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Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

By Don Darrohn

Another Masonic charitable campaign succeeds, with similar results to those achieved in 1996. Under the auspices of the Monroe Districts' Masters and Wardens Association, W.: Chuck Strickland of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge chaired the Annual Drive to solicit funds for the local Ronald McDonald House. Area Masons feel a strong attachment to the "Home Away from Home", having campaigned for funds in area shopping malls for nearly a decade.

This year, about \$6,600 was raised by about one hundred volunteer Masons and ladies of the Eastern Star Chapters during the period of February 6th thru February 14th. The several Lodges and Concordant Bodies were represented as well as Hesperus Lodge from the Genesee/Wyoming District.

Booths were manned at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center, Marketplace and Irondequoit, each for about nine hours daily during the Campaign. The public seemed to be well aware of the purpose of the Ronald McDonald House and volunteers were pleased to see their willingness to donate some token of support. Area Mall management is commended for permitting this charitable effort and the suppliers of cut out and sticker hearts continue to deserve the deep appreciation of the Craft. Because of their unselfish involvement, along with volunteers providing the manpower, 100% of that donated is turned over. There is no overhead or administrative charge from monies collected.

It is expected that this "labor of love" will continue for many decades. □



W.: Chuck Strickland, Chairman, and his wife, Karen.



Bernie Russell, Nick Haldoupis, and George Bracht.

Home to Host Famed Boilermaker Road Race

The Masonic Home Campus will be the site for the Health and Fitness Expo conducted in conjunction with the twentieth running of the nationally recognized and ranked Boilermaker 15K Road Race. The Expo is one of the major events to be held during the week prior to the Race.

The Expo has previously been held at Utica's Riverside Mall, but due to renovations, the Mall was not able to be the site this year. The Boilermaker Race Director, Earle Reed, approached the management of the Masonic Home with the idea of the Home being the site for the Expo. The Home's management presented the concept to the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, who unanimously approved this opportunity to showcase our beautiful Campus and Health Facility to a crowd that is expected to exceed 20,000 people during the two Expo and other events during the week.

The other events at the Home include a "Roast" to raise money for the United Way and the Sara Anne Wood Youth Run for 1,000 children.

This special activity will allow Masonry to be showcased in the best possible manner. There will be a display about the Masonic Home Campus, including the award winning Masonic Retirement Community-Acacia Village. Grand Lodge displays about famous members of the Masonic Fraternity and Masonry's Community Service Projects will be featured prominently in the Expo area. Thousands of pamphlets about Masonry's many charitable activities will be distributed. □

Your Service Bureau and the United Way

Brethren, the Annual Solicitation Letter is on the way. Please be generous in your thoughts and contributions.

Don't forget the United Way method of giving to your Service Bureau. You must request a Donor's Choice Designation Card and select **Choice No. 3**.

Agency name is: Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester, Inc. Agency ID is 1060.

Approximately 89% of the money you give, designated for the Service Bureau, will be sent to us.

The United Way is an excellent way to contribute at work through your payroll deductions. This way, \$5.00 and \$10.00 per week is not felt so much on your end, but is very meaningful at our end. Even \$1.00 will be gratefully accepted.

"No one can help everyone, but everyone can help someone". □

An Etolian Vignette

(Remembering Ceasarea Goshgarian or "George the Turk")

By W.: E. J. Wilson

During the Christmas season of 1943, I was on emergency furlough (a term then applied to a leave just prior to shipping overseas) when a Brother Mason called my home to say he was coming to see me. I knew that he, Ceasarea (Suren) Goshgarian, had recently received an Army Medical Discharge. To the Spencerport Community, he was popularly known as "George the Turk" and he operated a bar and grill in the Village.

The Wolfs of Fairport Receive DeWitt Clinton Awards



Award recipients, Phyllis and Lew Wolf, have dedicated many years of service for the benefit of developmentally challenged young adults in the Village of Fairport. A group of the young adults called The Main Street Chorus performed for the guests at the Awards Ceremonies. The Award, together with other Service Awards, were presented by W.: David Mawhiney, Master of Fairport Lodge. □

Drumcliffe School of Irish Dance Performs for Valley/Simes Lodge



By Don Brugger

Twenty young ladies from the Drumcliffe School performed traditional Irish dances for the Brothers of Valley/Simes Lodge and their ladies at their February 11th meeting. This Group performs Nationwide in Dance competitions and for fundraising. The school, located in Rochester, is Directed by Edward Murphy.

There are about 90-95 students in the school at the present time ranging in age from 4 to 20.

The senior group recently won First Place in the Irish Dance Competition in New York City. As a result of this win they are eligible to compete on an international level in Galway, Ireland, this year.

If you want to see some of the students in action, they will be performing at the Hochstein School of Music on March 8th and in the Rochester Saint Patrick's Day Parade. (Information courtesy Lynn Kinsella) □

It seems that immediately after the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese, "George" enlisted in the Army and trained in an airborne division. He said he jumped six times and slept out in what he called a "doggie tent".

While in training, he contracted pneumonia and had become desperately ill. He was so ill he only dimly remembered one of the doctors who visited him noticing his Masonic ring, making a remark to the effect that "here was a soldier who should be saved", or "here's someone we'd better save".

After a slow recovery, the doctors declared him unfit for further service and he was medically discharged from the Army. George was very disappointed. He had such a strong allegiance to his adopted country that he

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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Apology

I will start off this month with an apology to about 75 of our subscribers who did not get their *Masonic Times* for February. The reason for this was the new postal regulations. Our limited staff here has tried to get U.S.P.S. approved addresses for all of our over 5,000 subscribers. We were, however, unable to make the deadline. As of this issue we will still have a few that will not receive a *Masonic Times*. The problem is not that they do not have a valid address for first class mail; it is that they do not have an address that is compatible with periodical automated mail.

Why Periodical Automated?

The *Masonic Times*, as I have pointed out before, costs over \$600 to print and over \$500 to mail; depending on the weight number of pages. With approximately 5,200 subscribers that's about (\$500/\$200) 9.6 cents per paper. First class mail, @32 cents per ounce, would be about 78 cents per paper. As you know postal rates are always subject to change, usually in an upward direction. It is, therefore, a continual challenge keeping these costs down. If we are to take advantage of the lower rates, we have to comply with stringent requirements so bear with us. I'm sure neither we nor our readers want an increase in subscription rate.

Truth

I would call your attention to the Batavia Commandery article written by Keith Denton. He pulls no punches in addressing a subject that has concerned me for some time. Every member of a Lodge or Concordant Body should have an equal voice in the direction that organization takes. That's why we each have a vote, provided we are there to exercise it. There should be no reason why the opinion of any Brother should not have relevance.

I believe that many times we are reluctant to voice an opinion out of some misguided notion that we should never disagree. I know that according to the "book", there should be no contention within our band of friends and Brothers, but I don't believe that this statement means that there should never be any disagreement or room for differences of opinion.

The Lodge is better served by Brothers who believe enough in the Fraternity to trust in it and speak their mind.

Internet Flash

I had a call on 2/13 from a woman who said she was told that Billy Graham was a 33° Mason. She asked if I could verify this. I was embarrassed to admit that I really did not know. I did, however, tell her that I would find out and get back to her. I subsequently called the Grand Lodge Library to find out. The gal at the Livingston Library said that she had just read something about the subject and would FAX me a copy of it.

As it turns out Mr. Graham's name had appeared in a list of "Famous Masons" carried on the Grand Lodge Internet Web Site. What the gal at Grand Lodge faxed me was a copy of a letter from Mr. Graham's Evangelical Association General Counsel stating, "that Mr. Graham is not nor has ever been a member of the Masons." The letter further cautioned that "permission has not been granted to your organization to use Mr. Graham's name in any capacity. We must insist, therefore, that you immediately cease and desist from using his name in any way."

It seems that we should be very careful in the use of the Internet and the names of people used thereon. An old rule in publishing is "know your facts before you print!"

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Deferring or avoiding capital gains when selling your home

If you sell your house for more than you initially paid for it, this profit can be taxed as a capital gain. To defer paying a capital gains tax on this profit, the tax code allows you to rollover (reinvest) this profit within two years into the purchase of another home. So long as the purchase price equals or exceeds the profit realized from the sale of your prior home, then any capital gains tax that might otherwise be due will instead be deferred until the future sale of your new home. This deferral of capital gains tax will continue so long as you continue trading up to a more expensive home.

The time will come when home ownership is no longer necessary or prudent. You may decide that it's better to live in an apartment style arrangement. Fortunately, the capital gains that have been deferred all this time can be avoided when you sell your last home.

One time exclusion

The tax code allows a one-time residence exclusion of up to \$125,000 of profit realized from the sale of your home. To exclude this profit from a capital gains tax, the owner must be at least 55 years old on or before the date of the sale. Even if both owners of the same house are married to each other, the age requirement is met so long as one of the owners is 55.

Residence requirement

A second requirement is that you have maintained your home as your principle residence for a total of 3 out of the past 5 years measured from the date of the sale. Seasonal absences will not disqualify you from electing this

exclusion. For example, vacations or what I like to call "snowbird" visits to Florida, are not counted as absences from your principle residence, even if you rent your home to others during this period. Even a stay in a nursing home will not be counted against you so long as you actually used and owned the property for at least 1 out of the 5 years prior to its sale.

Since this exclusion can only be exercised once in a lifetime, a third requirement is that the taxpayer (and his spouse if co-owners) has not made this election with respect to any other home sales. A prior election could have occurred if you or your current spouse were once divorced, and sold a home connected with a prior marriage.

If you decide to elect this position, but later change your mind, you can choose to revoke this election in order to exercise it at a later time. This revocation must be filed with the IRS within the same time frame allowed for amending a tax return (usually 3 years).

Financial Planning Solutions

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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's column will be a dissertation on stock splits, with the information gleaned from one of the financial programs to which I subscribe.

When a stock is split, it is comparable to cutting up a pie. The pieces of the pie are smaller than the whole pie, and they are easier to eat and distribute among all of the diners at the table. However, the aggregate total of the portions still add up to the entire pie.

Splitting 100 shares of a \$900 stock (worth \$9,000) that pays a \$4.00 (\$400) dividend is just like cutting the pie in half. That result is 200 shares at \$45 per share (still worth \$9,000), and each share would pay a \$2.00 dividend for an aggregate amount total of \$400.

Companies often split their shares so that they are more accessible to investors, because it is easier (and cheaper) to buy this stock at \$45 per share, rather than \$90 per share.

However, many people would prefer to purchase 200 shares at \$45 per share, rather than 100 shares at \$90 per share. They may be as right as rain, sunshine and the wind.

A Rice University study analyzed 1,275 stocks listed on the New York and American Stock Exchanges between 1975 and 1990, and the study concluded the following:

1. In the first year after the split, the company outperformed companies of similar size and value by 8 percent.
2. In the second year, it outperformed them by 9 percent.
3. In the third year, it outperformed them by 12 percent.
4. Immediately after the split, it outperformed them by an average of 3.4 percent.

Conclusion: A word to the wise should be sufficient. Call your financial advisor! There is a large quantity of splits coming up this year.

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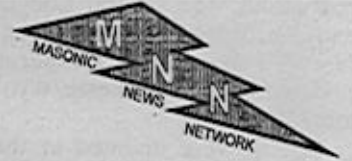
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MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

Telephone contact has been made with both the Executive Director of the Handicapped Boy Scouts of the Otetiana Council and the Director's Office of the School of the Holy Childhood. It was emphasized that my offer of community service was on behalf of the Masonic Service Bureau, representing the Masons of Monroe County. My offers were most warmly and enthusiastically received.

Appointments are being arranged with the Directors of each of the organizations for personal visits with them to discuss our community service involvement in the near future.

Three other possibilities to be explored later are Camp Good Days, the Special Olympics (both in which I have been active in past

years) and the Muscular Dystrophy Walk. Events, as they transpire, will be reported in future issues of the *Masonic Times*.

Support the Masonic Brotherhood Fund

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& UPSTATE COORDINATOR**

In Remembrance

On January 3rd I received a call that really saddened me. The wife of R.W. Moses Hyman, Chairman of NY State Grand Lodge Veterans Services Committee, passed away. A more beautiful lady you could not find anywhere. Her heart was as open as all outdoors. She dearly loved people and all dearly loved her. She had a personality plus; always with a smile, a pleasant word, helping hand or doing something that made you feel good. She will be sorely missed. To "Moe", from all of Upstate NY Masonic volunteers, our deepest sympathy.

Volunteers needed

Long term care programs: The Canandaigua VMAC is a long-term intermediate care facility with many patients having a variety of medical needs. The word long-term can mean a lifetime for many of our veterans, and programs are developed to upgrade their life at the Medical Center. We need volunteers, groups of two or three, who would be willing to make life better for an entire ward by VOLUNTEERING an afternoon or evening during the week. VOLUNTEERS are needed to assist on wards, for escorting patients, doing errands, feeding during the lunch and dinner hours, assisting with recreational activities and being a one to one companion to screened veterans (including those who are terminally ill), who need someone to be a friend. Trips to the Canteen or courtyards make a big difference. Unique activities such as visits of clowns and storytellers are welcome.

Canandaigua Veterans Club

It is located at 11 Phoenix Street, downtown Canandaigua, and is open weekdays and weekends from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Canteen

Assistance is needed cleaning tables on Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Building 36 vending area Monday-Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. exchanging canteen books to coins.

Chaplain Service

Saturday and Sunday mornings to assist in escorting veterans to both Catholic and Protestant services.

Wood shop

Skilled workers are needed to help veterans complete wood-working projects.

Nursing Home Care Unit

The Unit desperately needs volunteers to feed veterans during meal times. Training will be given by nursing service personnel, to show veterans how to wash their own laundry in the laundry room, youth volunteers to adopt veterans as "grandparents", and help them in writing letters and cards.

Building 36A

Volunteers are needed here to help play board games, talk of

special interests (such as their military life and families), and help them with their different hobbies.

Drivers

Drivers are needed for transporting patients to Buffalo and Syracuse VAMC's as well as to clinic appointments and for transporting veterans to and from Compensated Work Therapy assignments in the community. The DAV (Disabled American Veterans) transportation program is in need of drivers on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

If you are interested in doing any of the above or would like more information, call Volunteer Services at 396-3645 (ask for Robin or Patti) or call me at 227-2046 and leave a message.

March visitation

March 9th is the date for our next visitation. We will meet in Building 7 at 1:00 p.m.



Holiday Gift Distribution

This event, held on December 22, 1996, was fully reported in the February, 1997 issue. Photographs were taken which are now being submitted for this current issue of March, 1997.

Regular Ward visit No. 1

On January 12, 1997, the first ward visit of the New Year was made to the Medical Center. The six volunteers present were: Tom and Cora Paglia, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, Don Rose, and June Moon.

Tom Paglia visited with a fellow WW II Navy veteran who served in the same area. Don Rose again visited with a fellow veteran, a WW II Airborne Ranger of Special Forces, with a past rank of Master Sergeant. Don Rose served in this same outfit at a later date.

Regular Ward visit No. 2

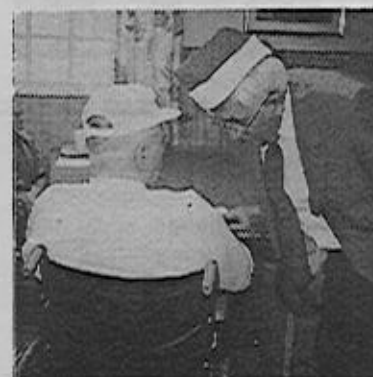
On February 9th the second visit of 1997 was made. A full report will be in the April issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Volunteer Santas Distribute Gifts at C.V.M.C.



