Grand Lodge would say, when a Grand Lodge Officer passes on, another mighty oak has fallen. Well, Clio Lodge lost a mighty oak when W.. Donn Stevens left his earthly trapping and joined the Heavenly family on April 23, 1997. While we mourn his loss, we rejoice that we are citizens of two worlds. He has preceded us to that other world from whose borne no traveler returns.

Brother Donn was born in Rockford, North Dakota on October 18, 1925. Masons are all great people, but Donn was the person we have all heard about and wanted to meet. I had the pleasure to know this man and I will never forget him, as is the feeling of many of his Brothers.

Active Brother

He belonged to Hiram Chapter No. 62, Royal Arch Masons; played the organ in many Blue Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters; and was Master of Clio Lodge No. 779 in 1994-1995. Donn was a respected member of his community.

Personal

Donn is survived by his loving wife, Rita, children Carol (James)

DeMetro, Gary (Colleen), Brian and Donna.

Brother Donn was active in Aldersgate United Methodist Church and sang in the choir.

Sickness and distress

Brother Harry DeHollander's mother fell and injured herself quite badly.

Happy Birthday

June birthday Brothers are: Don Littlefield, Wm. Schmitt, Thomas Burger, Donald Wright, Harry Clapper, Carl Doel, Robert Hulek and Myron Waterman. July birthdays are: Dave Pestell, Stan Durbin, Norman Wright, and Stu Brickman.

August birthdays are: Dick Barnes, Tom Tanner, Doug Trembeth, Larry Justice, Roy Steinbronn, Jr., Robert Corbitt, Ralph Massey, and Gordie Smith. I hope you all have a happy birthday.

Thanks

The Lodge thanks ladies from Leah Chapter, young ladies from the Girl Scouts and Betty Everts, who put in a long day. We also thank all the Brothers who showed up to work.

Spaghetti Dinner

The last Spaghetti Dinner for the Summer will be June 11th. The next dinner will be September 24th.

Lodge will open September 16th. We will see you in the Fall. Have a good Summer.

Elected Officers 1997-98

- Master **Dale Polmateer**
Senior Warden **Sean Noonan**
Junior Warden **Jeff Ross**
Treasurer **David Goodrich**
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The Mother Lodge

There was Rundle, Station Master.
An' Beazely of the Rail.
An' Ackerman, Commissariat,
An' Blake, Conductor/Sergeant,
our Master twice was e',
With 'im that kept the European-shop,
Old Framjee Edulee,
Outside - Sergeant! Sit! Salute!
Salaam!
Inside - Brother, an' it doesn't do no 'arm.
We met upon the level an' we parted on the square,
An' was Junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out there!

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant,
An' saul the Aden Jew,
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman
Of Survey Office, too;
There was Babu Chuckerbutty,
An' Amir Singh the Sikh,

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certain that there would be no problem, but he was still excited.

The evening came. The Master talked at length of his time at Grand Lodge and of his excitement at being there. He also thanked the Lodge for the opportunity of representing them and for supporting his trip. Then the Master announced it was time for nominations and election.

The Junior Warden rose and said, "I nominate George for the office of Junior Warden for the coming year. I also move that the nominations be closed for the office of Junior Warden and that the Secretary be instructed to cast one unanimous ballot for George as Junior Warden."

"Second", said David upon rising and saluting the Master.

The Master asked, "George, are you willing to accept the nomination as Junior Warden for the coming year?"

"Yes, Worshipful Master", replied George.

"Brethren, we have the nomination of George for Junior Warden for the coming year and make a motion to close the nominations and have the Secretary cast one unanimous ballot. Is there any discussion?" The Master paused. "All in favor of the motion vote by the ancient sign of a Master Mason while voting. All opposed; same sign. The motion is carried." Brother Secretary, cast the ballot. The Secretary did. "Brother Tellers what did you find?"

Sam rising said, "The Tellers find one unanimous ballot for George as Junior Warden for the coming year."

The Master asked, "George, are you willing to accept the office of Junior Warden for the coming year?"

"Yes, Worshipful Master, I graciously accept the office of Junior Warden for the coming year", replied George. He was so excited. This was the first office in any organization that he had ever

been elected to. George was ecstatic for the rest of the evening. Upon arriving home, his wife noticed the look of pleasure on his face.

News and Views

There are many different ways a Brother can gain information about Freemasonry. The first, of course, is to attend regular Lodge meetings and pay careful attention to the Ritual. A second way is to read about the Craft. "How may one do this?", you ask. Well, I'll give you some hints.

First, scour bookstores for any books on Freemasonry. This is not an easy task, as I have found over the years. A better method is to use the Monroe Masonic Library. The Library is open on an occasional basis. The Masonic Service Bureau may be able to tell you when it will be open. Better yet, volunteer to serve in the Library on a regular basis.

The Chancellor Robert L. Livingston Library and Museum, located in the Grand Lodge building in New York City, has several reading courses. These courses cost only the return postage of the books, about 90 cents. There are several courses and the topics covered by the books sent is varied. Information can be obtained directly from the Library or by calling Grand Lodge at 1-800-3MASON4.

Continuing a quest for knowledge, join the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philalethes Society and the Philalethes Society itself. The fees are modest and the Philalethes publishes a magazine filled with interesting articles on Freemasonry. The local Chapter can be contacted through the Secretary, Bill Edwards, or the President, Bill Lindsay. Consult the Monroe County Masonic Directory for addresses and phone numbers.

Another step is to join a research Lodge. There are several around the country. The closest is the American Lodge of Research chartered by the Grand Lodge of N.Y. and located in the Masonic Hall in N.Y.C. The address is: Secretary, American Lodge of Research, Masonic Hall, Box 210, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010.

Other Research Lodges are the Texas Lodge of Research and the Southern California Research Lodge. I can supply you with these addresses on request. Each of the Research Lodges publishes transactions that contain many interesting papers on Freemasonry.

The premier Research Lodge, and the oldest, is Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 located in England. It has a Correspondence Circle that any Master Mason can join and receive the yearly transactions, and, if in England, visit the Lodge when in session. The papers read before this Lodge are of the highest cal-

iber and can be controversial as well. The local contact is A. John Tijou.

There are many other paths to Masonic Light. I hope that these suggestions are of use to the Brethren who are seriously seeking more light in Masonry. □



By Harold Bollotin

Future visits

Visits for the Fall season had been originally scheduled to begin on Sunday, October 12th. Due to the major budget cutting and downsizing of the VAMC, future visits may possibly be curtailed. Wards have been closed, patients are being transferred to private nursing homes and many experienced, caring medial staff have been laid off. There may be less need for some of the volunteer visitors at the VAMC.

Tom Paglia, who is a member of the VA Voluntary Service Executive Committee, will keep us informed.

Voluntary Awards Banquet

This annual event was held at the Burgundy Basin Inn on May 1, 1997. Its purpose is to honor and recognize VAMC Volunteers who have devoted long and faithful service to the Center.

Our own Tom Paglia was presented a Certificate of Service Award for his devoting a length of service encompassing a total of 12 years and 2,125 hours. Tom is not only the Director of our Masonic volunteers, but also, as mentioned above, a member of the Volunteer Executive Committee. He has faithfully attended all the monthly meetings. In addition, he has attended and participated in many other events related to the veterans throughout the years. Congratulations, Tom! □

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Countries

- England
 - Ireland
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Masonic Charities

By Phil Hurwitz

The following is a text of a presentation I gave in Lodge concerning Masonic charities. Those present to hear me speak suggested I submit the text for inclusion into the *Masonic Times*.

My only contact with Masonic philanthropy, prior to becoming a Mason, was the Shriner's Circus. I had a vague understanding that the money raised would be used for children who were burned in a fire or who were crippled.

I have been a Mason now for approximately 4 years. My knowledge of Masonic philanthropy, up until recently, had not improved with age. Like many of you, I contribute when I can to the Brotherhood Fund; put my money in the collection box to support the Masonic Home in Utica and have participated in the Have-a-Heart Program to support the Ronald McDonald House.

What then motivates us to do charitable works? Speaking for myself, I find that the motivation to charity is driven by one of three desires. Those three reasons are: a) the desire to become a better citizen; b) the belief that there is more to life than work and play; and c) altruism (selfless concern for the welfare of others).

Locally

The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester, Inc., serves as a clearinghouse for Masonic philanthropy and information, for both Masons and Eastern Star. Of all the activities it concerns itself with, the most notable in my opinion is their Loan Closet.