The Germania contingent: Tom Soames, Bob McBride and Heinz Gunkel

The whole Crew: (Seated) June Moon, Harold Bollotin, Sylvia Bollotin, Cora Paglia and Marg Hood. (Standing) Tom Paglia, Bob McBride, Joe Privitera, Larry Hood, Heinz Gunkel and Tom Soames.



Tom Paglia conversing with unidentified Veteran Patient.

Volunteer Santas in action distributing gifts in the Ward.

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I am not bound to win
I am bound to be true.

Lincoln

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Members of Irondequoit Chapter, O.E.S., with handmade lap robes made for the Veterans. Barbara Cobb, Carol Wynings, Hildegard DiJames, and Robin Johnson (Chief of Vol. Services). (Standing) Wm. Cobb, Ray DiJames and David Kreuger (Chief of Rec. Therapy).

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"Everything's great! The staff is so nice and helpful. Very attentive. We have a great time talking about the old days and our families. (And teasing the staff!)
Well, gotta run. Mike wants a rematch. See you soon!
Love ya honey
Dad*



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By R.-W.- David Jones

Change

There has been much said about the need for change in the coming years if Masonry is to successfully continue into the 21st Century. Yet, how much change can we allow and still be true to our charges and goals?

On several occasions I have been approached by members of the Craft expressing their displeasure with some of the changes already instituted, while others have lauded the very same refinements. At times, it has been suggested that we do away with the memory work required of the candidate between his Degrees. This has been a particularly strong point of contention. Some Brothers feel the requirement for the work is part of who we are, and should not be changed in anyway, while others see it as an impediment to our raising more candidates, and contend that if the candidate "understands" or "comprehends" the Degree, it is sufficient to our purpose.

It is my view that the memorization of work between the Degrees requires a commitment from the candidate that makes him participate in our work, bringing him closer to the Craft. The final responsibility for the proficiency of the candidate lies with the Master of the Lodge, for he may direct their examiners as to the level of competency required. Provisions can be made for those who have a difficult time with memory work, but to deny the candidate this opportunity to display his zeal for our institution may reduce his ardor for Masonry.

We are a special organization, seeking special men to join our ranks. We should take special care in how we change what we do. We should not change solely to satisfy our critics, for they will never be satisfied. We should not change for the sake of change only, for changes are confusing to the Craft. We should change to accommodate our evolving goals and aspirations without redirecting our fundamental role as an organization rooted in history with relevance to the future. Our goal is to support men of ethics and morality. To improve these qualities through lessons inculcated by lectures and Ritual, and programs designed to give men the opportunity to put these virtues into action.

Brotherhood Fund

Have you responded to our Brotherhood Fund request yet? The work of our charitable endeavors is a never ending one, and needs your constant support to carry the good name of New York Free Masonry to the Community.

As Rich Friedman is so fond of saying, "See you in the quarries!"

Editor's Award for Non-Lodge Articles

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

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By R.-W.- William D. Spillane

I'm the guy

I'm the guy who asked to join your organization. I'm the guy who paid his dues to join. I'm the guy who stood up in front of all of you and promised to be faithful and loyal.

I sat down several times, but no one paid any attention to me. I hoped very much that somebody would have asked me to take part in a fundraising project or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and

couldn't be there. No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to the others whether I was there or not.

The next meeting I decided to stay home and watch TV. The following meeting I attended, no one asked me where I was when the last meeting was held.

You might say I'm a good guy, a good family man who holds a responsible job, loves his community and his country.

You know who else I am? I'm the guy who never came back!

It amuses me when I think back on how the heads of the organization and the members were discussing why the organization was losing members.

It amuses me now to think that they spent so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time.

All they needed to do was make me feel needed, wanted and welcome!

Author Unknown

While speaking to a Brother new to the area, I thought of this poem. This Brother spoke of Lodges he had been to that seemed cold and uncaring. Other Brothers did not approach him and introduce themselves. He was neither greeted nor welcomed into conversations. He felt, like the "guy" in the poem, that he was not needed or wanted.

This is one of the reasons why the "Shepherding Program" was created. The Laws and Traditions of Freemasonry are many. This can be overwhelming to a new candidate. For the first year, a candidate should be assigned to a well educated Brother to aid him, guide him and instruct him.

To eternalize Freemasonry, Lodges need to educate their members in all aspects of the Fraternity. We have the responsibility to provide each member with opportunities to meet and interact with others, to help him do his share, and to give him the knowledge about the Fraternity. The Shepherding Program is based on consideration, respect and cooperation. It is a team program aimed at developing each Brother to his fullest potential.

So when a candidate or a Brother you don't know approaches you, make him welcome. Introduce yourself. Ask about him and how he has been. Only in this way can we truly carry on the traditions of Freemasonry and keep our organization strong.

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS



V.-W.- John Zabel
1ST MONROE DISTRICT

R.-W.- D. Scott Seltzer
2ND MONROE DISTRICT



We begin by offering congratulations to the Brothers of Wakan/Hubbard and Charlotte/Corinthian Lodges for their fine Ritual work at our last School of Ritual. The sidelines at Northfield Lodge were packed with some very energetic Brothers from the Monroes, all of whom

enjoyed the evening. Afterwards, we were treated to some delicious refreshments provided by Brother William Fraser, JW of Northfield.

As with most Schools of Ritual, many questions were asked and we're happy to say that all but two were answered. We promised you then that we would research the answers and report back. Well, we are now reporting.

Question 1 - "What happens when an objection has been raised concerning a candidate for the second time?"

Answer - Section 358 of the Constitutions states that, "The Master in his discretion may refuse to respect a subsequent objection to the initiation of such candidate or the advancement of such Brother."

As discussion on this matter continued, the subject of a rebalot was raised.

Question 2 - "In the case of a rebalot, how many black cubes are required to reject?"

Answer - Section 570 of the Handbook states, "A rebalot is taken precisely like an original one."

We hope this clears up any questions concerning objections and rebalotting. If you should have a different opinion, please contact us. We'd love to get any input possible.

Future dates

The next School of Ritual will be March 3rd. The "Work" for the evening will be the 1st Section of the 3rd Degree and will begin at 7:30 p.m. The host Lodge will be Monroe. Northfield Lodge will do from the beginning to the Obligation. Etolian Lodge will finish the Degree.

The 1997 Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held Thursday, September 18th, at the Damascus Shrine Temple with a dinner preceding. Webster and Northfield please note that this will fall on your stated communication night.

Attention Senior Wardens

The Ceremony of Investiture for all incoming Masters will be held Friday, May 16th, in Cathedral Hall. Dinner will be served and the service will begin at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

Masters and Wardens Association

1st & 2nd MONROE DISTRICTS
President
W.- M. Donald Darrohn 225-1782
Secretary
W.- Donald C. Bell 334-7768

By W.- Donald Darrohn

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Nine years and many, many thousands of dollars, it's a tradition that we've established and one that we are all proud of! As I write this article we are in the

middle of this year's Campaign to collect contributions for the local Ronald McDonald House. There have been many individuals involved in making this event occur. This may make it appear as though it was a very simple task, but having been involved as a "Mall Manager", this author can attest that there is far more to making an event like this one a success.

Special thanks go out to W.- Charles Strickland for chairing this year's Campaign - we sincerely appreciate all your efforts. Chuck also provided the large red plexiglas hearts that were so visible at each mall booth. Thanks also go out to all the Brethren, Chapters, and Concordant Bodies for their help in supporting this year's Campaign.

Masonic Grand Ball

Deputy Grand Master, Stewart McCloud, will be the guest speaker at this year's Grand Ball on March 22nd. Each Lodge has received tickets for the event, which will cost \$25 per person. Attitude adjustment hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Zamiara's Party House is the location. The choice of entrees includes: Prime Rib, Lemon Chicken and Orange Roughy.

There will be no Masters and Wardens meeting in March. We will resume our meetings with the Ox Roast in April at Clio Lodge.

What needs to happen

I can honestly say I don't know where the time has gone! But, here it is just about the end of "our" year. When "our" year started last June, several of the Masters gathered to plan the forthcoming programs. We felt we had a pretty good handle on what was going to happen and had contacted the appropriate guests for each date. Then September rolled around and there was far more to be done than any of us realized.

Seems as though we fell into the same hole that preceding Masters groups have...we tried to do it all ourselves. Why? We were just following the pattern. We want to change the mold and break that pattern!

The Masters & Wardens Assoc. need all Wardens and Masters focused on an agenda for each year. It should NOT be an Association where all functions and activities are the responsibility of the Masters' Group, but are the responsibility of all members of the Association.

April's meeting at Clio Lodge in Hilton will be a very important one. We are requesting that all the incoming Wardens and incoming Masters be present that evening. Since we had to cancel our scheduled program, we decided to use the opportunity to discuss the difficulties, hurdles, problems, expectations, events, that will likely confront the next "our year" group and the Association. We desire to see the Association grow and serve the community in a capacity that will bring recognition to our beloved Fraternity. Together many things are possible.

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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

Past Master Night

Webster Lodge's Past Master Night has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 6th. R.: W.: Bruce Chilton, President of the Past Master Association, is organizing the program for the evening. Come on out and see the Past Masters in the chairs.

Spaghetti Dinner

The monthly Spaghetti Dinner with Webster OES is planned for Friday, March 7th. Dinner is served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will need additional help as our "regular help" have headed South for the Winter. If you have not volunteered recently, please lend a hand. A few additional hands would be greatly appreciated, especially in the afternoon to assist with preparation. If you cannot help as a volunteer, bring your family and come support the dinner. You will get a great dinner for a reasonable price. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the February dinner. We served 129 dinners!

Child ID Program

Webster Lodge will be hosting a Child ID Video Identification Program at Hegedorn's Market from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 15th. The free 2 minute video may help police identify and locate a missing child. We will also be collecting food for the Webster Food Cupboard. If you are interested in helping with this valuable Community Service Project, please give Pete Bowers (265-2526) or Mark Brooks (872-0581) a call. We will need everyone's support to make this project a success.

Fellowcraft Degree

The Fellowcraft Degree is scheduled for March 20th. W.: Bill Edwards will be in the East. It is a great opportunity for you to meet our new Brother and support your officers.

Grand Ball

The Grand Ball will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, at Zamiara Party House. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Please contact R.: W.: Paul Moore for tickets. If there is interest, a social hour will be scheduled at the Lodge before the Grand Ball. Let W.: Paul know if you are interested in the social hour.

May the Blessing of Heaven rest upon all Masons.

A word from Lodge Trustees

Webster Lodge Dining Room Renovations

We are approaching the time when we will resolve the water problem in the dining room. Last Fall an independent engineer was contracted to study the water problem inside and around the

Lodge. Webster Town drainage plans were reviewed, numerous tests performed and recommendations were presented to the Trustees. Three contractors were evaluated with Everdry Waterproofing selected to do the work. The work consists of two parts, both to be completed the week of March 10th through the 15th.

1. Seal cracks above grade and trench and seal cracks below grade on three sides of the dining room. Install drain tiles on three sides of the dining room to carry surface water to the storm drain.

2. A second crew will work inside to install drain tiles below the floor next to footings to collect water that seeps in around the foundation. The water will drain to two sump pumps located in each corner of the East wall of the dining room and be pumped in to the storm drain system. Help is needed from March 17th to the 22nd to accomplish the following: replace heat duct covers on the South wall; paint all dining room walls; replace floor tile around 2 feet of outside walls and any other loose tiles. Please contact one of your Trustees if you can help during the 3rd week of March. During February we will be installing dedicated electrical circuits to operate the two sump pumps.

Last chance

We have an upright piano that is in good playing condition. It is free to anyone who wants to come and pick it up before March 10th. We appreciate all of your support.

MONROE
Lodge No. 173

W.: Neil E. Laundry, Master 964-2135
2nd & 4th Tuesday 7:30 P.M.

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

It is still a little early to tell if we're going to be dealing with a lion or a lamb come early March. One thing is for certain, however! It's going to be one bear of a month for Monroe. We'll be starting out as the host Lodge for the March 3rd School of Ritual. I hear that some of the Brothers from down East have already broken out the snow shoes and survival rations for their trek out here. I've never been able to figure out how it can be so much further from the East side to the West side than it is from the West to the East. Must be one of those Masonic mysteries.

Monies

We have all of our financial business in order for the new year. We've added a few new charities to our Wood-Quackenbush list. I think that you'll find the '97 recipients a very interesting and worthy group. Stay tuned! I'll include more complete info in the next article. Say, hey, Jerry Werner! W.: Jerry Werner has done a super job with his recommendations to the Lodge regarding the investment of the Fund's principle and suggestions for disbursements. With his help, we've been able to help an awful lot of our community organizations and programs, while at the same time, actually expanding our base.

Events

It's a little early for me to be able to report on the Widows Luncheon, but the Have-a-Heart Campaign is over and Monroe No. 173 has once again made a difference. The monies collected on the two days that we sponsored shifts at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center was somewhere in the area of \$700.

Thank you

Our deep thanks to Worthy Matron Pat Brice and her enthusiastic band of Sisters from Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, OES. (Will we ever find out what was in that bag that Marie tried to sneak out of Frederick's of Hollywood without any of us noticing?)

Thanks also to the Constellation leaders and their young ladies who joined us once again this year to help "Ronald's Kids". (Jessie, you did a great job getting the crew out!) And, of course, thanks to all of the Brothers and their family members who were on hand to represent us and support the District. (Jeremy, I'm sorry! I'll try to get a full day shift for you next year.)

February meeting

SW Keith Denton was in the East for the 2nd communication in February. It gave him a running start for his Master's year. At that time, I was stuck out in San Diego fighting the crowds at the beach and tried not to let Donna catch me eyeballing the bikinis. (I'm just interested in keeping an eye on the latest fashions.) I hope Keith had a good time!

Way to go, guys!

Dues have been coming in at a good clip, but we're still short about 25%. W.: Roy Goold would like to ship out the rest of those '97 cards and the new directories so please take the time to get your dues in. Ditto on the Brotherhood Fund contributions. W.: Mel Doverspike reports that we're lookin' good, but with just a little more participation, we can look great!

Thank you

Thanks for all the kind letters we've received from our Monroe Masonic family over the past several weeks. It's terrific to find out what everyone's doing. Keep 'em coming.

So long for now and don't be a stranger. I hope to be able to greet you in Lodge on a Tuesday in the not too distant future. Until then, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Peace!

FAIRPORT
Lodge No. 476

W.: David H. Mawhiney, Master (w) 274-7940 (h) 264-9646
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

Mea culpa, mea culpa!!! I'm guilty! I did it! I didn't mean to do it, but I told a lie. Can you ever forgive me?

The lie

In the last issue of the *Masonic Times* I promised a Ladies Night in February. It did not happen. Well, the committee has been summarily chastised and I have donned my hairshirt in penance and offer you a Ladies Night in March.

Special Evening

On Saturday, March 22nd, a feast of New York Strip Steaks with all the trimmings and a surprise dessert will be served in honor of our special women. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the Lodge dining room.

Following dinner, Brother Ara Simonian, owner of a well-known jewelry store, will give a talk on various aspects of fine jewelry. Brother Ara will also be available to answer questions.

March events

Ladies Night is only the opening bell for March. The Past Masters of Fairport Lodge will fill the chairs on March 10th. I'm sure they will show us how the Lodge should be opened.