Equipment

The Loan Closet provides walkers, wheelchairs, canes, commodes, crutches and other equipment to our community. The only requirement is a need. No fees are demanded nor is Masonic affiliation required. Several thousand requests are made each year. As of January 13, 1997, approximately 1,000 pieces of equipment are out on loan. Equally astonishing is the fact that this service is provided despite the constant need for repair and replacement of equipment. Wheelchairs alone cost approximately \$500 apiece. This constant need for repair and replacement is exacerbated when people lose, destroy, neglect or sell the equipment that has been entrusted to them.

The Service Bureau provides scholarships to students. One set of scholarships are for students who are either college bound or have arrived, and are related to a Mason. The other set of scholarships are awarded to a school in Monroe County, who in turn decides on the recipient. Masonic affiliation in this instance is not required. Anyone who has any familiarity with the ever increasing cost of tuition can appreciate how important these scholarships are to students and their families.

If you know of a Brother who is having trouble paying for his medications, the Service Bureau will provide assistance. The Bureau also makes grants each year to other philanthropic organizations in our area. They include: Camp Turk, The Salvation Army, Open Door Mission and three soup kitchens, in particular: St. Peter's, St. Joseph's and Corpus Christi Church.

The Bureau, on a case by case basis, will provide financial assistance for Brothers in short term

need. An example related to me by the Service Bureau, was of a Brother who approached his Lodge secretary for help. This Brother in turn was referred to the Service Bureau, who in turn notified Grand Lodge. The Service Bureau investigated the situation to determine how and what this Brother was doing to solve his problem upon being satisfied that this Brother's plight was short term in nature, (he had been laid off and was having trouble meeting his monthly expenses, e.g. mortgage), both the Bureau and Grand Lodge donated money to help this Brother out (Grand Lodge matched \$ for \$ what the Service Bureau donated). The money was remitted to that Brother's Lodge secretary, who in turn disbursed the money to the Brother on an as needed basis.

Concordant Bodies

On a national scale, Masonic philanthropy concerns itself with health care and medical research. Concordant Bodies are out in front in these efforts. Scottish Rite specializes in both children's hospitals and centers for speech and language disorders. These centers for language disorders are designed to help pre-school children who need help in developing their abilities to read, write and speak. Admission is available regardless of Masonic affiliation or ability to pay. The Shriner's specialize in hospitals for crippled children and burn center units. Admission to these hospitals are free of charge if in the opinion of staff surgeons a child, under 18, can be cured or substantially helped, and treatment at another facility would place a financial burden on the child's parents. Treatment is provided free of charge. Knights Templar Eye Foundation provide research, surgical treatment and hospitalization for those who suffer from eye disorders, which if left untreated, could result in blindness. Assistance is provided to those who cannot afford treatment, and cannot receive adequate assistance from other sources (e.g. Medicaid). Grotto provides dentistry for handicapped children, 18 or younger. What makes this service unique is that it provides dental care for children, who because of a muscular handicap, cannot be treated by traditional dental methods. Dentists with specialized training are used to treat children suffering from cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, mental retardation or myasthenia gravis. Applicants for this service must be sponsored by a local Grotto.

Research

In the area of medical research, it again is our Concordant Bodies who are out in front. Scottish Rite, since 1934, has provided research grants to medical researchers to find a cure for schizophrenia. Other categories of medical research that benefit from Masonic support include auditory research (Royal Arch), arteriosclerosis (Cryptic Masons); Muscular Dystrophy, (Tall Cedars).

Locally, the Monroe Districts are involved in support of Boy Scouts through the Masters and Wardens Assoc. A Table Lodge is convened. At the Lodge, money is raised for use in purchasing Eagle Scout Kits. The local Ronald McDonald House is also supported each year through the Have-a-Heart Campaign. Rochester has been chosen by the Scottish Rite as one of its sites for a Learning Center for children with dyslexia. □

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

This month I would like to discuss an idea regarding the well being of our Masonic Fraternity, which pertains to membership and its retention.

We Masons lost members three ways; demits, non-payment of dues, and death. Our Grand organizations are trying every possible way that they know of to slow down and/or eliminate this terrible problem.

Some years ago a dear friend and Brother and I worked out a solution to this problem. Although I have discussed this with a number of Brothers, not too much ever became of it except to institute it in his Lodge. It has been working very successfully in his Masonic group, so I will try, in this column, to generate some interest among the entities in the Monroe Districts and surrounding areas.

To me it has many plusses and I have yet to discern any negatives in it. If properly set up, no Lodge or entity will lose the benefits of acquiring members. They will reap the financial benefits of this program forever.

Simply said at this writing, the idea is to charge a one time fee to each new member and work out a schedule of charges to each present member. These dollars are invested in a mutual fund (which is the safest and best way to invest for long term funds).

The proceeds of this investment are used to pay the dues of each participating member for life!

Please notice that with this arrangement only the income produced is utilized, and the principal remains forever, for investment.

The result is that the entity keeps the principal, and it continues to produce, that no member will ever be lost by demit or non-payment of dues, and when a member passes away, his share continues to produce assets for his Organization, which steadily increases the assets of the Lodge.

In my humble opinion, this is one heck of an idea!

If any reader or entity is interested in learning the details of this program, and how the one presently in operation is behaving, please contact the writer. □

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(Grandma Moses)

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Interesting evening

The Annual Feast of the Finger Lakes Chapter was well attended by members and visitors. In addition to a fine meal prepared by Hildegard and her staff, and some interesting door prizes afterward, all had the opportunity to hear an excellent presentation by George Peter regarding the Freemason-Mormon historical relationship, presented in the context of zealotry, bigotry, and intolerance. Brother Peter began his talk by reciting from a poem of a tragic event from the Armenian genocide, "The Dance of the Brides". This poem set the tone for the eventual harsh misunderstandings which developed between Masons and Mormons.

Benjamin Franklin

In a larger sense, Brother Peter's talk helps us remember that Masonic history and events are not always salutary. A case in point is Benjamin Franklin, former Grand Master of Pennsylvania, scientist and American statesman. Contemporary Freemasons are proud to claim his membership as an evidence of beneficent influence in American public life. While this notion may be true "in the long view", Dr. Stephen Bullock reports in "Revolutionary Brotherhood" (pg.85), "Philadelphia Freemasons did not participate in the funeral of Brother Benjamin Franklin...the cities Masonic Lodges completely ignored the event, failing even to note the death of one of the first Freemasons in America and the former Grand Master of Pennsylvania". The funeral procession was watched by more than 20,000 spectators and included every significant organization in Philadelphia-except one!

Franklin had been a member of "the Moderns", practitioners of Freemasonry who sought and encouraged the companionship of the "genteel elite", and who disdained as "vulgar" the less educated mechanics and tradesmen. The latter, of course, were the backbone of the American Revolution, allied themselves organizationally and philosophically with the "Ancients" and took over the reigns of American Freemasonry. One doubts that the Moderns (and Franklin) had the strong sense of "on the level" that is a characteristic of Masonry today.

FBI

In January I read a biographical history of J. Edgar Hoover that only briefly mentioned his Masonic affiliation, though it attempted to present a balanced view of his contributions and shortcomings as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The author made effort to explain why Hoover acted as he did in his personal relationships, why he developed the FBI role in certain sectors of American life, and equally, why he chose to ignore,

or not respond to some issues in America (i.e. the organized crime menace). The author carefully documents how Hoover insulated himself from political censure by maintaining a set of "dirt" files documenting the foibles of America's political leaders.

Wanting to learn more about Hoover's Masonic career, I contacted the AASR Southern Jurisdiction Library where Hoover's memorabilia was deposited after his death. They told me to await the May issue of the "Scottish Rite Journal", which would carry a large article on Hoover. I finally saw the article, and it did provide the information for which I was searching regarding Hoover's Masonic history. It is, however, written by Deke DeLoach, Chairman of the Hoover Foundation, which exists to preserve his memory, his memorabilia, and to give scholarships in his name. The article makes an emotional pitch for funds, and concludes with a quote from an address Hoover made to the GLF&AM NT in 1950:

"The virtue of tolerance and the ability to respect different opinions, beliefs, and ideas have enriched the life of America. Tolerance is the eternal virtue through which good conquers evil and truth vanquishes untruth."

Through the Freedom of Information Act (which did not exist when Hoover made these remarks) much has been learned about Hoover's beliefs and behaviors as Director of the FBI. It is a generally held opinion by historians and legal scholars that Hoover would have gone to jail if he ever had to stand trial for his own particular brand of tolerance; that is, if he wasn't first held accountable for using public funds for personal expenses. In his time, Hoover may have been the greatest threat to American civil liberties of any public official.