Although not yet confirmed, negotiations are being made for Brother John Harris to give the "World Wide Web" Program, also on the 10th.

March 24th will bring the Degree of Fellowcraft to our newest Brothers. Brother Tom Richenderfer will be in the East and tuxedos are the dress of the evening.

February revisited

As anticipated, February was a very busy month, filled with the bitterness of life.

February 9th saw Brothers Dick Mosher, Greg Ludwig, C.T. Gillens, Leon Grasby, R.J. Gillens, Doug Skelton as well as W.: Dwight Turner, R.: W.: Chick Becker and myself at Marketplace Mall, raising funds for the Ronald McDonald House. The Have-a-Heart Campaign was well recognized by the Mall patrons.

Sadness

A Memorial Service was conducted for Brother William E. Cooper on February 15th who passed away on February 4th. He had been a faithful Mason for 53 years and will be sorely missed. R.: W.: John Moll conducted the Service and extended our heartfelt sympathies to Rev. Cooper's family.

Widows Luncheon

The Annual Monroe Districts' Widows Luncheon was held on February 22nd. Several widows of Fairport Brothers accepted our invitations to attend. Reportedly a wonderful afternoon was had by all.

Official Visit

R.: W.: Cy Kloner brought us the Grand Master's Message during his Official Visit on February 24th. The meeting was prefaced by dinner at the "Goose and Gridiron" (Fairport Village Inn).

Jamaica

December, 1997, is not all that far off and our plans to help Friendly Lodge No. 239 celebrate 200 years of Masonry are coming together. W.: Marcel Goldenberg has been working overtime to bring it to fruition. Preliminary estimates, assuming 30 people attend, runs approximately \$1,000 per person, double occupancy for airfare, ground transportation and a week's lodging. Brother Marcel will also be giving a program on Jamaica and Friendly Lodge on March 6th at Webster Lodge.

Conclusion

We are having fun and getting the work done. However, we can have greater fun and lighter work if you join in. Whether it's in the Lodge room, the community or Jamaica, your participation can make it all a little better.

Etolian Vignette

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enlisted without hesitation. He felt that he owed the country a debt of gratitude and enlisting in the Army was a way in which he could make a partial repayment.

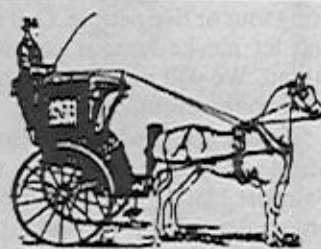
The airborne training was more strenuous for him than most. You see, he had not declared his true age when he signed up, having been 55 at the time.

As Brother Paul Harvey says in his radio broadcasts, "and now for the rest of the story". George was not a Turk. He was, in fact, born in Armenia and fought the Turks for his native land before World War I. He emigrated through the sponsorship of the Matheos brothers of Spencerport and they helped him acquire his bar and grill. It was soon after that when he petitioned Etolian Masonic Lodge in Spencerport, following which he was duly initiated, passed and raised as a member of the Craft. I was then an appointed officer in the Lodge line.

He had made a special trip to visit me while I was on furlough because, as he got up to leave that evening, he removed the plain Masonic ring that the doctor had noticed and presented it to me. He said that he thought the ring had helped him and he knew I was headed to the war zone and he wanted me to wear it—that it might help me.

I wore my ring for my tour in the Pacific and I still treasure it as an expression of Brotherly Love by a one-time soldier who loved his adopted country and his Masonry. "George the Turk" will always have a warm spot in my heart. I did return home safely and over 5 decades later, still fondly remember the tale shared by my Masonic Brother on that December night, when I was a young Mason and soldier going off to war.

Perhaps other Brothers have similar stories of Masons who influenced them to continue to be good and true to the Craft. I wanted the story of the "George" I knew to be preserved in local Masonic lore, so I offer it to you, the reader, to remember him with me.



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W.. Thomas C. Foote, Master
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Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.

W.. Robert C. Green, Sec.
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30 Orchard St.,
Webster, N.Y. 14580

Greetings Brethren! I hope all is well with everyone since last month. Soon the cold weather will be behind us and we will be enjoying the lovely green grass that has been hidden under the ice and snow.

Spreading of oil

Thank you to all the Brothers who participated in the Have-a-Heart Campaign for this year. We had some fun and raised money for a great cause. Because of your help, a family can stay together during their hour of need. I am sure they truly appreciate this.

Masonic Info Night

As you all know, on February 8th we hosted a Masonic Information Night at Webster Temple. We sent out 21 letters to potential candidates and eight of them attended. Some brought their families with them. It was quite a ruckus while the little ones chased each other around the dining area, but it was very gratifying to see some young families come out for the occasion. These are the kind of men we need to attract.

Thank you to all who attended. I do believe we will have prospective members as a direct result of the program. In order to confer the Degrees this Spring, we will need to have some of our meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month. More information on this will be sent to you in a special mailing.

Upcoming events

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

Seneca Lodge will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner at the Fairport Harbor House on Saturday, April 26th. It will be our Annual Ladies Night. An invitation has been extended to a few Lodges to share in the fun. We will be in contact with you regard-

ing this event very soon. Please mark your calendar. You will not want to miss it.

Share with your Brother Masons

How can you do your part in helping to maintain and strengthen your Lodge? Share with your Brothers your viewpoints on what is happening in Seneca today, Share your sorrows in your personal life. We can be of great help. Do not be apprehensive in asking for that help. Share your joys. We would love to soar with your heart. The working tools of Masonry need mortar to maintain their usefulness. Your participation is that mortar.

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154



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

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

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

March

Our first meeting this month features a dinner on the 10th with our ladies. A program will be put on by members of the Secret Service. Our speaker will delve into financial crimes, credit card fraud, etc. We'll also have an Officers' meeting on the 12th. The 2nd Degree will be put on by the Past Masters on the 24th.

The Masonic Grand Ball, hosted by the Masters and Wardens Association, will take place on the 22nd. All Brothers and their ladies are encouraged to attend. Call me at 334-7868 for reservations.

April

There will be a dinner on the 14th with our ladies and a wine tasting will follow our meeting. I will be in the East on the 28th for the 3rd Degree.

May

Ladies Night and our Annual Coronation Lodge Visitation will be on May 3rd. The Chairman is JW Sherwin Isaacs. He will be happy to take your reservation.

Grand Lodge will be May 5th and 6th, closely followed by our Officers' meeting on the 7th. The 12th will feature our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, including a Move-up Night. There will be no meeting on the 26th due to Memorial Day.

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479



W.. M. Donald Darrohn, Master
225-1782

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

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

March meetings

March 10th we will have W.. Grant Romer join us for a presentation on the Great Pyramids of Egypt. Our business meeting will be brief so that our ladies and guests may join us in enjoying what we know will be a most interesting program.

The Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred on March 24th with SW Brian Keery in the East for the evening. Your support for our new Brethren in their further progress will certainly be appreciated, besides, the Middle Chamber Lecture will be delivered in a manner that you will not soon forget!

Grand Ball

This year's event will occur on Saturday, March 22nd at Zamiara's Party House, 898 Buffalo Road. The price is \$25.00 per person, with a choice of Prime Rib, Lemon Chicken or Orange Roughy. There will be cheese, crackers and vegetables prior to the meal that will include soup, salad, rolls & butter, entree with baked potato and vegetables, followed by dessert - cheese cake. The special guest for this event will be R..W.. Stewart McCloud, Deputy Grand Master of the State of New York.

Special thanks

The recent Have-a-Heart Campaign at the area malls was a significant undertaking again this year to support the local Ronald McDonald House. There were many members of our Lodge and Etolian Chapter that gave up their time and staffed the booth at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. Through their efforts and those of other Masonic volunteers several thousand dollars have been contributed to support this local charity. Thank you to all who helped out.

Great event

February 10th was our Sweet-heart Dinner. Our ladies were treated to dinner served by Fidel-

ity Triangle. Chris Bensch, Curator from the Strong Museum gave an excellent Program on Valentine Traditions. Chris is available to do other Holiday Programs - hint for future Lodge programs.

CLIO LODGE No. 779



W.. Thomas W. Tanner III, Master
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(w) 964-8518

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

Charles A. Tucker, DSA
Secretary 392-2006
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By Charles A. Tucker, DSA

Ox Roast

The first thing to discuss this month is our Ox Roast on April 26th. You will be receiving a letter with two tickets in it. This is our big fundraiser and it will be the 32nd one. I hope you can find it in your hearts to respond to the letter. Thank you.

Good news

At our last communication W.. Donn Stevens was there playing the organ. Donn has been sick since last Summer. We all missed him and his music.

Brother Harry DeHollander's daughter, Melanie, came through her operation OK. At this point she is showing improvement and is in all our prayers.

Spaghetti Dinners

Our Spaghetti Dinners are still going along fine, although the weather has slowed them down a bit. The March dinners will be on the 12th and 26th. Hope to see more Brethren out to work and eat.

Happy Birthday

Our March birthday celebrants are Brothers Allen Mercer and John Elko.

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

I find it hard to believe that March has arrived so soon. Half of my term is over and yet I feel there is much yet to do.

My thanks to the DeMolay Chapter for presenting a fine program at our last meeting where they gave their Flower Talk. I was impressed and pleased to finally be able to see it.

Even as I write this column, the Investigating Committee is interviewing the three potential candidates whose petitions were read in Lodge at our January communication. I have no doubt that all three will make fine members of Flower City Lodge. We have had rehearsals for the 1st Degree and will be having more this month in preparation for the upcoming conferral. I ask that all who are able to please attend these meetings to welcome these men into our beloved Fraternity.

As you all know, without new members, our Lodge will cease to exist. Please keep in touch with your officers so you know when the Degrees are planned. Any questions you may have may be directed to the Secretary or myself. It has been about five years or so since we have raised a new Brother in our Lodge. Don't miss this opportunity to greet your new Brothers!

March

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 13th at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening is open to the ladies and friends. Doug Spencer will be with us to speak about Rochester during the Civil War. Doug is a member of a historical reenactment group and will have with him several items from that era. He will give us a history of what took place back then and how the Rochester area was involved. It sounds like an interesting program.

Sickness and distress

I would like to wish R..W.. Maury Solomon a speedy recovery. Brother Solomon had a quadruple by-pass last week and is home now, resting.

Keep in touch

Brethren, we will be having rehearsals, so please keep in touch with your officers. The Degree work is quite important and I want everyone to know their work. You cannot find your weaknesses unless you are present at the rehearsals.

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

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

A good month

February was a good month for Valley/Simes Lodge. The real meaning of Brotherhood was evident at all the events and activities where Masons of this Lodge were present.

Ladies Night

The Valentine Ladies Night Dinner Program had 35 Brothers and their ladies present. Everyone enjoyed a delicious Roast Turkey Dinner which was followed up by presenting a chocolate rose to each of our ladies. A tasty cigar of the same quality was presented each of the men.

Entertainment

While the men returned to close Lodge, the ladies arranged the dining room for a dance presentation by the "Drumcliffe School of Irish Dance". Twenty young ladies and a lad dressed in beautiful Irish costumes performed Irish dance routines that amazed everyone with their youthful abilities.

Mason of the Year

The title, "Mason of the Year" for Valley/Simes Lodge was presented to W.. Gary Burke in recognition of his loyalty and dedicated service to the Lodge. Gary, who serves as Chaplain, performs his duty and any task asked of him

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in a manner that exemplifies the traditions of Masonic Brotherhood. At the current time he also serves as the President of the Masonic Service Bureau.

Along with this honor, his name will be displayed on a plaque in the ante room of the Lodge. A Masonic watch was then presented to him as a testimony of the esteem in which he is held.

Have-a-Heart

The Ronald McDonald Have-a-Heart booth at Irondequoit Mall was manned by both our members and ladies on the 12th of February. I extend my gratitude to everyone who found time to show up for a few hours and help make the day a success. Special thanks to R. W. Harold and Sylvia Bolotin and my wife, Rita, for arriving early to get the day started and for working overtime.



R. W. Herbert Spencer, Secretary of Valley/Simes Lodge, and W. Richard Snyder, Master, presented W. George W. Francis his Service Award.



50 Year Service Award Recipients and Past Masters, W. Howard Belt (1958), W. George W. Francis (1959) and W. Carl H. Pigage (1957). All three are DSA recipients.

Widows Luncheon

Ten widows and several of our Lodge Brothers attended the Annual Widows Luncheon at Logan's on the 22nd. Our special ladies were all pleased with the guest speaker, M. W. Gary Henningsen, the fine cuisine and are looking forward to next year.

Sickness

W. George Francis is back in the hospital. He was presented his 50 year Certificate and Pin there. Those present were his wife, Helen, R. W. Mat Gingold, R. W. Herb Spencer, W. Howard Belt, W. Carl Pigage and myself. Brother George was somewhat surprised and proudly accepted his Award.

W. Courtland Young had a kidney blockage and had laser surgery to fix the problem. He's recovering at home.

Bring-a-Friend

Don't forget about April 8th! Come join us for Brother Bring-

a-Friend Night. The evening will start at 6:00 p.m. for a social time followed by a casual dinner of pizza, wings and veggies served at 6:30 p.m. A shortened communication will be held while the guests will be given a presentation about Freemasonry. Following the communication all the Brothers of the Lodge will join in for refreshments.

Please be there

The deciding point for most guests rests in the vitality and enthusiasm they observe in the Brothers who are present. Brotherhood and excitement create a desire to join. A situation where more potential candidates than Brothers attend, translates into no new petitions. If you can participate in only a few meetings, this is one where your attendance would make a big difference.

There is still time to make a dinner reservation for yourself and to submit a potential candidate's name to have an invitation mailed to him. Call the Secretary or me (our phone numbers are in the logo). Names and addresses are needed by March 18th to be included in the invitation mailing. Don't wait! This program is a vital part of our Masonic survival.

March events

The Officers Meeting will be held on March 4th at Rochester Lumber Co., 2040 University Avenue, 7:30 p.m.

March 11th is the date of our regular meeting, Ladies Night Dinner and Program.

March 12th-16th- Fellowcraft, Shrine Circus booth on the lower riverside. Contact Bill Baldwin and inform him of your availability.

The Masonic Grand Ball will be held on March 22nd at Zamiara's. It is our Lodge Ladies Night. Call me with your reservation.

Burke Named Mason of the Year



W. Dick Snyder, Master, presenting Mason of the Year Award to W. Gary Burke.

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Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969

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By Robert Ogden

101 years young

Brother Oscar Kohl was serenaded by veterans and friends of the Canandaigua Veteran's Center on February 6th, with a cake and all the trimmings. Happy Birthday, Brother Oscar, and many more!

Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

W. Chuck Strickland is the congenial co-ordinator for the program which started February 6th. Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 filled the slots from noon 'til 9:00 p.m. on February 14th. It was a fun week, and I am sure that Bonnie Vahey, Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House, will anxiously await the results. Brother Chuck, Karen and family will then depart on a Caribbean Cruise for several days.

Southward Bound

It's been reported that Brother Bill and Helen Hook left for the South on January 20th in their motorhome with van in tow. They will be stopping in Virginia, and while in Florida, Jacksonville, Sarasota, Disney World, and Titusville before returning. Daughter Chris and grandson Dave will fly down and meet them at Disney World.

Brotherhood Fund

Recently it was reported that there were 102 contributors, totaling \$3518.00, representing approximately 49% of our membership. The response has been most gratifying, but in order to reach our goal of \$5500.00, as mentioned before, it's not the amount that matters, but rather your participation in the Lodge's effort to support this important charity. Thanks very much, Brothers.

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of our departed Brother Leonard Schulmerich on his passing on January 15th.

Dinner meeting

Brothers Tom Kendig, Ed Walker and I have been busy on the phone to ensure a good turnout for our dinners. Last month the attendance was 52 and we look forward to a goodly number again.

Widows Luncheon

Many ladies enjoyed the luncheon at Logan's Party House. The event was February 22nd and M. W. Gary A. Henningsen, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, was the speaker.

Fellowcraft Annual Dinner

Brother Jack Grover has been focusing on the Fellowcraft dinner meeting, which he does so well. It will be held at the Maplewood Inn on April 8th. The social hour is at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Brother Grover is most happy to welcome new members. Please call him at 247-3007 for reservations.

Grand Ball

We will have our Ladies Night at the Grand Ball on March 22nd, with the Lodge subsidizing a part of the ticket cost. It will be held at Zamiara's Party House, 898 Buffalo Road (formerly the Doud Post) at \$25.00 per person. The menu will be beef, fowl or fish. The special guest this year will be R. W. Stewart McCloud, Deputy Grand Master.

Doing well

W. Cliff Field recently underwent surgery and is now home. I'm sure phone calls would be appreciated. If in any way the Brethren can be of assistance, Cliff, please let us know.

California bound

Old news, but W. Tom and Sue Kendig recently returned from visiting their son, Steve and his family, in California. Despite the strong winds and heavy rains, Brother Tom reported their visit was most delightful.

Ladies name badges

It was proposed, in as much as several of the Mason's wives have not met each other since the merger, that name badges would be appropriate. More on that later.

Cake decorator extraordinary

At our next dinner meeting on March 4th, W. Ken Skidmore's wife, Sue, will demonstrate the fine art of cake decoration. Sounds real exciting.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to the following Brothers whose birthdays fall in March: Dick Barth, Don DeBack, Doug Fix, Ron Frieda, James Gee, Lynn Hagstrom, Cliff Hayner, Dick Howard, Duane King, Earl Kraft, Fred Martin, Pat McWhinney, Ray Pinder, Jay Rodgers, Harold Russell, Lou Schultz, Clyde Siverd, George Steele, Larry Weekes and George Whitwell.

An apology

W. Carmen Vitali sends his regrets for being unable to get a news column in the *Masonic Times*. This is due to a heavy work schedule.

Reminders

Along with the dinner meeting on March 4th and the regular meeting on March 18th, there will be a Fellowcraft meeting on March 11th.

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Widows

Thank you for the cards and letters. It is always good to hear from our Lodge widows, letting us know how they are doing. If there is a need we should know about, or that we can help with, please give me a call or write the Lodge. I can be reached at home in the evening at 872-0113, or at work during the day at 428-6584. The Lodge address is PO Box 18261, Rochester, NY, 14618-0261.

Secret found

I have found the secret to a successful Lodge night. Give the people a reason to come. On February 6th we had a program with Ben Franklin as guest speaker. The Calling Committee did a fine job getting the word out. The turnout was very good. Everyone seemed to enjoy the program and refreshments. Special thanks to W.: John Williams who made all the arrangements, plus covered the expenses for the evening's entertainment. Brother William Fraser, Our JW, covered the costs for the refreshments for the evening. I hope to find ways to continue with more of this fine entertainment.

Degree night

On March 20th there will be a 2nd Degree with a dinner. Please call the JW William Fraser at 586-2049 to make your reservations. Please be present for a fine night of Ritual. Our newest Brothers need your support. Brother William Fraser will be in the East for the conferring of the Degree.

Brotherhood Fund

Please remember this year's Drive. Your donation goes to support the many programs that benefit, not only the Masonic community, but all of mankind, through medical research.

Dues (Hot news item)

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The money from dues goes in. The money for the bills goes out. We have a problem. The dues money is not coming in. We have several Brothers, who may have forgotten to send in their dues money. We cannot pay our bills.

We would like to be able to have the money for needed programs and to assist our Brothers and families if the need arises. Lodge entertainment is needed and is enjoyed by our members and their families. The Lodge needs some TLC, for instance, a Spring flower planting in the front of the Lodge. This has been done in the past by some of our members, some of whom are now deceased. It has been great to have these people donate their time and money, to give the Lodge that extra touch. I do believe that if a member of our Lodge asked for the Lodge to purchase flowers to be planted, they would probably be told not at this time, due to lack of funds. Please send in your past dues.

Sickness and distress

Good news. Brother Walter Weick attended Lodge on February 6th. He looks great after his open heart surgery. Walt, it was good to see you back in your officer's chair.

Bad news, for the Lodge. Brother Thomas M. Bowser is moving to Ohio. Tom is a US Marine, (or was as of this writing) and has been for eight years. Tom was stationed here in Rochester. He now is going to find out what civilian life is like. He has decided that Ohio is the place to be. Tom has been a very active Lodge member and will be missed. Good luck, Tom, on your venture into our world.

Program cancelled

The March 6th Community Recognition Program will not take place at this time.

Masonic Grand Ball

The Grand Ball will be at Zamiara's Party House, 898 Buffalo Road (old Doud Post) on March 22nd. The Party House is affiliated with Rick's Prime Rib House. Attitude adjustment hour is at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The special guest is R.: W.: Stewart McCloud, Deputy Grand Master of the State of New York. The entree will be a choice of Prime Rib, Lemon Chicken or Orange Roughy. The price includes a vegetable tray and cheese and crackers, salad, soup, baked potato and vegetable, beverage and cheese cake. The cost is \$25.00 per person. I have tickets. See me in Lodge or give me a call.

Silent Auction

If you have an item you would like to donate for the Silent Auction, to be held the night of the Grand Ball, I would be glad to pick it up for you. Items of interest of past auctions are certificates for dinners, fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, paintings, certificates for service, Masonic items, handmade items, etc. The proceeds from the Auction will go to the Eagle Scout Award Program.

The entertainment: Murder Mystery.

Snow birds

Sorry to have to report this to you. We (as of this writing) have had no real snow yet this year. This year is the first year that I

have had a snow thrower. I go out to the garage every couple of days to start it. Still no snow. I haven't even lifted a shovel. If this would make you feel better, it has been very cold.

Have an enjoyable Winter, and we will see you in the Spring.

Northfield caps

R.: W.: Jack Thibaut has the caps. If he does run out of these hot items, and the demand is still there, he will order more. The cost is \$10.00. This is a small fundraiser and does help with expenses. The hats (baseball type) have the Masonic emblem and Northfield Lodge No. 426, Pittsford, NY on them.

Masonic membership

If you know of a good man who is interested in learning more about our Masonic Fraternity, we as a Lodge can help. Don't wait for a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We have all the information needed to give a presentation at Lodge or at this person's home. Call me and we can set up an appointment. Please be reminded that he is under no obligation to join.

Members of Northfield, on the same note, if you want to bring a friend to Lodge on a program night to perhaps show them a little about us, give me a call. If it is not a full tiled meeting, I would be glad to go from Labor to Refreshment. □

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February

Our Spring 1st Degree on February 4th was performed excellently by a new team. We now have three new Brothers. Great job, guys! Our dinner was also excellent. We had Chicken Parmesan, Meat Balls, Italian Sausage, Ziti, mixed vegetables, salad and Italian bread-served buffet style and all you can eat. Wow-what a meal! Many thanks to Laura Alvarez for a fabulous feast!

Thanks

The Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign took place on February 8th at Greece Ridge Center Mall from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. Our new banner was unveiled and looked great. We had an excellent attendance: the Bollotins, Alvarezes, Goralls, Simpsons, Cora Paglia, Mae Bauer, George Lake, Don Freeman, Joe Privitera, John Bennett, Tom Grape, Frank Jansson, Davey Jones, Tom Tills, and Don



R.: W.: Joseph Privitera, SD Thomas Grape, W.: Cliff Short, JW Andy Alvarez, W.: Jim De Lorenzo, Master and W.: Mike Gorall at the Chilly Chili Contest.

Darrohn. Hope I got everyone. Thanks to all! The contributions amounted to \$234.11.

Chilly-Chili Contest

The Chilly-Chili Contest was held on February 9th. What a day, sunny, warm and over 8000 people. Did we have fun? You bet! We had a corner location for our booth, which gave us extra space, enough so that our new banner could be proudly displayed on a handcrafted wood frame, thanks to our Senior Deacon Tom Grape. Nice job, Tom!

This year we had three Chili recipes presented by our chefs, W.: Cliff Short and JW Andy and Laura Alvarez. Two were medium and one HOT! Wow, they were awesome! How many gallons, do you ask? Twenty! Yes, 20 gallons! They were served from crock pots and a professional roasting pan, loaned by Brother Bill Dunn. Thanks, Bill. The roasting pan was a favorite, not just for us. It was exclusively filmed by all local news networks. If you missed the Brothers on TV, I'm sure you saw the roasting pan. So how did we do in the competition, you may ask? Well, we won 1st place in the Amateur Division! That's right, FIRST PLACE! A great looking plaque and a check for \$100, which were personally handed to us by Mayor Johnson. Maybe it's time for a market trial for our Chili. Award winning Mason Chili-hey, you never know.

Thanks

Personal thanks to the Winter Fest Committee of Jim Farr, Alan Colletta and especially, Brother Joel Grosshans. Thanks, guys, if it weren't for you, we would not have been there!

Personal thanks to our helpers; R.: W.: Davey Jones, R.: W.: Joe Privitera, W.: Cliff Short, the Goralls, Andy Alvarez, Tom Grape, and Tom Tills.

March dates

Our 2nd Degree will be on March 4th with our SW in the East. The Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please call JW Andy Alvarez at 426-1946 with your reservation.

The Morgan Talk will be presented on March 18th. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Lodge



JW Andy Alvarez stirring the pot of Chili.

will open at 7:30 p.m. Please call JW Andy Alvarez at 426-1946 with your reservation.

The Masonic Grand Ball is scheduled for March 22nd at Zamiara's Party House on Buffalo Road. The Lodge will be sponsoring \$5 per ticket. This means that one ticket will cost you only \$20 instead of \$25, or \$40 for two. Hope to see you and your lady there.

The Annual Brunch is scheduled for March 29th. The date was changed due to a conflict with the Masonic Grand Ball. The Brunch will be held at our Lodge. Please call JW Andy Alvarez at 426-1946 with your reservation.

Looking ahead

The 3rd Degree will be conferred on April 1st by the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team. The Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m. and our dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. JW Andy Alvarez will take your reservation for this, also.

Our Annual Table Lodge will be held on April 15th. The Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m. and our dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Again, please call Andy with your reservation.

Move-up Night will be on May 6th. Hard to believe it's that close. I guess I'm having too much fun.

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

Dues

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

Towpath**Lodge No. 163**

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Greetings as we cross the midpoint of our Lodge year. We continue our labor under the theme of "Making Good Men Better".

Recognition

On January 21st Towpath recognized the efforts of a "Good Man", Mr. Howard S. Beye, with the presentation of the DeWitt Clinton Award. A life long member of Covenant United Methodist Church, Mr. Beye joined Boy Scout Troop #55, sponsored by the church, as a youth - reaching the Eagle Scout level in 1951. Having served in a variety of assistant leadership positions with the Troop, Mr. Beye took over as Scout Master in 1958 and has continued in this position to the present with only one year off. Thus, he has invested 54% of his life (84% of his adult life) leading the Troop. Under Howard's leadership 32 Scouts have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

In addition to his Scout work, Mr. Beye has been actively involved with the Finger Lakes Trail Association, a group which

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maintains 800 miles of trails, starting with The Long Path (Catskills), connecting to the Appalachian Trail at Herriman State Park and continuing West, ultimately ending in the Dakotas. 6.7 miles of this trail are his personal responsibility to maintain. His leadership has included: the Trail Management Committee, Board member, President of the Council, and one of three hiking Representatives on the NYS Trail Council.

A dedicated churchman, Mr. Beye has chaired Covenant's Trustees/Property Team for nearly 20 years, supervised the Church School, and served on virtually every committee.

Howard lives with his wife, Dorothy, in Rochester and has two adult children. It was our great privilege to recognize the contributions he has made to the youth of our community, a local church, and the enjoyment of God's gift of creation.

A great program

R..W.. Ronald Mertens presented a well researched and detailed analysis of the Symbols and Allegories of the 3rd Degree. Of particular interest to some of the Brothers was his elucidation of those Symbols and Allegories contained in the longer form of the Historical Lecture, which few of us hear on a regular basis. Thank you, Brother Ron, for this illuminating and inspiring presentation.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

About a dozen Towpath Brothers supported the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign to benefit the Rochester Ronald McDonald House, by working the booth at Marketplace Mall on Monday, February 10th. Another word of thanks is due to Brother Mertens who coordinated the volunteers for this effort.

Ladies Night

Unfortunately, illness, Brothers vacationing in warmer climates, and schedule conflicts have postponed our Ladies Night until Thursday, May 8th, at the Wishing Well. All Brothers and their wives or guests are invited. Reservations can be made with Dan Emerson at 334-7730 or Tom LeBeau at 482-3936.


Degrees

We conferred the 1st Degree on February 18th. The 2nd and 3rd Degrees will be on March 18th and April 15 respectively. Dinner reservations can be made with Brother Emerson.

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

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Greetings Brethren

Our meeting this month is on March 18th. Our program that night will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration. We'll have some Irish music, Irish fun, and green refreshments. I expect that with Bob and Andy McBride and Patrick Mulrooney there, we'll have a fairly authentic time. Best wear a bit of green that night and that's no blarney! As usual, our Potluck Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. Give a call to a Brother who hasn't been seen in a while and encourage him to come out. Offer him a ride. Make it your special gift to a Brother who may find it hard to get out this time of year.

Thank you

Special thanks to Brothers Heinz Gunkel, Andy McBride, John Foster, and Don Krech for the great job they did at the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart booth last month. Our Lodge was well represented at this very important event. We can be proud of our work supporting the local Ronald McDonald House, the Home Away From Home.

Sickness and distress

We hope by this time that Brother Bob McBride is well on the mend. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Crawford O. Schwendler who joined with our Heavenly Family this past January. We wish you God's comforting peace.

Brotherhood Fund

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

Ladies Night

Mark your calendars now. We will be having our annual Fellowship Ladies Night on April 12th. The night will feature dinner followed by bowling, card playing, and socializing at the Redmen's Club on Lexington Avenue near Mt. Read Blvd. We will be getting out a flyer with all the details as the date nears, but be sure to save the date now.

Dues

The Secretary has asked me to remind you that dues are due.

Please send yours in if you haven't already. Thanks.

We need you

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

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My thanks to the Brothers who took part in the Have-a-Heart Campaign and the ladies of Culver Chapter who joined us. This proves that the motto I used when I was District Grand Lecturer for the OES, "Sisters and Brothers working together", still is very strong between our two organizations. This, indeed, was a good opportunity for the Lodges and Chapters to work together.

Need a meeting space?

The Fame Lodge building has some open nights available to rent if there are any organizations out there looking for meeting space. Contact Charles Petersen at 663-7661.

Reminders


Some meeting dates to remember are: March 11th is Culver Chapter's Roast Beef Dinner; March 25th is Chef Mike's Special and on April 8th Culver Chapter will have a Scalloped Potato and Meat Loaf Dinner. The Calling Committee will be contacting you for these dinners.

Awards Night

April 2nd will be our Awards Night and we will also honor Fame Lodge's Past Masters.