Masonic hero worship causes unease, and I'm not sure that it advantages the Fraternity: I am sure that I would be most reluctant to point to some of our "heroes" and tell my son that how they lived would be a good role model for him in his life, given that Franklin would never have agreed to have a conversation with him because of his unlabeled Irish origin, and I think I know what J. Edgar would have thought about his carrying.

I think George Peter had in mind with his presentation, that we must all come to grips with the issue of "intolerance" if we are to do more than practice it for "the right reasons", we must grow. I'm not there yet, but I am working on it. □

Poetry Niche

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Our time is short
We never know
When comes the time
That we must go

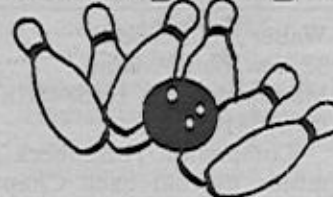
And when we pass
and leave behind
Our loves - our lives
Our power of mind

Shall we have mattered
Shall we have scattered
A meaningful seed
Or meaningless patter

Look forward and back
At your life my friend
Is it now as fulfilled
As you wish it to end.

By Leonard A. Latta

Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

Congratulations to WTP for winning their second straight Masonic Gothic League Championship. Last season they needed a playoff to pull on top, but this time they had it won before the final week. The winning team members are Chuck Gillens, John Kenney, John Harris and Dave Mawhiney.

Final 1996-97 Standings

WTP Graphics	160-80
Big Balls	134-106
The X Men	132-108
Maiden Lanes	125-115
Hubbard	120-120
Underachievers	118-122
Quadrants	115-125
Mauls	104-136
Alley Gators	100-140
Northfield	92-148
High Average-Don Weis-206	
High Scratch Series-Rick Flanagan-729	
High Handicap Series-John Harris-757	
High Game-Rob Goodyear-729	
Scratch, 294 Handicap	
Most Improved Bowler-John Kenney-+22 pins	
High Team Series, Scratch-WTP-2489	
High Team Series, Handicap-Alley Gators-2590	
High Team Game, Scratch-WTP-864	
High Team Game, Handicap-Northfield-926	

For this season, league bowlers rolled 119 600 and over series and 603 200 games. In the final five weeks, they rolled 21 600+ series and 110 200 games. John

The following poem was read by W. Gordon Dodge on the occasion of his receiving the D.S.A. from Flower City Lodge No. 910 on April 10th.

My Coffee Saucer

I ain't never made a fortune and it's probably too late,
I ain't worried about that though,
I'm happy anyhow.

As I go along life's journey, I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer 'cause my cup has overflowed.

Oh, I ain't got a lot of riches, sometimes the goings tough,
But I got a little grandson who loves me and makes me rich enough.

I thank "God" for all his blessings and the mercies he's bestowed,
I'm drinking from my saucer 'cause my cup has overflowed.

Oh, sometimes things get a little tough and my faith grows a little bit thin,
But all at once the dark clouds Move away and the sun peaks through again.

So Lord help me never to brag about the tough road I've hoed,
I'm drinking from my saucer 'cause my cup has overflowed.

And if "God" gives me the courage when the road is steep and rough,
I won't ask for any more blessings 'cause I've been blessed enough.

Harris rolled his second 700 series of the season - 713 (206, 240, 267). Heinz Gunkel earned an ABC 150 Over Average Patch for his 671 (256, 247) series. Gerry Duell earned an ABC Senior Award for a series 125 pins over his average - 639 (241).

600 series were rolled by Don Weis-687 (257, 233), 630 (234) and 615 (242) and 615; Rex Edwards, Jr.-672 (223, 236) and 612 (246); Rick Flanagan-651 (236) and 638 (234, 224); Glenn Keenan-648 (227); John Flynn-633 (227) and 601; Rob Goodyear-632 (279); Harold Reynolds-625; Bud Abbott-619 (239); Chuck Gillens-617 (243); Dave Gunkel-611 (226, 225); John Kenney-605 (224) and 602 (223).

Other notable games rolled by John Harris-242; Angelo Pastore-242; John Zauner-239; John Grentzinger-234 and 223; Mike Pastore-233, 221 and 218; Bud Abbott-232; John Flynn-231; Rex Edwards, Jr.-224; Corey Kent-221; Harold Reynolds-220; Jack Thibaut-214; Dick Giedd-213; Dave Horton-213; Don Root-209 and Casey Brennan-207.

We will be returning to Maiden Lanes on Wednesday nights again next season. Individuals and teams interested in any openings we may have, please contact me at the above telephone number. The league is open to both Masons and non-Masons. This is a good opportunity to introduce your non-Mason friends to other Masons and possibly gaining new members.

Thanks

I thank all the Masonic Bowling League bowlers for their cooperation again this season. I especially thank my fellow league officers for their help-President Chuck Gillens and Vice-President Dave Mawhiney. It takes more than a Secretary to make a bowling league run smoothly and be enjoyable for everyone. □

And I hope I never get too busy to help another share his load,
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'cause...my.cup..has.. overflowed.

(Originally presented by M.W. Roy H. Evans, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Canada, at the Grand Master's Banquet on July 20, 1994; from the Grantham Lodge Trestleboard, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.) □

Mystery Poem

The following is a portion of a poem by an American author. Can you tell whether the author is a Mason and who it is?

These Temples grew as grows the grass
Art might obey, but not surpass.
The passive Master lent his hand
To the vast soul that o'er him planned;
And the same power that reared the shrine
Bestrode the tribes that knelt within. □

Don't turn over the page until you have really tried.

I would not the good Bishop be,
And yet, for all his faith could see,
I see his cowed portrait dear,
His words are music to my ears,
The last few lines are:
distasteful for a career as a clergy-
man. The poem is by Ralph Waldo Emerson. The title is "The Prob-

Mystery Poem

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O.V.s.

The Official Visits are under way and will be completed with my trip to Livonia Chapter in Avon on the 25th. Response to the Grand High Priest's Message has been enthusiastic thus far.

The plea for Chapter and District Chairmen to lead the efforts for the Bicentennial, Charities, Membership/Membership Retention and Communications Committees still needs to be answered. Two of the Chapters have made a start.

Companions, membership recruitment is a serious matter. Logic tells us that without new members we will not survive and without good communications with the present membership we will surely perish. According to Webster, "Perish: 1. to lose life or vitality. 2. to be destroyed or come to nothing". That is a pretty accurate assessment of the result if we do not exalt a sufficient number of Companions every year. This problem is not peculiar to small Chapters. Even our largest Chapter has decreased by a net of 9 members; that's about 6%. We don't need Decreases! In my visits I have been accused of preaching to the choir. Companions who have been in the Chapters for many years should not feel that they cannot help in this effort, keep your eyes open when in Lodge, talk Royal Arch on any occasion: hey, you never know!

We have to aggressively address this membership problem if we intend to make those net numbers positive or at least zero. The pot won't boil if no one chops the wood. We need woodchoppers as well as fire starters if we are to get things cooking.

Seals

I received a letter from the Chairman of the Scholarship Seals Program. If there is a need for more Seals they can be obtained by contacting:

Walter J. Hilsenbeck
32 New York Avenue
Massapequa, NY 11758-4818
(516) 541-5624

Companion Hilsenbeck reminds us that each Chapter should have a Chairman for this effort and that you do not have to be a RAM to sell them. All proceeds from the sales should be sent to the Grand Treasurer:

Vernon Goodrich
31 Hillrise Drive
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A bright note on the Scholarship Drive is that we have already reached almost 50% of last year's total receipts (over \$12,000). The Chairman, Edmund Harrison says, "Do not ease up your efforts, keep up the momentum!"

A Night at the Ballpark

As advertised in the last issue of the *Masonic Times*, the Grand Chapter is sponsoring a RAM Night at the P&C Stadium in Syracuse. The intention of the GHP is to make this an annual event, moving from Syracuse to Buffalo or Rochester next year. The event as planned will include a RAM Picnic preceding the game. Details can be found in the Grand Chapter article by Bill DuPree, GM2V.

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Here it is June already and we have just gotten into the swing of things. Much has taken place this year in Hiram Chapter and it won't be long before we will be installing our new Officers.

Picnic time

You have all by now received your notice about the picnic, so how about a large turnout? It would be nice to see 100 people there to make it our biggest.