We have Awards for 25, 40, 50, and 60 year members.

The next article for the *Masonic Times* will be written by your Senior Warden, Glen Campbell. I will be out of town and he will be in the East. Come out and give a big Fame support. □

Union Star
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By SW Lloyd A. Wood, Jr.

Greetings from the East

Well it's mid-February and as I write this article it's still cold outside. It's hard to believe just how quickly this year is going by. Before we know it, June will be here and another Masonic year will be over.

Report on consolidation

We are still waiting for word from Grand Lodge on the consol-

idation of Union Star and Henrietta Lodge. Most of the Henrietta Brothers have been coming to Union Star's meetings anyway so it feels like the consolidation is already done. It sure would be nice to have it official though. My thanks to the Brothers of Henrietta for their support.

Thanks


Special thanks go to W.. Craig Emmons and W.. Terry Hatch for the work they have been doing cleaning our Lodge basement. It's a dirty job and they have been doing it well. Thanks again. I also thank all the Brothers of both Lodges who participated in the Have-a-Heart Campaign. Support from the Brothers is what makes these Campaigns succeed.

Lodge news

We will be conferring the 2nd Degree on March 24th at 7:30 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Please call W.. Joe Cotteleor at 624-1365 or 624-1881 to make reservations. We will have five candidates and it promises to be an enjoyable night. Please come out and support your Brothers.

Closing

Well, that's about it for this month. Please remember the Brotherhood Fund. Your contribution helps a lot. Until next month, take care of yourselves. □

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Welcome

Please come out and welcome our two new Brother Master Masons. We had an excellent 3rd Degree. Many thanks to all who came and participated, especially our good Brothers from the Henrietta and Honeoye Falls Lodges. We would not be able to put on a good Degree without their fine work.

Thanks

Thanks to all the Brothers at Oatka and the ladies from the OES for their help in working the booth at the Have-a-Heart Campaign at Marketplace Mall. We, as always, had a good time doing it and hopefully, raised some decent money for the Ronald McDonald House.

Bring-a-Friend

Our first meeting in March, the 12th, will be a Bring-a-Friend Night. If you have never participated in one of these, now is the time to do so. Most of us should have at least a few friends who are good men and who do not know much about the Masons. Some of these good men may have many questions about the Masons, but are afraid to ask, so let's give them a chance. Asking them to come to this informational meeting is not asking them to join our Fraternity. It is letting them know what we are about so

that they can ask us if they want to join. At the present time I do not think there will be a dinner preceding this event, but I'm sure we will have some form of nourishment after.

History talk

On March 26th we have a great program scheduled for the evening. R..W.. Richard Friedman will be giving a talk on Masonry in Nazi Germany. This looks to be a very enlightening and informational talk that we all should come out and hear. This program will be given to all who want to be in an Open Lodge setting, so bring the family and all your friends. There will be a dinner preceding the talk at 6:30 p.m. Please call me if you are interested in attending the dinner.

St. Patty's Day

We will be holding our second annual St. Patty's Day Dinner Dance on March 15th. Tickets are \$25.00 per couple or \$15.00 for singles. The ticket price includes a great Corned Beef, Ham and Cabbage meal with coffee and dessert, along with a variety of music and dancing. There also will be some games and an auction of some great gifts to conclude the evening. If you did not come to this last year, ask anyone who did and I'm sure they will tell you what a great time they had. For tickets or more information, call 533-2481 or 538-6940. □

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I assume that all of us have had the opportunity to hear and try to understand those recent speeches made by our governmental leaders, i.e.; "State of the County-State-Union", etc. If you take the time to digest their respective comments, laying politics aside, they each have many goals or aspirations for their respective governments and constituents, goals to which each of us as men and Masons can relate.

One subject to which we all can relate is a quote from the speech given by our President in his State of the Union Address. "We must be shapers of events, not observers, for if we do not act, the moment will pass, and we will lose the best possibilities for our future. We face no imminent threat, but we do have an enemy. The enemy of our time is inaction." The foregoing speaks for itself and is very similar to that which we heard from our Grand Master in his address. We are responsible for what the future will bring, apathy or being an observer cannot be a part of our existence. We, as individuals, must get involved in shaping the future for the next generation in the 21st Century.

Another quote from the President I found extremely thought provoking is, "A child born tonight will have almost no memory of the 20th Century, everything that child will know of America will be because of what we do now to build a new century". It is very obvious that we, as Freemasons, have similar aspirations and goals as all good men should have. Freemasonry teaches us that we should exemplify and practice morality, brotherly love and concern for our families. Most importantly, our youth and the generations following us should have the opportunities which may have passed us by and we desire to provide them for their future.

One item of particular interest mentioned by each of the leaders of our government was morality, again an aspirations of the Masonic Fraternity. Fundamental morality is essential for the future. This is the weapon at our disposal to fight the decline of our present situation. Each of us has the opportunity and responsibility to exemplify the moral man and thus have a part in this virtuous turn-around.

It has been obvious to me over the past few decades that; new laws have encouraged the ab-

sence of morality or at least allowed the apathetic view to survive; at home, parental teachings have not concerned personal responsibility and respect for others; at school, prayers and other religious connotations have been removed; in our communities, the absence of respect for the law and for other people's property and beliefs. At this point in time, however, I can see a definite turn around respecting these concerns. I believe we have seen our shortcomings and mistakes and now are taking the necessary steps to correct them. Each of us must have a part in this endeavor.

Want ad

I am looking for an individual to assist me and the District. The position does not have any monetary compensation, but definitely will have its rewards and will not demand too much of your valuable time. It requires a person to be a "point of contact", and disperse necessary information and is critical to our youth and the furthering of their education. Specifically, it involves assuring the success of our Scholarship Programs. If you are willing to undertake this position, please contact me ASAP.

State of District

Finally, my Brethren, in keeping with the season, my "State of the District" report. Significant positive events are very evident throughout the District. District Umbrella Teams are in action, Degree work is in progress at several Lodges within the District, Brother Bring-a-Friend events and Table Lodges are being held, Inter-Lodge fellowship programs are underway, public events are being planned, our Brotherhood Fund (the "Challenge for Charity") is moving in a positive direction and finally, but not lastly, our widows have or will be recognized and suitably and their well being looked after.

Keep up the good work, my Brethren. Freemasonry is on the move. As I have said many times before, in order to keep our proud heritage of Freemasonry, 'get one to replace yourself'.

May God bless all of you. ☐

Grand Sword Bearer

Genesee/Wyoming District



R. W. Richard C. Anderson

Educational training

As we have completed our final session of "The Road To The East" in the Genesee/Wyoming District, I am pleased with the feedback from the Brothers. Many feel that they are now more comfortable with accepting the Master's responsibilities. They

are now aware of the sources of information available to them.

Brethren, whether you are in line or a Past Master, I urge you to open "The 24" Gauge" manual and read. No matter how long you have been in Masonry or what high office you have held, you will learn more than you presently know. Also, the District Training Team is scheduling a Leadership Development Course in the month of March. All interested in the District, please contact me immediately.

Grand Lodge Communication

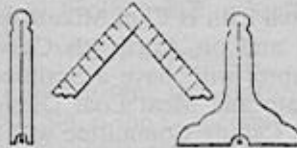
Please make your plans for attending the Grand Lodge Communication in New York City in May. Those who have not responded to my memo of early February, please do so soon. I need the numbers and names of those planning to attend in order to finalize plans for travel and lodging. This District is planning to join the Livingston and Steuben Districts to be most cost effective.

Elections

The Line Officers and Past Masters should be meeting or getting your heads together at this time to plan the next term's Line Officers. Planning now who will best fill what chair will help you produce a more active and constructive Lodge. Look for those who are capable, dependable, responsible and willing to lead your Lodge. Now is the time to start talking.

Coming events

April 26th - Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner at Batavia Downs.
May 3rd - Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by Trilumina Lodge, Pike, NY. ☐



**Masters &
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GENESEE-WYOMING
DISTRICT
President
W. Dennis M. Turton, Sr.
591-1179
Secretary/Treasurer
W. George Springett 247-3557

By W. Dennis M. Turton, Sr.

Degree assistance

This Association has been called upon to develop and provide a Degree Assistance Team. This Team will consist of active Masons who enjoy the beautiful Ritual of our Craft. Our purpose will be to assist every Lodge in this District in its Degree work.

The key word here is "assist". Our intention is to supplement the Lodges with people and parts where they may be short. Do you have a favorite part you like to do? Can you do charges, lectures, or presentations? We need you! If you're interested in helping, please contact me at 591-1179.

You won't be under a strict schedule or obligation, but rather on a list of Brothers who want to help. Of course, this Degree Assistance Team will not be an exclusive club - anyone can take part, and everyone is encouraged to do so. Join in the fun and give me a call today!

January meeting

The last meeting of this Association was held on January 30th and proved to be very informative. Much was discussed about

various activities and events going on in the District. Afterwards, a card party was held with light refreshments and everyone had a really good time.

These meetings are not only a good source of information and learning, but it's a good night out with your favorite lady! We hope to see more and more of you as we gather steam and rebuild this Association to the stature it once was. See you there! ☐

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



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

January 19th

We met on a cool Winter day at the Warsaw Temple, with good representation of the Lodges of the District.

Sickness and distress

It was reported that R. W. Chester MacRae has had a brain tumor removed, but still needs medical care for a lung problem. We wish him the blessings of the Great Architect for a speedy recovery.

W. Stephen A. Licht will be having surgery for removal of bone chips in his neck, caused by a herniated disc. We wish him a speedy recovery and return to a normal life-style.

Reports

The candy sale is nearly over, but R. W. Paul Smith still has some available.

It was reported that three Lodges have not contributed to the Child ID Program. It was noted that this ongoing project will have an increasing need for equipment to improve the taping sessions.

Camp Turk District Chairman, R. W. Holden P. Miller, distributed the information packets and informed us about the video tape of the Camp. If your Lodge has the tape, please pass it along to the next Lodge so that they can view it.

Election of Officers

Under the direction R. W. Holden P. Miller the following Officers were elected:

President - W. Arthur E. Drew
Secretary - W. George R.

Springett

Treasurer - W. Paul Smith
Trustees - R. W. Richard Anderson and William Genagon

District Directories

The Directories will be published in time for distribution at the July meeting of the Council. Your cooperation will be necessary for the completion of this task. Your Lodge and/or Concordant Body is asked to include the number of copies needed when the information packet is returned by your Secretary. Please respond promptly so that this task can be completed on time.

Events

The District Spring Fish Fry will be held at Olive Branch No. 39 in LeRoy on April 5th.

On July 20th the Council of Masonic Activities will meet at Batavia Lodge at 2:00 p.m.

Go-To-Church Sunday will be on August 3rd at the South Byron United Methodist Church. Breakfast is at 8:00 p.m. and the Service will follow at 10:30 a.m. ☐

Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161



W. Fred
Ikeler
Master
322-9094
2nd & 4th
Thursdays
8:00 p.m.

R. W. Sheldon Moden
Secretary 322-7343
Liberty St.
Bliss, NY 14024

Greetings from the heart of Southern Wyoming County. My Brothers, I hope that you are "Wintering" well! When we meet next in Bliss, I'm sure that you will be pleased to see our beautiful new carpet: a long awaited and much needed addition to our Temple.

Condolences

On behalf of all the Brethren of Eagle Valley Lodge, deepest sympathy is extended to Brother Ed Law, whose mother departed this life on October 26, 1996 and his father, Francis Law, a Master Mason for 56 years, began the journey from which none return on December 19, 1996. Brother Ed sends his thank you to the Brothers who journeyed to Franklinville, in inclement weather, to participate in the Masonic Service for his father.

Drive carefully!

During these Winter months we are all aware that motor vehicle travel can be hazardous. Ice, snow, poor visibility and the seeming unwillingness of machinery to perform satisfactorily in the cold do little to improve our morale. Be cautious through the Winter, Brothers. I look forward to meeting with you in Bliss, at Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161, alive and (hopefully) uninjured! ☐

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

Brethren, as I write this column, there is a slight break in our consistent grey cloud cover and the sun is peeking out. The temperature is just 32°.

Starting a library

Brother Jim Davis of Seneca, South Carolina, sent me a box of Masonic books his brother, Lewis, had collected over the years. These books, along with volumes that have been stored in our attic, will now be the basis for a Library of Masonic Knowledge, History and Tradition.

Thanks

A great big thank you to those Brothers who have sent contributions for our roof project. We have a separate account for this project.

Fish Fry

March 7th is the date of another fabulous Fish Fry at Olive Branch Lodge.

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Olive Branch No. 39

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Brotherhood Fund

Brothers, remember to send your check to the Brotherhood Fund.

Handicap Accessible


Since our Masonic Hall is now an official "Polling Place", we are working with the Village and Town Officials to make our facility handicap accessible. It will be necessary to build a block and ramp so wheelchair people will be able to enter. We are looking into installing a chairlift from the entry into the dining room.

One meeting

In the month of March we will hold only one communication, Wednesday, March 19th. I must agree that there have been some very cold and snowy evenings this past Winter, but the good weather is just around the corner. Come to Lodge, join the fellowship and activities.

See you in Lodge. □

**Warsaw Lodge
No. 549
F. & A.M.**



W.: Ted LaWall
786-3346

1st and 3rd
Tuesdays

W.: Allen L. Capwell
Secretary 786-8989

75 South Main St.
Warsaw, N.Y. 14569

Greetings, Brothers!

We started the year off with a Fish Fry for the Warsaw Band Boosters to assist them with raising funds for uniforms for the marching band. I thank all those who helped with this endeavor, including the Boy Scouts, Band Boosters, band members, members of the OES, and Brother Masons. It is great to see so many working together for a common cause. Once again, thanks to all!

Good time

On February 22nd we had our Annual George Washington Dinner Dance. The meal was great, and we all enjoyed the music of Dell Syler's Country Best. I thank all who helped make this a memorable evening.

Future events

On March 4th we will not be having a meeting at our Lodge, but will be going to Castile to finish the District Euchre Tournament.

March 8th is a Bring-a-Friend Night. If you know of someone you would like to introduce to Masonry, this might be the opportunity to do so. The future of the Lodge is in your hands.


Offer a ride/need a ride

Some of our Brothers would like to come to Lodge meetings, but do not want to or cannot drive. If you are able to help by providing a ride, or if you need a ride, please phone me so that I can coordinate this effort. This would enable more of our Brothers to attend the meetings.

Closing

In closing, I thank you for your support. If you have any ideas about activities you would like to pursue, please call me. I hope to see you at the meetings and future activities. □

**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

Masonic Bingo Night

For the last twenty years or so, the Genesee/Wyoming Masonic District has assisted the Veterans Hospital in Batavia with their Bingo games for the patients. Since we have 12 Lodges in the District, each Lodge has one night per month. Tuesday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m. is Attica Lodge's turn to assist. Eight to ten members are needed to set up tables, bring some of the patients from their rooms in wheelchairs, call numbers, and assist the players. After the games, the host Lodge furnishes some sort of light refreshment to the players. It takes less than two hours and the reward is seeing the veterans having a good time. If you have never visited or worked in a veterans hospital, I strongly recommend you do so. You may not say it audibly, but you certainly will say it mentally, "But for the grace of God, there go I".

Life changes

Each of us, regardless of age, health or wealth, go through many changes in our life's span. Your Lodge, and especially your Lodge Secretary, needs to know some of these changes. Since nearly 50% of our membership resides out of state or some distance from Lodge, our main source of communication is through the *Masonic Times*. We are concerned about all of our members, not just those who attend Lodge. We ask that each member, near or far away, inform us on address changes, health or deaths. Your Lodge wants to recognize your accomplishments, sympathize with your losses and cheer you when you are sick or in the hospital. Some of these changes may have to come from your wife or loved ones. An army that does not know all of its soldiers is divided. Please inform us of any major changes in your life so we remain united.

Remember

As of this writing, 76% of all Annual Dues have been received. Our goal, if possible, is to have 100% of dues paid prior to March 15, 1997. This is the date when our Annual Grand Lodge Assessment is due. W.: Dennis Turton has sent out notices of the Brotherhood Fund. Please respond as your cabletow will allow.

Be aware

This article is for our Lodge members and any other Lodges who subscribe and read the *Masonic Times*. On or about October 14, 1995, one of our tenants held an event in our dining room. Unfortunately, one of their guests sat on a folding chair and it collapsed. This person fell to the floor and allegedly caused serious injury to himself. The accident was reported to the proper authorities and since then we hadn't heard the results of the accident. That is until February 8, 1997, when we were served by the

person's attorney. They are claiming many current and future complications along with several hundred thousand dollars in compensatory damages for physical pain and suffering for past, present and future. Their claim is we knew the condition of the chair, but did nothing to correct it. The Master at the time personally inspected all the chairs several days prior to the accident and found them in good condition.

Fortunately, our tenant has their own Public Liability Policy. Every chartered Lodge with the New York Grand Lodge has a Certificate of Insurance provided and paid for by Grand Lodge. These coverages extend to all "official" activities sponsored, operated and endorsed by the Grand Lodge F&AM of the State of New York and/or its Constituent Lodges. However, other organizations, clubs and concordant or related bodies are NOT covered by this policy. Be aware, Masters, is your Lodge properly covered with Comprehensive Public Liability?

Member input

It seems that our society cannot function without first a poll to determine a result. Masonry is no exception. Attica Lodge is conducting a poll to determine whether or not you want us to continue the subscription of the *Masonic Times*. Your officers highly recommend this publication since we have direct communications with all members ten times a year. However, we have not received any input from our membership regarding your likes, dislikes or whether or not you even read the articles. The cost, we feel, is very reasonable at \$4.00 per membership per year. The *Masonic Times* allows you current updating of our Lodge as well as every Lodge in the District and other Districts as well.

We have set April 1, 1997 or sooner, to receive your response. A short note telling us your true thoughts on this publication is requested. Since we have to subscribe for the entire membership, your response will determine the outcome. Please take a few minutes and respond to our request. We cannot drop individual members, "it's all or none".

Thank you

A thank you is extended from Attica Lodge to the Brethren of Batavia Lodge No. 475 and West Star No. 413 for their assistance in the 3rd Degree held in Attica Lodge. On a congratulatory note, the newly raised Brothers stated that they were greatly impressed by the drama and exemplification by all who participated.

The recent Table Lodge at Oakfield No. 379 was well attended and a hearty dinner and healthy toasts were had by all.


Continued effort

Attica Lodge's monthly Pancake Breakfasts are becoming a great way to share amongst your Brethren not only the work, but the camaraderie. Please make an effort to attend the breakfast, not only to eat, but share in the toils of your Brethren.

Committee appointed

A committee has been appointed and is researching the possibility of obtaining kitchen equipment for the Lodge, hopefully to enable Attica to host a future fish fry or two. R.: W.: Jerold Brade and Brother Chuck Lapp are checking into this at the present time. They can use any input the Brethren may have. □

**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

Well, if you believe in Ground-hogs, Winter will be over on March 20th or somewhere about that time. The sun will start to warm the earth for its renewal with the production of plant life required for our support and continuance of the works of the Great Architect.

Table Lodge

It was a pleasure to see a full table of Brothers enjoying themselves in a relaxed moment of their busy lives. The food and libation were of a satisfying quality. Thanks to our Junior Warden, W.: Garry Hutcherson, for all of the planning and preparation he did.

Reminder

The Trustees and Finance Committees reports are due by the end of this month.


March events

On March 6th is Past Masters Night with Irish Stew, 7:30 p.m.
The 2nd Degree will be conferred on March 20th and it will also be Garbage Plate Night, 6:30 p.m.
Euchre Night will be at Hesperus, 7:00 p.m. on March 31st.

April events

Special Guests Night will be April 3rd at 7:30 p.m.
The 3rd Degree and a dinner at 6:30 p.m. will be on April 17th.
The Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philalethes Society Dinner Meeting will be April 30th. □

**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

Fish Fry

We will be holding our Annual Fish Fry on Good Friday, March 28th, at Oakland Lodge, Castile, NY. All Brothers and their families are welcome.

Soliciting

Just a reminder, for those Brothers who annually donate

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something at the Fish Fry, you again will be called upon to do your part.

On my mind

This will be the 2nd Fish Fry without the presence of W.: Howard Faulkner. Though he's no longer with us, he taught his wife, Lucille, and the rest of us from the Lodge how to organize and put on a tasty Fish Fry.

Table Lodge

For those who missed out, the Table Lodge held at our Lodge, but put on by Triluminal Lodge, was a lot of fun. For those Brothers who were unable to attend, you missed out on a great meal and a lot of laughs. Viva!!!

Coming events


I have set the date of April 15th for a Bring-a-Brother, Bring-a-Friend Night. I urge all Oakland Lodge members to partake in this night. The Fraternity is counting on you.

The bowling dates are April 26th & 27th. Contact W.: D.J. Beardsley or W.: Henry Robinson.

Brotherhood Fund

Please send your Brotherhood Fund contributions to W.: David Beardsley, 8 Prospect St., Castile, NY 14427. □

**CONSTELLATION
Lodge No. 404**



W.: Paul Stickley
Master
(716)
237-2627

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1st & 3rd
Thursdays

R.: W.: Charles H. Myers,
Secretary 237-5990

21 N. Main Street,
Perry, NY 14530

Euchre Tourney

The final leg of this 4 Lodge event will take place on March 4th at Oakland Lodge in Castile, NY, after the stated communication. A resounding success again this year.

Sorrow revisited

Brother Oscar E. Calkins, age 96, a Mason for over 50 years, died on February 1, 1997. The Brothers offer their condolences to his family.

3rd Degree

March 20th has been set as the date to raise another Brother to the 3rd Degree. Volunteers needed!

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The Chautauqua Institute

Mrs. Julie Sanford will provide a program about this educational and philanthropic organization on Thursday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. OES members have been invited to attend and refreshments will be provided. A regular Lodge meeting will follow at 8:00 p.m.


Lodge room accessibility

The issue referred to in the *Masonic Times*, raised by a Webster Lodge member, represents an idea whose time has come. Constellation Lodge No. 404 has several members who find it very difficult to attend meetings, even though the Lodge stairwell is fitted with a motorized elevator chair, originally installed to enable a Brother/Sister to attend meetings. As an interim measure, a proposal will be made to provide a wheelchair at the top of the stairs for those who need it. This interim measure would still require someone to assist in a transfer from the personal wheelchair to the motorized elevator chair, and again, from the elevator chair to the wheelchair awaiting at the top of the stairs. Not a complete solution, but a start in the right direction.

Table Lodge

Last month's Table Lodge at Oakland Lodge in Castile found 30 area Masons having an enjoyable evening. Thanks to all who made it a success. □

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



W.: William H. Gonagon, Master
 548-7182

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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

Winding down

As I sit here and write this article for the March edition of the *Masonic Times*, we are rounding the far turn of another year coming to an end. Have we accomplished what we set out to do at the beginning of the year?

Child ID

Batavia Lodge No. 475 is working at achieving one of their

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goals. We have a second Child ID shoot scheduled for March 8th, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the South Byron Recreation Hall. This will be our 2nd shoot in a month's time. I am working with some other groups at this time for future shoots early this Spring. I thank R.:W.: Leonard Mason for all his support setting up these shoots.

Take the Course

We started the Leadership Development Course at the last communication in January. This is a Lodge sponsored project and I am happy to report that almost everyone who has not taken the Course as yet, will complete the Course by the year's end.

Widows Banquet

Our Annual Widows Banquet will be held in April. R.:W.: Bob Dagen is in charge of our Widows Program. If anyone knows of a change in a widow's status, please let him know at 716-548-7148 or call the Secretary at 716-343-1517.

Thank you

I thank R.:W.: Vern Rupert for taking over the East for me at our 1st communication in February. My wife and I were enjoying a vacation on the sunny beaches of Hawaii for 10 days. Without being selfish, I hope the weather was cold and nasty while we were gone. □

Bureau of
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Monroe County

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By V.:W.: John E. Zabel

How do I explain this?

Part 3

"George, I'm glad to see you. Have a seat", said Sean. "I'd recommend the Mississippi Mud Pie, if you like chocolate."

"That sounds good", replied George. To the server he said, "I'll have the Mississippi Mud Pie and a cup of tea." "Sean, tell me a little about yourself."

"Well, I grew up in the area and went to the Community College and got my Associate's Degree in Retailing. I started at the shop in September."

"Are you married?", asked George.

"Not yet, but I am engaged. We are planning to get married this Fall", replied Sean.

"When we met you mentioned my Masonic ring. Have you ever heard of Freemasonry?", asked George.

"No. Well, I do remember something from high school history about the Know-Nothing Party and Masonry, but I don't know much more than that", replied Sean.

"Well, let me explain something of our organization", stated George.

George started to talk about the history of the Fraternity, pro-

ceeded into the history of his Lodge, all in brief form, of course, and then got into why he joined.

"I was looking for something. I didn't know what, when, just like you then I noticed the Masonic ring. I talked to a friend like you're talking to me. Since I've joined the Lodge, I've made many new friends from many different backgrounds. We have interesting programs and generally enjoy each other's company", continued George. "This probably sounds high hat, but this is how I feel. Do you have any questions?"

"Can I meet some of the members of your Lodge?", asked Sean.

"Sure, it just so happens that we have an introductory evening planned for a week from tomorrow. We're going to have dinner at the Lodge and a short introduction to the Fraternity, getting into things I haven't talked about. If you're available, you will be my guest."

"I don't think I have to work that evening. I'll check and give you a call."

The time passed with other discussions until it was time for Sean and George to part. "Here's my number, call me if you will be available for the introduction meeting", said George. "Oh, before we part, here's a pamphlet about Freemasonry along with a petition to join. I've had a great time, I liked the pie and I hope to get together with you soon."

"I'd like that", said Sean. "Good-bye, I'll be in touch."

Now George was not going to leave anything to chance. So he made a note to himself when he got home to call Sean if he didn't hear from him in the next couple of days. George felt from his meeting with Sean that he would be a good member, but George knew that he had to follow up and ultimately be Sean's mentor and coach.

What's happening

Don't forget that Saturday, April 5th, is the Leadership Development Course in the Downtown Temple. The schedule is check-in, with coffee, etc., starting at 8:00 a.m. with instruction starting at 8:30 a.m. and lunch at noon. The Course will run until approximately 3:00 p.m. and the fee is \$20.00. This covers Course materials and lunch. It is recommended that registrants also purchase or obtain from their Lodge a copy of the "24 Inch Gauge".

Bureau of Masonic Education

Presents

Leadership Development Course

When: Saturday, April 5, 1997

Where: Rochester Masonic Temple
 875 East Main Street

Time: 8:00am to 3:30pm, Lunch provided

Cost: \$20

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 14, 1996

Send request for registration and fee to:
 Leadership Development Course
 Masonic Service Bureau
 875 East Main Street
 Rochester, NY 14605-2789

Name: _____

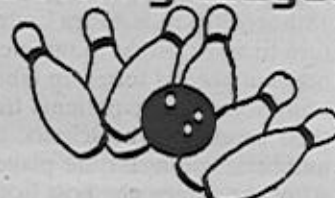
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To register, send your name, address, Lodge name and registration fee to: LDC, Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester, 875 Main St. E., Rochester, NY 14605-2789.

The Bureau of Masonic Education met on February 4th. At that meeting the current Officers of the Bureau were re-elected for another year. They are: John Zabel, President; Marcel Goldenberg, Vice President; and Scott Seltzer, Secretary/Treasurer. The Executive Board also read and approved the changes to the By-Laws of the Bureau. The changes included the inclusion of Lodge Education Chairmen as members of the Executive Board. Copies of the By-Laws can be obtained from the Secretary. □

Masonic
Gothic
Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
 227-6106

By John J. Flynn, Secretary

Glenn Keenan, substituting for WTP, rolled the league all time high series - 823 (278, 277, 268). He will receive an ABC 800 Series Ring and Patch to commemorate this achievement. He will also receive an ABC Patch for a series 150 pins over his average.

Two more league bowlers qualified for ABC 700 Series Patches. Rick Flanagan's 729 series (239, 235, 255) earned him two ABC Patches - one for a 700 series and another for a series 150 pins over his average. Don Weis, who leads the league with a 206 average, rolled a 712 series (198, 265, 249).

Ken Kassel rolled a 243 game and earned an ABC Senior Award Patch for a game 75 pins over his average.

Since my last column, league bowlers have rolled 23-600 or better series and 109-200 games.

600 series were rolled by Dave Mawhiney - 680 (220, 247, 213) and 600 (219), John Harris - 669

(235, 203, 231), 652 (255), and 619 (249), Mike Pastore - 666 (245, 235) and 655 (244), Don Weis - 642 (256), John Flynn - 633 (240) and 612 (230), Scott Weis - 628 (217), Dick Topel - 621 (241) and 601 (234), Harold Reynolds - 612 (217), Ron Lay - 610, Rick Flanagan - 609 (216), John Kenney - 607 (225), Rex Edwards, Jr. - 607 (217), Bud Crane 606 (225), and Bob Ball - 602 (223).

Other notable games were rolled by Rick Flanagan - 246, Mike Pastore - 236, Gerry Duell - 233 and 220, John Flynn - 225 and 224, Gary Bonisteel - 225, John Kunz - 223, Dick Snyder - 222, Mark Noto - 222, Jack Thibaut - 221, Casey Brennan - 212 and Bill Wood - 206.

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

The Afternoon
Bowlers

By Buzz Lovett

Each Tuesday afternoon at about 1:30 p.m., Brethren from the Monroe and Genesee/Wyoming Districts gather at Spencerport Lanes to strut their stuff. We have a league, but it is casual in nature (meaning come if and when you can. There is no "team" need for attendance). League status allows a bowler to establish an ABC sanctioned handicap.

State Bowling Tournament

Our intent is to be ready for the NY Masonic Tournament to be held this year in Cheektowaga at Thruway Lanes. (Actually, you do not need to be a member of a league or have an established handicap. Tournament sponsors have another calculation when that's the case). Team, double and single events will be held on April 5-6; April 12-13 or April 26-27. Teams may have two non-Masons on their rosters. Entries close March 10th. I have particulars for those who need more information. You can reach me at 494-2546. Tournament hosts have a goal of one team of five bowlers from each Lodge in the State.

Getting to the Lanes

It's not difficult to get to Spencerport Lanes, which is at the intersection of Union Street (Rte. 259) and Nichols Street (Rte. 31) on the South side of the Village. It's about a half hour from anywhere in Monroe County if you use the Expressways and head West on Route 531 to the Union Street exit. Also, it's about 45 minutes from Warsaw using Rte. 19, then heading East on Rte. 31 at Brockport.