Also, don't forget to mark October on your calendar for the Canadian weekend here in Rochester. Reservation forms for that weekend will be sent out to you with the time, place and menu.

Progress Lodge

I was invited to attend Progress Lodge in Canada for their Official Visit on April 8th. They classified my visit as an Official one, which was a real honor for me. As you can see by the picture, there were quite a few high ranking officers there with a total atten-



(Front row) V.W.: Herb Lee - Sec., William Barnett - Historian, George Kyriakides - I.G., W.: Mel Hawley - I.P.M., W.: David A. Daniels - Master, R.W.: Kenneth E. Holmes, R.W.: Tom Paglia, William Saab. (mid.) William Mackenzie, Zlato Kireta - Chap., Mohammed Datoo - J.S., Nadim Faza - S.W., (back) W.: Gord Wilson, W.: Brian Booth - Grnd. Pursuivant, W.: Roy Gauthier - Dist. Sec., V.W.: Gordon Mackenzie, W.: Fayez Nasser - Treasurer.

dance of 75. Talk about rolling out the red carpet, they surely made me feel at home. Wonderful people, those Brethren from Canada.

Orient Chapter

May 28th will also be the Official Visit for me to Orient Chapter, RAM. This time R.E.: Vernon Goodrich, Grand Treasurer, State of New York, Royal Arch Masons; R.E.: Lawrence Dunn, Assistant Grand Treasurer; R.E.: Donald Brugger, DDGHP, 27th Capitular Dis-

trict; E.: Paul Josephson, King, Hiram Chapter; E.: Thomas Paglia, High Priest, Hiram Chapter plan to be there. The Canadians will be very pleased if we can all attend. We will have a story in the September issue if possible. Our friendship with the Canadians is starting to flourish.

This year will be our 27th year for visitations. Back in 1995 no one had thought of telling anyone that it was our 25th year, so it slipped by with no fanfare. We will try to make up for the 25th in

October, that is why the Officers of Hiram Chapter would like a large turnout for that weekend.

Summer recess

Summervacation will be starting soon and we will all be going our separate ways. The Officers of Hiram Chapter wish all the Companions and their families a safe Summer. Remember to use sun screen, a good pair of sun glasses, a hat for those on the light side, and be careful when swimming or boating.

God bless all of you.

District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District



R.E. Daniel N. Evans

Scheduling

It's considered Spring by the calendar. So far we have had a little Spring and a taste of Summer. For all you fishermen, the trout season is well on its way. Also, when the weather dries, you golfers can take to the links. Keep in mind not to shirk your commitment to your individual Chapters. Your Chapter meetings are scheduled in the By-Laws of each Chapter. As the Dictionary describes the word "schedule" - a list of time of recurring events (meetings).

Attendance

As I have made my Official Visits, I've found each Chapter is in need of better attendance - every Chapter must strive towards this goal. I have found that most Chapters in our District have a membership of approximately 40 members. The High Priest of each Chapter must make an effort to get its members to attend meetings. If this takes written summons or phone calls, then this

is what must be done. Carpools could be formed to bring out some of the older (more mature) members who no longer can drive.

Sickness & distress

V.E.: Stephen Licht of Western Star Chapter No. 35 is out of the hospital. He has had surgery and is recuperating at home. I know he would want to be remembered in your prayers. If there are any other Companions that I should know about, please bring it to my attention.

Golfers - attention!

Now to all the Masonic golfers of Western New York, I leave this passing thought: They were sitting around after Chapter one night over coffee and donuts. The Chaplain asked the Captain of the Host how come he doesn't play golf with the High Priest anymore. "That's easy!", was the reply. "Would you play golf with anyone who cheats, who picks up a ball when your back is turned?" "Course not!", said the Chaplain. "Neither will the High Priest", said the Captain of the Host.

Western Star Chapter No. 35 RAM

1st & 3rd Thursdays

V.E.: Stephen A. Licht, HP
343-1517
Franklin P. Lund, Sec.
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200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

Greetings Companions

The Summer recess jumped out of the bushes a little faster than I was expecting, it seems. With only a minimal amount of begging on my part, Melissa has

agreed to host an evening picnic at our house. We are planning on a Thursday or Friday evening in mid-July. Assorted grilled "things" and beverages will be provided. All that will be asked is a dish to pass, N.B. a dish filled with food is preferred. Final arrangements will be communicated to you in the next two weeks.

June

Our last convocation until September will be on June 5th. I would like to open and promptly discharge such business as is required. Picnic plans and tickets for the August picnic will be available.

June 19th, Gateway Chapter, Amherst Presentation of Grand Representative Apron to R.E.: Ed Zobrest.

Royal Arch Baseball Night in Syracuse is on July 17th.

Please mark the date of our District Picnic in Warsaw Park, August 20th, on your calendars now. Contact the DDGHP or AGL if you plan to attend and need a ticket/reservation.

Enjoy the Summer!

Grand Chapter
State of
New York,
Royal Arch
Masons

M.E.: C. Richard Trust
Grand High Priest

RAM at the P&C Stadium

By William DuPree, GM2V
Our get-together on July 17, 1997, at the new P&C Stadium to watch the baseball game between the Syracuse Sky Chiefs and the

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Grand Chapter

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Scrantom Wilkes-Barre Red Barons, which begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be preceded by a group picnic at 6:00 p.m., now awaits your response. This get-together is for all Masons, their families and friends.

The cost per person is as follows: to attend the picnic located behind the right field fence, and to watch the ballgame that follows, will be \$15.00.

To just watch the ballgame at 7:00 p.m., the cost is \$7.00 (children under 12 are \$6.00).


The picnic features hamburgs, hot dogs, pasta salad, cole slaw, potato chips, dessert, soft drinks and coffee.

Because we have to guarantee the number of tickets, which must be paid for early in July, the cut-off date is July 7th and all monies must be sent to William L. DuPree, 104 Dewey Avenue, Fayetteville, NY 13066. Make checks payable to him. If the game is rained out, we will either reschedule or the money will be refunded.

Maybe we can get the GHP to throw out the first ball!

Please make every effort to attend this gala affair and join with us in friendship and fellowship. □

Past High Priests Association
Western New York



V.E. Stephen Licht, Sec.
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Batavia, N.Y. 14020-9455

The Officers and members of the Past High Priest's Association are proud to announce that the 21st Annual Scholarship Dinner was a tremendous success. Over 120 Companions, their ladies and friends were present at Batavia Downs for our Banquet. We were honored to have in attendance our Grand High Priest, M.E. C. Richard Trust; R.E. Arnold Palmer, Grand Scribe; R.E. Donald Lounsberry, Grand Principal Sojourner; R.E. Vernon Goodrich, Grand Treasurer and R.E. Burtiss Goodnough, Grand Sentinel.

Beneficiaries

An especially gratifying moment was when two of our Scholarship recipients addressed the assembly and spoke about their college and work experiences. To see and speak with beneficiaries of our Scholarship Program reinforces the need for us to continue our good works.

Presentations

Our Grand High Priest was presented with a plaque of appreciation and an Honorary Life Membership in the Association. Plaques of appreciation were also presented to R.E. Ruel Lovett, Past President; R.E. Vernon Goodrich, past DDGHP of the 27th District; R.E. Gary Thompson, Past DDGHP, 29th District, and R.E. Keith Dash, DDGHP of the 31st District.

Thanks to all

That evening the Grand High Priest received in excess of \$2,000.00 for the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund. These moneys were derived from the sale of

Seals, dinner proceeds, and individual, as well as Chapter donations. In the final analysis, it was all from YOU, the Companions.

Next meeting

We will meet on Tuesday, September 30, 1997, at Cambria's Restaurant, 6354 Transit Road, Depew. The social hour will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; dinner at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Advance reservations are not required. We will be ordering from the following menu:

Prime Rib at \$16.95; Spaghetti and Meatballs at \$9.95; Chicken Parmesan and Pasta at \$11.95 and Fish at \$10.95.

1998 Scholarship Dinner

This annual event will be on the last Saturday in April. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. The tentative location will be at Ripa's Restaurant on Walden Avenue at Pavement Road in Lancaster. □

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

Ill.: Vernon G. Rupert
Master
343-8429

Ill.: Ruell R. Lovett
Recorder
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West Main Street
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Busy evening

Monday, May 12th was a very busy evening for the Council. The Degree of Select Master was conferred on five candidates. This was followed by the Election and Installation of Officers for the coming year.