Among regulars at present are John Specht, our League Secretary, hailing from Hesperus Lodge, along with Don Hargrave and "Hody" Miller. We have Bill Lindsay from Towpath, Jay McCullough from Etolian and Dick Giedd from Valley/Simes, as well. Others come and go as their schedules permit.

For further information you may contact John Specht at 548-2694, me, or any of the Brothers named.

We look forward to sharing a couple of hours with you some one of these Tuesday afternoons, before you move back outdoors to a regional golf course or other recreational activity. □



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Masonic Home News

Special visit

What does the Masonic Home in Utica, NY, New London Vienna Lodge No. 420, New London, New York and 43 Canadians from the Province of Ontario have in common?

Masonry!! On November 23, 1996, 43 Canadian Brothers from the Province of Ontario, chartered a bus and traveled to the Masonic Home in Utica, NY, to share Ritual and fellowship. Dispensations were granted from the Grand Lodges of New York and the Province of Ontario, to exemplify, in the presence of New York Masonic Brothers, the Canadian 1st Degree. In return, New London Vienna Brothers exemplified the Opening and Closing Rituals, complete with variations and possibilities.

The schedule was tight, but time was allotted for a tour of the Masonic Home Campus that included the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Library and Museum, Daniel D. Tompkins Chapel and Masonic Medical Research Lab. Following the tours and the Degree exemplification, the team and the visiting Brethren adjourned to Moe Morris Fellowship Hall for fellowship and a buffet dinner. Nearly 100 Brothers, including Masonic Home Brothers, were in attendance and everyone enjoyed this historic day. Once again it was demonstrated that Masons have no limits when it comes to fellowship and love of the Craft.

Should you, your Lodge or District, like to visit the Beautiful Masonic Home Campus or should you desire to host a program about the Home, contact W. Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator at 315-798-4923 or 800-322-8826, or write him at the Masonic Home, 2150 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY, 13501-1788.

Acacia Village News

Acacia Village has experienced much activity since the last issue. We welcomed several new residents, including Brother Frederick B. Griffin from Utica and Brother and Mrs. Albin Votik from Lynbrook, NY.

The holidays were exceptionally busy. Residents were privileged to have several community groups entertain with music and song. Included was the Mohawk Valley Community College Concert Band and Vocal Ensemble, Madrigal Singers, and a holiday party featuring electronic orchestras and balloon sculptures.

Director Alice Shephard-Demma and Leasing Coordinator Cindy Dardano accepted an invitation from St. Johnsville Lodge No. 611 to present an informational program at the celebration of their 130th Anniversary. The program included honoring the widows of Master Ma-

sons, and a presentation to the Lodge of special Aprons worn by three departed Brethren.

Twenty-five members of the Mohawk Valley Shrine Club visited Acacia Village for a tour and lunch.

Intergenerational activities are a treat for both Acacia Village residents and children from the Child Care Center. Once again, the two joined for an animated story hour in the Library.

Rehabilitation Program Expanding

In a major policy move to address the needs of New York State Masons, the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund have embarked on the renovation of the first floor Smith Stewart Wing to create additional short term rehabilitation facilities. Quality rehabilitation care (in addition to the nursing home care now offered) is an immediate need and a service that the Masonic Home is well equipped to offer. It is the goal of the Masonic Home to provide the finest state of the art rehabilitation services in Central New York State.

The rooms will be private, with private bathrooms and individually controlled heat and air conditioning. The rooms have been designed to create a "home like" setting for the individual. Meals will be served to the Rehabilitation residents in a separate dining room.

Since the inception of this service in 1993, 105 people have entered the short term rehabilitation program following a fracture, joint replacement, stroke or amputation. In January, 1997, 12 people entered the Masonic Home to receive rehabilitation services. This comprehensive program has allowed 87% of these individuals to return to their previous residence.

The Rehabilitation Program uses a team approach involving the Medical, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Hearing, Nursing, Social Services, Dietary and Activities Departments. The inter-disciplinary approach has been the key to the success of this program. Everyone working toward the common goal of helping each individual be better prepared for their return "home" has resulted in a complete cooperative effort. The cooperation of all the disciplines involved in the care of the individual encourages the resident to accomplish tasks that may not have been possible when admitted. This win-win situation has been a positive experience for everyone involved. If you know of someone who can benefit from the Rehabilitation Program at the Masonic Home, please contact the Admissions Department at 1-800-322-8826.

The Time is Now

Every Autumn it happens like magic... the trees put on a breathtaking display of color, turning the rolling hills of New York State into an explosion of rust, crimson, gold and amber. The foliage of Autumn, along with the beauty of the other three seasons, is just one more reason why many retirees elect to stay up North instead of heading South. Soon the hints of Spring-the trees budding, the birds singing and the flowers blooming-will be visible.

Just one more reason why men and women seeking to retire in a planned community choose the award winning Acacia Village...in the heart of central New York State. The staff at Acacia Village uses the Fall and Winter months to encourage Lodges throughout the State to visit Acacia Village and the Masonic Home Campus. To make it easier for you, we'll provide round trip transportation from your Lodge. Plan to spend the day. Have lunch, take a tour, go swimming, play Bridge or Bingo, see a movie or participate in whatever activities are planned for that day. See how retirement community living can enhance your lifestyle.

This premier retirement community was built by the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund. For over one hundred years, the Masons have been creating quality programs that touch the lives of seniors throughout New York State. Today, because many retirees want to enjoy the seasons and proximity to family, continue to be active and involved in cultural, educational and recreational programs, yet want the security and peace of mind knowing assisted living and skilled nursing are nearby, Acacia Village is becoming a home to many. Men and women of all faiths, colors, and creeds, are invited to find out more about Acacia Village.

All you have to do is assemble a group from your Lodge; reserve a date by calling us at 800-593-3353 and leave the rest to us. You'll be glad you did. (Courtesy Masonic News Network)



FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

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By William Lindsay

The symbolic penalties come up for discussion every 10 to 20 years, create a flurry of excitement, and then recede to dormancy, until such time as a reformer gets all worked up about them, stirs intense public interest, publicly abuses the Craft, causes the Craft to consider setting them aside, etc. Usually by the time the Craft gets around to reacting, the controversy has lost its steam, and the concern goes back to sleep. Nothing changes.

In reading from a medieval history (*The Fugger Newsletter*, p. 212) I came across the following item, which would be of interest to Masons, and informative. Seems in the year 1595, the King of France narrowly escaped assassination by a 17 year old youth who attempted to stab him in the throat, but missed and stabbed him in the cheek instead. Jean Chatel was immediately apprehended and tried by Parliament. Once found guilty, a lengthy and multipart sentence was prescribed, concluding with: "he will be rent asunder by four horses, his members and his body shall be thrown into the fire and his ashes strewn to the wind". In those preegalitarian days, penalties were traditionally fitted for the

crime, and the young Chatel had earned "the max".

How one got from the jail to the gallows held significance (anything from walking, dragged at the end of a rope, riding in the cart of infamy) and was well understood by all people.

Thus we should understand the symbolic penalties. They teach and reinforce for us how high the expectation is that we should hold for our own behavior and how we can expect others to view any contrary actions on our part. These symbolic penalties are rooted in Medieval practice. The clarity they imparted then can be ours now if we appreciate their purpose in the context in which they were used.

It is said that questions are more useful to the educative process than statements. With this in mind, I propose the following for your consideration. Send me your responses and I will do my best to share them.

Question 1: If my Lodge were to initiate, pass and raise a member of the Muslim faith, how would his Volume of Sacred Law be opened and how would the S&C be placed?

Question 2: If I were to affiliate with a Connecticut Lodge, could I fraternally visit Eureka Lodge without invoking Masonic censure.

New Business

I am collecting Masonic e-mail addresses. Please send yours to blindsay@servtech.com.

Annual Meeting

The Finger Lakes Chapter Dinner and Annual Meeting will be April 30th at 6:00 p.m., 3rd floor dining room at the Downtown Temple. Please mark your calendar and call Bill Edwards for reservations at 872-3993.

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By W. Michael J. Herrmann

Greetings

Most of our members are down in the South hiding from the snow. Guess what? No snow. Not yet that is. There is still a lot of us who are here in the Rochester area. It's not Spring, but it's not bad.

New members

We have a few new members since the last article. Welcome aboard. Always glad to increase membership with fine people.

Summer cruise

Plans are in the making for our early Summer cruise. The Canandaigua Lady will be our ship, early evening dining with a cruise on Canandaigua Lake. The date and details will be in the next issue.

Officers meeting

We will be having a March Officers meeting. This will give us time to plan for the Steak/Chicken Roast Event. The meeting will be at the Maplewood on East Avenue. The date and time will be announced.

The Club is always open to new ideas for programs. If you can contribute, give me a call at home, 872-0113 or at work, 428-6584.

Reflections on Early Training Part II

By Don Brugger

It is interesting that some people will spend a lot of time and effort trying to prove a premise or argument using faulty definitions. For example those who terminate lives with bombs or guns in support of the anti-abortion cause do so with the steadfast belief that this is not killing. The same can be said for the present strife in the Middle East where killing for religious reasons is taken as justifiable. It seems that these people possess selective morality. To my way of thinking killing is killing. To terminate a human life is against the tenets of almost every known religion.

Society of laws

To take what is not yours without just compensation is also a prime commandment or tenet of most religions. These kinds of behavior are not condoned in any society that I have ever heard of and both come under the heading of anti-social behavior. The very essence of civilized societies is the premise that each individual is entitled to certain freedoms and certain constraints.

Putting aside the global ramifications of this anti-social behavior, let's consider our own Constitution and Bill of Rights. They spell out these freedoms and constraints thereby establishing the law of the land.

First of all I think that most would agree that the law of the land should apply to all members of the society equally regardless of position, economic advantage, race, gender, age, religious persuasion, eye color, height, weight or any other individual peculiarity that may be part of an individual's physical or behavioral make-up. I think that covers most of our human differences if not, add your own.

The point is that each of us has been thrust into the human situation and into particular society, by birth. Regardless of what the advantages, physical or mental,

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Scottish Rite NEWS

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Ill.: Rod Rittenhouse, 33°, who has been appointed by the Deputy, Ill.: Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active and Deputy for the State of New York, to fill the post of Deputy's Assistant for the Valley of Rochester. The use of Deputy's Assistants to ease the workload of the Actives is undergoing a four year evaluation in the Northern Jurisdiction. New York is participating in the 2nd phase of the evaluation which will last for three years.

March Program

Brother John Zabel will give a presentation on 19th Century coins for the Program Meeting on March 6th. Unless you are a numismatist you are probably unaware of the many changes that have been made to our nation's coinage over the years. John's talk should be interesting and enlightening in addition to giving everyone a chance to see coins that they never receive as change from a Wegman's cashier.

Cancellation

A reminder again that the business meeting for April 3rd has been cancelled because of the

Brother-Bring-a-Brother Night and the Reunion later in the month.

Bring-a-Brother Night

This event will take place at Logan's Party House on April 4th. See the ad on page 7. If you bring a prospective candidate, you, he and your ladies will be treated to complimentary meals.

Spring Reunion

Letters to all cast members of the Spring Reunion Degrees are being mailed as you read this. If you are scheduled to be in a Degree and cannot make it to the rehearsal please notify the Director. When deciding whether to participate in a rehearsal keep in mind that others in the cast are making the same decision. A new cast member attending his first rehearsal will have a tough time visualizing the Degree if all of the seasoned veterans have decided they know their parts well enough that they don't need to rehearse leaving he and the Director the only two there.

Council of Deliberation

Renovations to the former Holiday Inn Genesee Plaza are scheduled to be completed by April and thereafter it will be called the Sheraton Four Points Rochester Riverside. Members of the Planning Committee for this July's Council of Deliberation Meeting met with the Catering Manager in February and received assurances that the hotel will be available as the venue. Whew!

Learning Center

Final architect's drawings for the Frank & Bette Paul Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center were submitted to the Deputy and the National Headquarters in Massachusetts the 1st week of February. Bidding is in progress and it is estimated that construction will take no more than one month. As of this mo-

ment, it appears that the physical portion of the Center will be completed in time for the Dedication.

Feast of the Paschal Lamb

Don't forget the Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony honoring our members who have passed away this past year. This Ceremony will be held on March 20th. Reservations for the Roast Beef Dinner (\$7.50) are a must. □

Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33° Deputy's Assistant



At the February Scottish Rite Meeting of the Valley of Rochester, Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33° Active, announced that Ill.: Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active and Deputy for New York, has appointed Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, to the position of Deputy's Assistant.

This recently developed position includes the following duties: A Deputy's Assistant will serve at the pleasure of the Deputy for New York. Under supervision of the Deputy for New York and in concert with the Active Member resident in the Valley's Council of Deliberation Area, he will be the primary contact for the assigned Valley.

In concert with the Active Member he will aide the Deputy in managing all State Programs in the Valley.

He will supervise the establishment and promotion of Supreme Council and New York State Council of Deliberation Programs. He will oversee the selection and training of personnel and supervise the performance of each task at the Valley level. It will be his responsibility to monitor the preparation, and assure the submission within established time frames, all Supreme Council and Council of Deliberation reports from the Valley.

He will perform such other tasks and assignments as may from time to time be required by the Supreme Council and the Deputy for New York.

Illustrious Brother Rittenhouse has had a very active Masonic Career. He was raised in 1955 in Union Star Lodge No. 320 where he served as Master in 1964. He is Past President of the Interlodge Fellowship Committee, Past President of the Masonic Service Bureau, and Past President of the Monroe Bureau of Masonic Education.

He was DDGM for the 2nd Monroe District in 1969-70.

In 1976 he served as Thrice Potent Master of Rochester Lodge of Perfection in the Valley

of Rochester and was coroneted 33° Honorary Member of the Supreme Council in 1978. He is the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief of Rochester Consistory.

Rod was Potentate of Damascus Temple Shrine in 1982.

He is a Realtor/Appraiser and former owner of Century 21 Rittenhouse Realty and for the past seven years has been employed as Residential Appraisal Manager for First Federal Savings and Loan Assoc. Rod is married to Jeanne M. Rittenhouse who is an active Real Estate Agent with ERA Paul Fischer, Realtors in Fairport. They live in Perinton and have six children that have blessed them so far with four wonderful grandchildren.

Illustrious Brother Rod is looking forward to working with the Valley of Rochester in this capacity and serving the Craft for the promotion of Masonry in New York State. □

February Program

On February 6th we had a great program. The Schuplattler Verein Heidengold performed under the direction of our own William Zufall, Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix, on the stage of Cathedral Hall. The entertainment was arranged by Chairman, Brother James Smith, Sovereign Prince, Council of Princes of Jerusalem. Refreshments were served following the program.



Schuplattler Verein Heidengold Dancers



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York Rite NEWS

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District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
27th Capitulat District



R.E. Donald J. Brugger
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As I write this message we are preparing for Grand Chapter in Albany. It will be there that our new Grand High Priest R.E. C. Richard Trust will take over the reigns. M.E. Robert DelDuca has done a creditable job of leading the Royal Craft through this year of transition, and it has been a year of many changes. Some Chapters have surrendered their Charters, many more have merged or consolidated. There will in all probability be more mergers, even in our own District.

Webster Chapter is in the process of merging with Hiram bringing the number of Chapters in the 27th to only three. Livonia and Dansville Chapters are still vacillating on their decision to merge. If this does occur, and it probably will, we will be down to two. In the 29th, our neighbors to the West, 3 X 3 Chapter, looks rocky and will probably merge with LeRoy.

Our outgoing GHP faithfully sent a message to all the District Deputies throughout the State every month of his tenure. In these notes he discussed the State of Royal Arch Masonry in the State. I would like to share with you a few of his comments from his last epistle.