Degree

The Council welcomes new members, Fred Bowman, Dennis Turton, Sr., and William Swyers who received the Degree that evening. Also receiving the Degree were William Colin and Jerome Marshall from Skoi-Yase Council No. 75, Geneva, NY.

New Officers

I.: Master. Vernon G. Rupert
Deputy Master Keith C. Denton
PCW Daniel N. Evans
Treasurer Layton F. Vogel
Recorder Ruel R. Lovett
Chaplain R.: Ill.: Stephen Licht
C of G William H. Genagon
C of C Norman Austin
Steward William A. Swyers
Mar. Ill.: Kenneth Kohlhagen
Sent. Robert A. Forbes


Next assembly

This will be held on September 22nd. I wish a happy Summer for all and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our assemblies in the Fall. □

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered in 1993

1st & 3rd Mondays



SK Robert L. Zahn
Commander

SK Lawrence W. Dunn
Recorder 594-8033

New Officers

The Election of Officers was held on April 21st. The following

were elected and appointed to serve for the ensuing year:


Commander Robert Zahn, PC
Generalissimo Laszlo Tuczai
Capt. Gen. David Lathers, PC
Sen. Warden Douglas Poole
Jr. Warden John Dudley
Treasurer Stanley Peterson, PC
Recorder Lawrence Dunn, PC
Trustee Donald Brugger, PC
Prelate Frederick Holderle, PC
Standard Bearer Ed Brereton
Sword Bearer Paul Josephson
Warder Thomas Paglia
Sentinel H. Dean Airy
Organist William Kuehne

I was honored to be re-elected as Commander. It gives me another chance to do it right!

June 2nd Conclave

This will be an organizational Conclave for the ensuing year. We will be discussing membership, programs and social events. All Past Commanders and Sir Knights are urged to attend. Uniform of the day will be fatigue. □

Batavia Commandery No. 34
Knights Templar



Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays

SK Keith C. Denton, Commander
SK Allen L. Capwell
Recorder 786-3897

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In the beginning

Prior to entering into each level of York Rite Masonry, you were asked questions and took vows and obligations attesting to the selfless purity of your reasons for becoming part of our Fraternity. The very definition of a "good man".

Lessons to make you better

In the first three Degrees you were taught, the cardinal virtues, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. Charity was taught you as a Mark Master, Moderation as a Past Master, your Industry was rewarded as a Most Excellent Master and when you passed under the Living Arch you received a lesson in Humility. When you were created a Companion of the Red Cross you were impressed with the almighty force and the importance of Truth. When you were admitted a Knight of Malta you were instructed to be Zealous and Vigilant for the honor of knighthood. Then, you sat alone and read: Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works (Matt. 5:16). In the Order of the Temple, as a pilgrim, you performed three long years as a trial of Patience and Perseverance. Then as a Pilgrim Warrior, three more years performing deeds of more exalted usefulness, a trial of your Courage and Constancy.

The injustice

Then comes the more modern, and unfortunately all too common, Ritual of "Advancement". That of being thrown into line, advanced through the Chairs (usually not all of them), and finding yourself overwhelmed or burned out within five years. We have got to stop the insanity!

You get what you settle for

If we continue to push good men through the lines without requiring they accomplish a level of excellence first, we will surely destroy our Order. Leaders are not born, they are made. No one should attain a level of leadership in our Organization who has not earned it by exemplifying the aforementioned qualities we say we hold so dear. If we are going to make good men better, then we must first challenge them to be their best. We have got to stop rewarding mediocrity.

The quest

I have made it my personal quest to ensure that every Masonic Organization I have influence in will raise its level of acceptance and only promote those who are best qualified to lead. I challenge each of you to do the same!


Coming events

June 12th is our Ladies Night Dinner at The Lumberyard Restaurant, 18S. Federal St., Perry at 7:00 p.m. We will be honoring our widows and Past Commanders. Uniforms, less swords, please. For reservations please call me at 637-9318.

Go To Church Sunday is at the North Bergen Presbyterian Church, North Bergen Rd., Bergen at 10:00 a.m. Uniforms and swords, please. We will form an Honor Guard for the parishioners. A Bar-B-Que, put on by SKs MacConnell and Austin will follow the Service.

The first conclave in the Fall will be on September 11th. No books! Please invest a little time this Summer to memorize your parts and increase our proficiency. Thank you. □

Genesee York Rite College No. 25



Rochester, New York
(Chartered July 14, 1962)

Charles M. Roberts
Pre-Em. Gov. 621-3796

Lawrence W. Dunn
Secretary 594-8033

By Don Brugger

At their Annual Meeting held at Mt. Morris Lodge on Saturday, May 10th Genesee York Rite College No. 25 elected their new line. The Officers were installed



(1st) Ruell Lovett, Charles Roberts and Harvey Payne. (2nd) Steve Wing, Ken Kohlhagen, Lee Coller, Jerry Brade, Ron Edwards and Larry Dunn. (back) Keith Denton, Paul Josephson and Don Brugger.

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The Officers are as follows:

Pre-Em.-Governor Charles M. Roberts
Em. Deputy Governor Ruell R. Lovett
Em. Chancellor Kenneth E. Kohlhagen
Em. Secretary PG Lawrence W. Dunn, OPC
Em. Treasurer PG Ronald J. Bertie, OPC
Noble Primate Donald J. Brugger
Noble Preceptor Paul B. Josephson
Noble Seneschal Keith C. Denton
Noble Marshal L. Ronald Edwards
Noble Sentinel Jerold A. Brade
Trustee P G Lee L. Coller, Sr.

Distinguished visitor

The VED Deputy Grand Governor, Harvey D. Payne, representing RED Grand Governor Courtland M. Andrew, took this occasion to visit our College. He brought the greetings of the Grand Governor and wished all the best in the ensuing year. The next meeting will be on September 6th in Phelps, NY. □

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Scottish Rite NEWS

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Chapter of Rose Croix
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Lodge of Perfection



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



Dedication

The Dedication of the Frank and Bette Paul Masonic Children's Learning Center will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, 1997 in Cathedral Hall of the Downtown Masonic Temple. The Center will be open for tours before and after the Ceremony. Refreshments will be served.

For those attending the Council of Deliberation Meeting there will be a shuttlebus from the Hotel to the Masonic Temple.

Family Picnic

Save the afternoon of July 19th for a Family Picnic at Powder Mills Park. As of this writing, Eldon White, Chairman, hopes to be able to have some sort of fishing derby for the children. You will be getting a flyer over the Summer with the details.

Outing

The Annual Stag Outing will be on Friday, August 22nd at The Party House on Beahan Road. This event is open to all. Members of the Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA and the Leo H. Pancoast, Jr., 32° MSA Classes are especially encouraged to attend. A flyer and reservation card will be mailed to you.

Fall meeting

The next meeting of the Valley of Rochester will be September 4th. It will be an All Bodies meeting when the Annual Reports of the Valley Committees will be presented. □

Dedication Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center

A Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center for aiding and assisting children with Dyslexia will be dedicated on Saturday, July 12, 1997 in Rochester, New York. It has been named, "The Frank and Bette Paul Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center". It is anticipated that the first students will be enrolled in the Fall of 1997.

The Center will be dedicated by the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, M.: W.: Earle J. Hino, Jr. He will be assisted by the Grand Line Officers. The dignified and inspirational Ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. in Cathedral Hall of the Downtown Masonic Temple, 875 Main St. E. The Learning Center is located on the 3rd Floor in an area donated by the Valley of Rochester for the Center's use.

A highlight of the Dedication will be the special appearance of Ms. Megan Hoover, one of the first students at the Scottish Rite Learning Center in Newtonville, Mass., to successfully complete the Dyslexia Training Program. Megan is a remarkable young lady and a joy to hear as she speaks about the Scottish Rite Masons and her experiences at the Newtonville Center. Her parents, Kathy and David Hoover, will accompany her.

Masonic and Community dignitaries are scheduled to be in attendance, as well as the newly elected Board of Governors of the Center.

Guided tours of the Center will be available before and after the Ceremony. Masons, their families and friends are all cordially invited to be present and participate in this historic event for New York State Masonry.

Further details may be obtained by contacting the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors, Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, of the Valley of Rochester. You can write to him at 20 Clarkes Crossing, Fairport, NY 14450, or phone him at (716) 223-0488. □

Orator's Response

This Response was written and given by the Class Orator, Robert D. Pedersen, at the Annual Scottish Rite Banquet on April 19th. There were nine family members of the Class Sponsor, Brother Leo H. Pancoast, Jr., 32° MSA, present at the Banquet to hear this tribute to him.

"Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, distinguished guests, Brothers of the Scottish Rite, guests and ladies.

It was not only a surprise, but an honor to be designated Class Orator to represent my Brothers of the 130th Class who have advanced to the 32°.

It is our first responsibility to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of our Class Sponsor, Leo H. Pancoast, Jr. It is unfortunate that Brother Pancoast's earthly labors are finished, and he has laid to rest the working tools of life.

Please let me enlighten all of you on this exceptional individual: Brother Pancoast was raised in Churchville Lodge No. 667 in 1972, served as Master in 1978 and later as Trustee and Chaplain. In 1979 he became a member of the Valley of Rochester, serving as Most Wise Master in 1985. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Award in 1987 and served as Class Committee Chairman from 1989-'96.

1997 Spring Reunion Class



Leo H. Pancoast, Jr., 32° MSA, Class 1996 Fall Reunion

Raymond J. Boddy
Richard C. Budgeon
William E. Dunn
George H. Emmons

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Steven S. Xander

Class Officers

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Orator

Richard C. Budgeon
Steven S. Xander
David E. Larson
Robert D. Pedersen

Brother Pancoast was also a member of the York Rite; Hiram Chapter No. 62, Doric Council No. 19, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, KT.

He was also a member of Damascus Temple Shrine.

(A quote from Past Grand Master Raymond C. Ellis...the real wealth of any man consists of the countless little acts of kindness in which there is no thought of reward.)

A man is only worth exactly what he has given away. What Brother Pancoast gave was his

time, his effort, and his love for Freemasonry. The members of this Class can only hope that our actions and lives can be as fair and as spotless.

It was a pleasure to witness the dramatic allegories presented by the members of the Valley. As the Class progressed through the Degrees, from the 4th to the 32nd, we were enlightened by the lessons of each. It is our obligation to apply these lessons to our daily lives in order that we may continue to dispense the principles of Freemasonry, Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love." □

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Masonic Internet

The Masonic Bulletin Board Service, Inc., in concert with the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, recently conducted a six month survey to measure the level of interest among New York Brothers for an advanced Masonic Internet Project. As a result, the original plans for such a Website were canceled.

Instead, the MBBS decided to develop an independent Instant

Global Communications System. That project has been completed. The new Site is referred to as "The Global Fraternal Network" reflecting the nature of the undertaking. It is divided between "live" inter-active communication Forums and passive "Trestleboards" (bulletin boards) where one can leave messages.

The Network is exclusively for Master Masons and us Username and Password protected. In spite of the security the GFN still cautions not to discuss the esoteric works of the Craft on this type of medium, although one major purpose for this security is to keep off objectionable characters so often found on the internet.

The Registration process is on the Site and applications are reviewed by the Site's Staff. It can take up to ten days before your Log-on Information is returned to you, but most are returned in a day or two.

The founders have been quoted as saying, "We were interested in developing a real Cyberspace Community of Master Masons around the World...and you know? It's working. The response has been nothing less than amazing".

The best part...there's no cost involved. (Courtesy The Masonic Bulletin Board Service, Inc.) □

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Damascus Temple No. 2

Shrine News



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Potentate - Erwin Newell

From the Potentate



Erwin M. Newell

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75th Anniversary

On Wednesday, June 4th, Damascus Shriners will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Shriner's Hospital for Children. This celebration will replace our regularly scheduled meeting. Instead we will have an evening of fun and fellowship, which will begin with a good old fashioned picnic type supper-hots, hamburgs, salads, etc.

After dinner, we will show the 75th Anniversary "Un Telethon" which was shown on network TV in the areas where the Shrine Hospitals are located. The video will be shown on a theater type screen. Some of the stars of the video are President Gerald R. Ford, Pat Morita, Peter Graves, Red Skelton, and Burt Reynolds, along with former patients of our hospitals. When we are done drying our eyes after the video, we will have "make your own sundaes" for dessert. The cost is only \$3.50 per person and the dress is strictly casual-no suits allowed. A

prize will be given to a man and lady for the loudest/craziest sport shirt.

All invited

I cordially invite all Masons, their ladies and friends to join us. Reservations are a must. Please call Damascus Temple at (716) 671-7701 by Monday, June 2nd. We will not accept further reservations or walk-ins on June 6th.

Summer events

I can't believe that Summer is finally about to begin. Our Temple, clubs and units have scheduled some fun events for the Summer. Our Imperial Convention is in St. Louis from June 28-July 3, and the added trip to Branson, Mo. will be July 3-6.

Several Summer parades have already been scheduled. The Rainbow Bridge Ceremony and Parade takes place in Niagara Falls, Canada on June 7th; the Webster Parade is on July 17th and the Chili Parade on July 19th.

June 1st is Erie Hospital Day. On July 26th we will have the famous Bill Baldwin Ox Roast at the Mosque. The Director Staff Picnic will be August 10th at the Mosque. There will be a Temple Golf Outing on August 21st followed by the Annual Canandaigua Stag Steak and Corn Roast.

There are also many more parties going on during the Summer, and as you can see, there is something for everyone.

The highlight of the 1st six months of 1997 was Wednesday, May 7th, when we created 16 new Nobles. Welcome aboard, Nobles. I know your membership in Damascus will round out your Masonic career. Remember, do not forget your roots-your BLUE LODGE. Think membership-the heartbeat of every organization.

In closing, I hope each and everyone of you have a fun filled and safe Summer.

From the Recorder

By Ill.: Cyrus Kloner, PP

It is a privilege to be afforded the opportunity to address the entire family of Masonry in our area through the vehicle of the *Masonic Times*.

When I became Potentate in 1994, I initiated a program in which our Divan was encouraged to become very visible at, and involved in, the functions of the other Masonic Bodies, attempting thereby to show our support. That program has been successful and is continuing today.

We are all Brothers and as such must work for the best interest of the Fraternity as a whole. There are detractors who feel that the Shrine is stealing their members. To counter this ill founded proclamation, I offer the following for your consideration.

a. To be a member of the Shrine you must be a member of a Blue Lodge and a 32° Mason, or a York Rite Mason and Knight Templar.

b. Damascus Temple encourages its members to be active in the other Bodies of the Masonic Fraternity.

c. Damascus Temple has an array of programs that it offers to the other Bodies of our Fraternity.

d. A great number of the members of Damascus Temple are active in their Blue Lodges and Concordant Bodies.

e. Those Bodies who are "losing their members to the Shrine" may not be offering them the activities that will keep their interest.

f. Remember, Brothers sometimes only join the Fraternity to become members of the Shrine.

Shrine Dates

June

- 1-Erie Hospital Day
- 2-Lunch Club, Divan Mtg.
- 4-Shrine mtg. Ladies invited
- 7-Media Pot.'s Ball
Rainbow Bridge Ceremony
- 9-Lunch Club
- 11-Circus Workers' Party
- 12-Greeters
- 14-Legion Ladies Night
- 16-Auburn Clowns
Lunch Club Ladies Day
- 17-St. Louis Meeting
- 18-Patrol Canal Cruise
Wheelers
- 19-Perry - Canandaigua
- 20-Penn Yan
- 21-Color Guard Ladies Night
- 23-Lunch Club
Divan Mtg.
- 28-30 Imperial Sessions -
St. Louis

July

- 1-3 Imperial Session-St. Louis
- 3-6 Branson
- 12-Legion Stag Steak Roast
- 14-Lunch Club
- 17-Webster Parade
- 19-Chili Parade
- 20-Yacht Club
- 21-Lunch Club-Ladies Day
- 26-Ox Roast-Mosque
- 28-Lunch Club

August

- 4-Divan Mtg.
Lunch Club
- 7-Geneva Fishing Derby
- 9-Wheelers-Picnic
- 10-Director's Stf. Picnic-Mosque
- 11-Lunch Club
- 20-Patrol-Dutcher's
- 21-Temple Golf Tourny-Lunch,
Dinner-Canandaigua
- 25-Lunch Club

Each Body of Masonry must strive to be vital, vibrant and alive for that is the way to keep and attract members. Damascus Temple is endeavoring to do just that and by our actions have just created 16 new Nobles, as follows:

Edward Brereton, William H. Carmon, Frederic F. Cornell, Walter R. Daggett, George H. Emmons, Kenneth R. Hall, David E. Larson, Wayne McCrossen, John K. Merz, Allan P. Pundt, Bernard F. Russell, William H. Schenck, Douglas H. Skelton, Richard W. Topel, John W. Wallwork, and Gordon H. Williams.

To quote a common adage, "In unity there is strength". Therefore, we must all work together to make our Fraternity as strong as possible.

Did You Know?

By David Clarke, PR

The total Shrine membership in North America is approximately 610,000.

There are 191 Shrine Temples or Chapters throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Republic of Panama.

Do you know that the purpose of Shriners' Hospitals is three fold? 1. Treatment: to save children's lives and restore their bodies to the highest level of usefulness. 2. Research: to conduct research into orthopedic and burn care. 3. Education: to train physicians and other medical professionals in the treatment of orthopedic disabilities and burn injuries.

Do you know that the money to operate the 22 Shriners' Hospitals comes from gifts, bequests, income from the Endowment Fund, hospital fundraising events and the Annual Assessment paid by all Shriners?

Did you know that the total operating budget for the 22 Shriners' Hospitals for 1996 exceeded \$334 million with \$20 million allocated for research, and another \$85 million allocated for capital expenditures?

How about the fact that 96% of the operating budget is used directly for patient care and research.

Try to guess how much money in total has been raised by Shriners over the years to operate hospitals. (Hint: your guess should be more than \$3.1 billion).

Did you know that \$1.6 million per day must be raised to keep our hospitals operating smoothly?

A fact that most Shriners and Brothers should be aware of is

that more than 530,000 children have been helped to date.

One of the goals that our doctors strive for is to limit the stay of the patient in the hospital so that they can go home to families and loved ones. To date the average length of a stay is 8.1 days.

Do you know that it costs absolutely nothing for a child to receive care at a Shriners' Hospital! All care and services provided are totally without charge to the patient and family.

A fact not readily known is that there are three spinal cord injury rehabilitation centers among our units. Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco are the locations. Spinal injuries are among the most difficult injuries to treat and our units are proud of their success in this area.

Now that you are in possession of Shriner Hospital facts, and are sure that you want to help our kids, why not join the "World's Greatest Philanthropy"? Help build a treasury of better futures.

New Audio Cassette for the Blue Lodge

By Bruce D. Chilton

On behalf of Damascus Temple, the Membership Development Committee, along with the Potentate and Divan, I am proud to announce the near completion of a new audio cassette tape designed to help the Blue Lodge with membership development. The 14 minute tape tells the story of Masonry. It has been professionally done and features one of our local Brothers as the narrator. It is designed to be given to a prospective candidate with the idea that he will listen to it at his leisure with the hope that it will whet his appetite for more Light in Masonry. At least one copy will be sent to every Lodge in the geographic area of Damascus Temple, free of charge. Additional copies will be available at cost.

For the new Masters

We have developed a Power Point Presentation that can be presented to your Lodge as a program telling the story of the Shrine. If you need a program, and are interested in having the Shrine present this program for you, just call the office with your request.

Summer is finally upon us

Summer for the Shrine is a wonderful time. The many clubs and unit get-togethers, parades and the Imperial Sessions in St.

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Jan Lughart, Monarch

Monarch's Message

The Empire State Association Grotto Spring Meeting was a complete success. The Red Tassel Party was a lot of fun and Prophet Don McDill won first prize. Arlene Topel won the sweat shirt.

The Spring Ceremonial was May 21st.

The Fall meeting of the Empire State Grotto Association will be held on September 11, 12 and 13th. See me for reservation forms.

Have a great Summer. We will see you in the Fall.

Master of Ceremonies

Did you miss the last meeting? If you did, make a date with yourself to come to this month's meeting and renew old friendships. You'll be glad you did.

Grotto Picnic

Please note the date change to Wednesday, June 11th, Henrietta Town Park from 3:00 p.m. 'til 10:00 p.m. Prophets are welcome to bring a Brother Master Mason as his guest. We will eat at 6:00 p.m. and have cards and merriment after dinner. Food, refreshments and fellowship prevail. Dress is casual and plan to enjoy yourself.

ESGA

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.

Membership

We have some petitions outstanding. Please get them in by the Board of Governors meeting on June 2nd. 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 334-4196.

Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson, Exc. Officer

Thanks

Our 50th Anniversary Party at the Dutch Mill on May 12th was a very fine evening. Special thanks to Prophet George Knierim for his talk on the history of the Legion, and a tribute to the memory of those who have gone on before us.

Summer plans

There will be no meeting in June. There will be a picnic in July for our members and their wives, only. Time and place to be announced.

Dates to Remember

Mon., June 2nd-Board of Governors 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., June 5th-Caldron Supreme Visit Doric Hall 7:00 p.m.

Mon., June 9th-Legion of Honor- Dutch Mill 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Wed. June 11th-Grotto Picnic 3:00 p.m. Henrietta Town Park

Mon., June 16th-Caldron Picnic Home of Beverly Murray

**Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship**

Congratulations

On behalf of the Legion of Honor, congratulations and best wishes to all of our newest Prophets. When you become active in the Grotto, you'll find that you will get much more out of it than you put into it.

Golf Tournament

Get your Lodge Brothers together on August 2nd and enter the Grotto Golf Tournament. It is open to all Masons. Use the entry form on this page. Do it today!

Board of Governors

The date for the meeting is Monday, June 2nd in the Grotto Office at 7:30 p.m.

Auditorium Calendar

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.

Good Fellowship

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

Caldron News

By Christina Eekhout, MCO

June plans

With the arrival of June we can all look forward to a beautiful

Summer and time to rest and renew our stamina for the year ahead.

June 5th the Supreme MCO, Jeanette Roberts, will be our guest for the Supreme Inspection, followed by a breakfast sponsored by the PMCO's on June 6th, under the Chairmanship of Daughter Beverly Murray.

On June 16th the PMCO's will have a picnic at her home for the final meeting before Summer vacations.

Thanks

I realize how hard you have all worked to achieve our goals! It is difficult to express my appreciation, but I want you ALL to know and realize it has been noted and I do appreciate it. I look forward to the Sessions in September, and our invitation to join the Grotto picnic on Saturday, September 6th at Henrietta Park.

Have a safe and happy Summer!

Checks Presented At ESGA Spring Meeting



Charles Sinclair, Ken Milner presenting check to Carol Bonenfont of Hillside Children's Home, Ken Winter, Brad Mengel, Jan Lughart, Roy Finboe, Mike Polisk and Ron Morthorst. (back) Joe Davis, Paul Winner, and George Abraham.



Charles Sinclair presenting a check to Carol Bonenfont of the Hillside Children's Home from the Empire State Grotto Association.

Shrine

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Louis are all reasons to look forward to Summer in the Shrine.

Hot Sands

Joining Damascus Temple on May 7th were 16 proud 32° Masons who will benefit from their decision to join the Shrine. They will be given the opportunity to see the Hospital at Erie, PA on June 1st where we are all going to take part in a parade. On June 7th we can be found on the Peace Bridge in Canada meeting our Canadian Nobles halfway for the beginning of another parade. By

the time you read this we will have already been a part of the parade in Perry, NY. There will be a parade in Webster, as well as in a few other locations. The Shrine activities are many and varied throughout the Summer in the Shrine. We welcome all to join us and take part in the fun.

The Shrine has something for everyone and we encourage you to become a part of the greatest philanthropy known to man. "Nobody does it better."

Love cures people - both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it. (Dr. Karl Menninger)

The Mother Lodge

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An' Castro from the fittin-sheds,
The Roman catholick!

We 'adn't good regalia,
An' our Lodge was ald an bare,
But we knew the Antient Landmarks,
An' we kep' 'em to a hair;
An' lookin' on it backwards
it often strikes me thus,
there ain't such things as infidels'
Excep', per'aps it's us.

For monthly, after Labour,
We'd all sit down and smoke
(We dursn't give no banquits,
Lest a Brother's caste were broke),
An' man on man got talkin'
Religion an' the rest
An, every man comparin'
Of God 'e knew the best.

Full oft on Guv'ment service
this rovin' foot 'ath pressed,
An' bore fraternal greetin's
To the Lodges east an' west,
From Kohat to Singapore,
But I wish that I might see them
In my Mother-Lodge Once
more!...

Rudyard Kipling

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Grand Official Visit

On May 15th approximately 200 Sisters, Brothers and friends gathered at the First United Methodist Church in Batavia for the Official Visit of Mt. Wthy. Constance M. Carter, Grand Matron; Mt. Wthy. Kenneth T. Irwin, Grand Patron; and their Staff of Grand Officers. Rt. Wthy. June R. Lee, DDGM, and Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss, DGL, welcomed the Grand Matron and Grand Patron to the Sweetest Little District (Genesee/Wyoming) of New York State. Mt. Wthy. Mary T. Strong, Past Grand Matron welcomed all who came to help us honor our Grand Leaders.

The Memorial Hand Bell Choir of the First United Methodist Church was enjoyed by all. June and Charles thank all who helped in any way to make the evening a success.

Fun Night

The Genesee/Wyoming District OES is sponsoring a Fun Night on June 28th at the Masonic Temple in Warsaw. Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 each and includes dinner and a special event. Tickets may be obtained from any of the Chapters or by contacting me at 343-2710.

Friendship Night

All Chapters of this District are invited to attend Friendship Night at Thorpe Chapter No. 462 on June 5th.

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Matron
Wthy. Jean Stewart
Secretary

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The First Half

Wthy. Carol Wynings has been busy planning meetings, projects, and entertainment. For this we thank her and all who helped. It would be nice if more members came out to enjoy our meetings, so try the next half.

Concerns

We send our best to those who aren't able to attend our meetings. We do miss you all. Get well wishes to Sister Kathleen Skelton's husband, Jim. Please let Sister Kathleen know of anyone who should be remembered during the Summer.

June

A regular meeting will be held June 3rd with a "pirate" card game afterward. The Committee for June and September 16th is Sisters Sue Mason, Barbara Heeg, Rt. Wthy. Lucile Mason, Sister Doris and Brother Charles Daycock.

Our big Rummage Sale will be held on June 6th from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and June 7th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Riga Town Park, Buffalo Road.

We will let you know more about a dinner for the Lodge in June. We will be needing donations and help.

Things to remember

The Oriskany trip on July 26th.

Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi's Homecoming, October 7th.

Projects: stamps, Tops tapes, Campbell labels and bottle return money.

Most of all, your Sister Secret Pal.

Have a great Summer

If absence makes the heart grow fonder, then a lot of folks sure do love the Church.

Rochester Chapter No. 314

Order of the Eastern Star

Wthy. BARBARA SPANO
Matron 244-1503

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Secretary 482-0994

First Saturday
7:30 P.M.

875 East Main Street
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The best way to succeed in life is to act on the advice you give to others.

The year seems to be flying by. We are half way thru and there is still so much to do.

The Bake Sale was a great success. Thanks to all who helped, either by baking or working. A big thanks to Wal-Mart in Henrietta for the help and courtesies extended to our Chapter.

Our June meeting will be a very busy night. We will be honoring the Past Matrons and Patrons with a dinner, gathering is at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Invitations will be sent out for this occasion. Get out your Rituals. We will opening in Long Form. After the meeting we will be having a "miniature race". Bring any miniature you may have at home and a dollar for the entry fee. There will be prizes for the winners.

Picnic

Be sure to put the Chapter Picnic on your calendar. It will be at Sister Dianne Johnson's, come anytime after 1:00 p.m. and bring your bikini, towel, chair and a dish to pass. You do not need to bring a table setting (who wants to wash dishes?), we will provide the paper products. We will have the 2nd Annual Running of our Stuffed Animals.

Planning ahead

Craft sessions for the Fall Bazaar began on May 13th at Rt. Wthy. Audrey's and will continue every Tuesday afternoon until she feels we have enough merchandise. You can show up at 1:30 p.m.

Our Garage Sale is June 12, 13, and 14th. Please let Rt. Wthy. Audrey know which days you can help. Rain is not allowed this year so you will not need your umbrella. The sale will be at Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens, 518 Merchants Road.

Let us hear from you

Angel hugs to all who are not able to come to Chapter. I did hear from Diane and Jim Woodruff. They are very happy in Florida and send greetings to all.

Thanks, Diane, for the great craft items you sent for the Bazaar this Spring. They were greatly appreciated. We miss you guys. I hope we hear from some more of you folks out there, we do love to hear from you.

I hope you all have a grand Summer, come back to Chapter rested and refreshed. There is still a lot to do.

Magic words

Sometimes we forget to say those magic words, "thank you". I will do it now. Thank you all for your help, advice and especially your friendship.

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

Until next time, I wish you peace.

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We had our Installation of Officers on April 26th, which was a while back, of course. I was installed as Master Councilor for the 2nd straight term. Peter DuBois was installed as Senior Councilor and Jeremy Cooper as

Junior Councilor. We also installed our new Sweetheart, Erica Hansen, who is the Beloved Queen of Fidelity Triangle.

Busy month

In the past month we joined with the other Chapters in the region at the Frontier Region Ball. We all enjoyed ourselves as well as dancing all night. Brother David Gorall delivered a Flower Talk on the 8th for Parent's Day. We also gave an Honor Guard for one of our advisors. Dad Michael Gorall was installed as Master of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge on the 20th of May. We also had a dance May 30th for Memorial Day.

June

In the month of June we will be making our last minute preparations for the State Convention in July. We will join the Masons from Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge at their annual picnic. We are also planning a dance for the 14th. We plan to go to Camp DeMolay some weekend, as well.

July

In July we hope to raise money for the Convention with a car-wash fund raiser. The Summer months will slow us down a little because we take the Summer off in order to relax.

At the Convention a lot of things will occur. We will receive a Chapter of the Year check for the amount of money that we earned in the past year. We hope to place first in our Region and in the top five throughout the State. Brother David Gorall has also made the official announcement that he will be running for a State Office.

DeMolay in the Rochester area is on the move. We brought in six new members in our Order this past term. That triples the number of members we had received in the past three terms combined. The Chapter has made a strong move in trying to get even more members. Our membership goal for this next term is 20 new members. We have planned trips to area Scout Troops in search of new prospects. If you would like to help in any way, please don't hesitate to let us know. You may contact Jeff Wood at 342-1947 or me at 458-5255. Our Chapter would also be happy to put on a Flower Talk, or any other Ceremony at any time.

In Memoriam

April

Chazan, Samuel

Samuel was a member of Flower City Lodge No. 910 when he passed away on April 21st. He is survived by his wife, Tanya, 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Mason, Richard H. (Skip)

The Great Architect of the Universe called Richard home on April 22nd at the age of 62. He was a member of Rochester Consistory. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, 3 children and other family members.

Stevens, Donn E.

Donn was a courageous man who always smiled and said he felt fine. He entered into his Eternal Rest on April 23rd after a long illness. He was a member and Past Master of Clio Lodge No. 779 and Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM. Donn is survived by his wife, Rita, 4 children, 4 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Lublin, Louis

Northfield Lodge No. 426 and Rochester Consistory lost a member with the death of Louis. He was 82 years old is survived by his wife, Joan, 5 children, 5 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

May

Freeman, Elbert H.

Elbert was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and a Past Master of Corinthian Temple Lodge. He passed away on May 12th. Survivors include his wife, Viola, one daughter, one grandson and other family members.

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

Eichenlaub, Robert

Robert was a member of Churchville Lodge No. 667 and passed away January 21, 1997.

Evert, Ralph F.

Clio Lodge No. 779 lost a member with the passing of Ralph.

Harding, Richard C.

Richard was a member of Fairport Lodge No. 426.

Lickers, Arthur S.

Arthur was a resident of Florida and a member of Fame Lodge No. 945 at the time of his death.

McConnell, David R.

David was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, KT and Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM.

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- Jul. 20 GW Council of Masonic Activities, Batavia
- Aug. 3 GW District Go to Church
S. Byron United Methodist
- Aug. 9 Grand Master's Day, Camp Turk
- Sept. Grand Commandery
- Oct. 2 Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night
- Oct. 13 The Last Round of Golf (Lakeside Foundation)
- Oct. 25 Grand Master's Town Meeting, Area 15
Downtown Temple, Rochester
- Nov. 6 Annual Scottish Rite Family Life Week Program
- Nov. 20 & 22 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion

1998

- Apr. 25 Widows Luncheon, Logan's Party House
- Apr. 29 Annual Feast, Finger Lakes Chapter, Philaloes

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"Masonic aspects of the Great Pyramid"
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- William Zufall
"The Morgan Affair"
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8 Clio Lodge Last Spaghetti Dinner June 11 Clio Lodge East Avenue, Hilton	9 ERAC - E. Rochester, I Etolian - Spencerport Fairport - I Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard RAM - Arcade OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes	10 Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes, I RAM - Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah	11 Service Bureau Luncheon Chrchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Clio, Spaghetti Dinner OES - Culver, Corinthian/ Fellowship, Batavia	12 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City, I RAM - Hiram, Picnic KT - Batavia	13	14 Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile  Flag Day																																																																																																																																						
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