Speaking of the mergers he said, "This is happening because you and your Companions have taken the time to think about your futures and what is best for your survival...In the end this will prove to be the correct medicine and the patient will survive...Your Districts are becoming stronger because they are facing their futures head on and so too [is] your Grand Chapter." He concluded with his usual directive, and its a good one, "If we reach out and touch someone, we can and will make a difference". He also included an appropriate quote from Tuli Kupferberg; "When patterns are broken, New worlds can emerge".

Albany

I look forward to seeing you in Albany, barring our usual early March snowstorm. As I mentioned in my last column, we will be meeting again at the Holiday Inn on Wolfe Road, March 7th & 8th. Come join us if you can, our hospitality room, managed by the Zahns, will be open. Our trek to the Capital would not be the same without their traditional TLC.

After the Grand Convocation we will again be ready to tackle

the business of the District with our Spring Degree Festival. Now's the time to stop the procrastinating about new members and go out and get some. Membership is everyone's job. I know you may say that your circle of acquaintances is tapped out or you don't know any young men. Hey, give it another try, be a pest about it. We need a few good men, especially in those Chapters where the average age is over 60.

There must be at least one of your Lodge Brothers who has not taken advantage of the expanded knowledge of Freemasonry that York Rite Masonry offers. Get a non-Mason interested in Chapter, Council or Commandery. Get him into the Symbolic Lodge with the anticipation of continued revelation of the many facets of Freemasonry. You can do it; your the only one who can. Guarantee the future of the Craft. Make the effort. □

Hiram Chapter

No. 62

**2nd & 4th
Thursdays**



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March meeting dates

Please put the following dates on your calendar. R.W. David Clarke will be our guest speaker on March 13th. If we have any candidates, the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees will be conferred on March 27th. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., but we need to have 20 or more people. Why not attend and enjoy the company of your companions?

Great honor

When I visited Orient Chapter No. 79 in Scarborough, Canada, for their Installation of Officers, I had the honor and privilege of holding their "Golden Traveling Triangle", a privilege seldom given to one from a different country. The "Golden Triangle" is held in high esteem with the Canadians and is only displayed at special meetings. I just happened to be there at the right time.

History of Trophy

On December 19, 1908, authority was given to the St. Patrick Chapter No. 145 to make up the Traveling Triangle using a design by Companion R.A. Gledhill. The workmanship in this piece is beautifully done. The "Triangle" is made of solid gold and on each of the upper faces there is a maple leaf, emblem of Canada with trifoliated clover, emblem of Ireland; all enameled in natural tints. A beaver crouching on a log symbolizes the industrious characteristics of the Canadian people. At the base of the Triangle is the keystone with the triple tau in its center, while at the apex, which go to form the base, we find the pick, crowbar, shovel, trowel and sword. In the very center of the Triangle we

find the figure of St. Patrick in canonical robes, suspended by two chains and bearing in his right hand the crosier or staff of the Good Shepherd. On the back of the figure of St. Patrick is the cross of St. Andrew and the whole appears within the oval, setting forth the name of St. Patrick Chapter, its number and the register under which it works, as well as the Latin "Nulli secundus", which means "second to none". Shown also is the year of its founding, 1904. On the back of the Triangle appears the words, "The property of the St. Patrick Chapter No. 145, G.R.C., R.A.M., Toronto, Canada." The Triangle and album were placed in the custody of Grand Chapter on October 3, 1919, and it is used by the Grand Chapter when the Grand Z is present. The only time it can venture out on its own (without the Grand Z) occurs once a year when the "Golden Traveling Triangle" comes home to the St. Patrick's Chapter for the Annual Installation Ceremony.

Membership

Companions! I don't have to tell you that if you don't bring in a new Companion, then Hiram Chapter will be hurting in more ways than one. First of all, the membership will decline to a dangerous low. Secondly, the Hiram Chapter Officers Line will be hard to fill. Thirdly, our benevolences will hurt very much, and the Scholarship Fund will fail, leaving a lot of students without a way to support their education. Donations to all our charities will suffer. So, why not get someone to join Hiram Chapter? You, and you alone, can make this happen. □

District Deputy Grand High Priest

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

Firstly, I am honored to be appointed the new District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 29th Capitulat District. Hopefully this will be made official at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter at Albany in the first week of March. Since you should know what you are getting, a brief personal resume is in order.

Personal

I was born and raised in Buffalo, NY. My wife, Wahneetah, was born in East Concord, Township of Sardinia, NY. I have a Masters Degree in Science from Buffalo State Teachers College. I was a Journeyman Electrician with the New York Central Railroad for 15 years and after college, taught for 23 years at the Franklinville High School. I was a Scout Leader for 35 years, attended National Camp School, was a Camp Director at Wolf Creek Scout Camp and was a Scout Master at the 1969-1972 National Jamboree in Idaho.

I am also a National Track and Field Official and have officiated at the World University Games and World Veterans Games held in Buffalo.

Masonic

I was Master of Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161 from 1991 thru 1993 and hold a dual membership in Triluminar Lodge No. 543. I was High Priest of Arcade Chapter No. 322, RAM and a member of Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92, R. & S.M., Hugh De Paynes Commandery No. 30, Genesee York Rite College No. 25 and was AGL for the 29th Capitulat District.

I am happy to cordially invite you to share with me this singular honor at the March 10th meeting of Arcade Chapter in Pike, NY at which time I will be presented my DDGHP's Apron.

News

A Festival was held on February 1st at Batavia Temple. The event was hosted by Western Star Chapter No. 35. There was a large turnout with all Chapters of the 29th lending a hand; other Districts also participated. This was the largest class in several years.

Here I am going to borrow a definition from a Brother; What makes a great Chapter? The manager of the New York Yankees was asked what it took to make a great team. His answer was, "a great team". We might ask the same question about a new District Deputy Grand High Priest. I am looking forward to helping and serving you in the ensuing year. □

Western Star Chapter No. 35 RAM

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Greetings, Companions

The Royal Arch Festival held in Batavia was a huge success as 51 Companions attended from four Districts and nineteen Brethren were exalted. Through cooperation and teamwork the Festival was made possible. The introduction of Master Masons who exhibit good work, true work and square work in the quarries of Masonry, as in their daily lives, will bring honor to our Royal Craft.

At our next convocation, please welcome out two newest Companions, Fred Bowman and Dennis Turton. We also have a visitor in our Tabernacle, Companion Elias Paravalos, who has joined into our fellowship on several occasions.

Your High Priest has been re-appointed as Assistant Grand Lecturer, so you may well expect



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an increased emphasis on ritualistic proficiency. Together with our new District Deputy Grand High Priest Elect, R.E. Daniel Evans, I will be visiting each Chapter in our District in the upcoming weeks.

March events

The Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter in Albany will be March 6-7-8th. The High Priest, King, Principal Sojourner and the Master of the 1st Veil will be attending. Our Chapter will be under the supervision of the Scribe and will be dark.


On Wednesday, March 19th, the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be at Three Times Three Chapter in Spencerport. A dinner will be held at the Pilot House Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are to be made with the High Priest no later than Monday, March 17th. The work of the Convention will be Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Reception of Visitors, Balloting, Attending to Alarms and Draping the Altar. Western Star is requested to furnish a Captain of the Host, a Master of the 3rd Veil and Sentinel for the evening. Your attendance is requested at what always has been a pleasant and informative evening with R.E. Hobert Cook, our Grand Lecturer.

March 20th is a regular convocation. This will provide an opportunity to put into practice what we have learned. A report on the activities of Grand Chapter will be given. A program of Masonic interest will be presented with refreshments.

The Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner is April 26th at Batavia Downs. Tickets are available from your High Priest at \$16.00. □

Past High Priests Association

Western New York



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Your assistance needed

Currently the Royal Arch Scholarship Foundation is awarding scholarships of \$500 and it is the desire of our Grand High Priest to make scholarship awards of \$1,000. This will be possible with YOUR assistance. Freemasons were in the forefront in the establishment of Public Education in America. In continuance of this noble beginning, let us give our support to higher education through the Royal Arch Scholarship Program.

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PHP Association

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These scholarships are open to the children and grandchildren of Royal Arch Masons.

Join us

Our 21st Annual Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner will be held at the Batavia Downs Race Track, Batavia, NY, on Saturday, April 26, 1997. Our setting will be the glass enclosed, terraced dining room. A social hour will commence at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails available, followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Our banquet will be prepared by Companion Mark Madgett III, chef and owner, who assures us an outstanding evening. The menu will be a banquet buffet including carved sirloin of beef, turkey, and ham. Dinner music will be provided by E. Karl Reich at the keyboard.

Dinner tickets are available from your District Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Donald Brugger at 458-6125 or R. E. Vernon Goodrich at 377-0367 at only \$16.00 each. From the sale of each ticket, a donation of \$3.50 will be realized for the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund. Additional tickets are available from V. E. Stephen Licht at 343-1517.

Chapters, as well as Companions, will be recognized at this event for their contributions during the previous year. This will provide an excellent opportunity to make your donations and receive appropriate recognition for your generous support of the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund.

Special guest

Our special guest of the evening will be R. E. C. Richard Trust, presently Grand King, and expected to be Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, State of New York, and his lady. Recent scholarship recipients will also be invited to be with us for the evening.

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Where did it go?

I must offer a huge apology for there being no article from Doric Council in last month's *Masonic Times*. Due to a miscommunication with my typist, the article appeared in another Masonic publication. Sorry about that!

Degree

At our February meeting we conferred the Royal Master Degree. A Ham Dinner, prepared and served by the ladies of Lalla Rookh Caldron, preceded the meeting. It was greatly appreciated, ladies.

March

The Select Master Degree will be conferred at our March meeting. Dinner will again be served by the Caldron ladies. For reservations, please contact R. L. L. Edward Walker or me by the 12th of the month. If you don't make a reservation, don't expect to eat!

These Degrees are very important to our candidates. Let's have the sidelines filled!

See you in Council.

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Council No. 92**

4th Monday

**Ill. Kenneth Kohlhaugen
Master
591-9598
Ill. Ruell R. Lovett
Recorder
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West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14482**

Apron Presentation

As stated in last month's column, information would be available regarding the Apron Presentation to R. L. Steven L. Wing to be held on Monday, March 24th. Here it is:

There will be a dinner at the LeRoy Masonic Temple at 6:16 p.m., preceding the public Presentation. The Apron will be presented by M. Ill. Jay Kosseff, Grand Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York. The Program will begin at 8:00 p.m.

The cost of the dinner will be \$7.00 and firm reservations are a must. They may be made with me, 591-9598, or our Recorder, Ill. Ruel Lovett, 494-2546, before Monday, March 17th.

This would be a good opportunity for potential members, as well as families, to visit a Council of Cryptic Masons and see first hand how we are set up and what we are about.

Hope to see many of you on March 24th

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This article comes from the shores of Virginia Beach. It's very difficult to write this while watching the waves come pounding in.

On March 3rd we will have a Full Form Opening and practice the Sword Manual.

St. Patrick's Party

A catered dinner will be served, with our ladies, on March 17th. Let's make this a fun night. Each Sir Knight will be receiving a letter with more information.

Rehearsal

I would like to have a rehearsal for our Inspection on either March 24th or 31st. This will be decided on February 17th.

Inspection

Our Inspection will be on April 7th. There will be more information on this event next month.

Pastor Larry Returns from the Holy Land

The following are excerpts from a letter of thanks from Pastor Lawrence DeVuyst who recently returned from the Holy Land. He will be presenting a program of his experiences at a future date.

"Greetings to you from the Holy Land in the name of the Lord! I can't believe what my eyes have seen in 10 short days. From 7:30 in the morning until 8:00 at night, we saw as much as we possibly could realizing we might only get this one opportunity to walk where the Lord Jesus had walked in His earthly life.

Jerusalem, Jericho, Galilee, Caesarea Phillipi, Massada, the Dead Sea, and on and on and on. It was also especially gratifying to read and hear so much about the Knight's Templar and their rich history in the Holy Land as defenders of the faith. In fact, one museum we went into had a full size statue of a Knight Templar in full armor.

I will never forget this wonderful experience of visiting the place that is the origin of our Christian faith. With deep gratitude I thank you for sponsoring me so that I was able to represent our area. Over 70 pastors attended from over 26 states. Please accept these two small tokens of my appreciation. First, an olive wood cross and the words to the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic, which was Jesus' primary language. I am also includ-

ing a rock that I retrieved from deep within Solomon's mine, which extends under the Holy City. You might be inclined to say, "My pastor went to the Holy Land and all he brought me was this lousy stone!" Of course, the origins of the Order of Freemasons is linked to Solomon and his building of the Temple. It's interesting to note that the word that is used to identify Joseph's profession as a carpenter also might be translated mason. It is merely arbitrary that carpenter was chosen. What if Jesus were actually a mason and not a carpenter?

I hope that we might have an opportunity in the future to return to the Holy Land... Thank you again from the bottom of my heart for sponsoring me.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Larry."

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A Great Course

After attending the 1st session of "The Road To The East", I believe this Course should become a requirement for every Mason! Even if you have no ambitions of becoming Master of your Lodge or head of any Masonic Body, any voting Mason should know what is required of a Masonic leader, and what authority and power that position commands.

R. W. Joe Privitera, Membership Retention Chairman for the Monroe Districts, shed some Masonic light on me at this "Road To The East" Course that had a profound effect on my thinking. He said, "You'll reach more of your members and more Masonic Brethren through your *Masonic Times* article than you will ever have the opportunity to see in person at one of your meetings. For many Masons, other than a dues notice, the *Masonic Times* is the only contact they have with their various Bodies."

I take a lot of pride in memorizing my work and I try never to miss a meeting, but I was suddenly very ashamed of the lack of effort I have put into my *Masonic Times* articles.

They say the key to writing and public speaking is knowing your audience. The problem is I don't know most of you! I have your name and address on a membership list, but who are you? What do you want? What does Commandery mean to you and what can I do to improve it for you?

Why did I do it?

I wanted to be Commander of Batavia No. 34 because I knew I could make a difference. I was elected because I am young (a novelty), full of ideas, enthusiasm and I am extremely candid with my observations and opinions.

For instance, I believe that every Masonic Body should include in its By-Laws a provision

for abstentions. Stipulating that, if the majority present abstain, the issue should be tabled pending further discussion. I believe too many members vote on issues or nominations they know nothing about, don't have an opinion on, or will vote with the majority rather than vote their conscience! These members should abstain, rather than risk destroying everything Masonry stands for: truth, honesty and moral character.

I know everyone of you has an opinion or an idea that could help us restore Masonry to what it was. So, let's hear it! The truth! We may not agree, but we'll begin to know and respect each other as Brothers. Discussion is better than quietly sitting by and watching this great Fraternity slowly die.

Toast

Batavia had a wonderful Christmas Toast at Attica with more than 50 people present, plenty of food to eat and lots of Christmas cheer.

We will stay

After a last minute rent reduction and the assurance of Batavia's Master of renewed cooperation between our Bodies, we voted to stay at Batavia for another year instead of moving to Attica. My sincere thanks to Attica's Trustees and members for their generous offer to let us move to their Temple. It's nice to feel welcome and wanted.

Please come out

Lastly, if you can, please attend at least one conclave a month. We would really appreciate it. It's hard to command when most of your troops are AWOL.

We've heard all the excuses, but the truth is if you really wanted to, many of you could come. We need your help!

James A. Sullivan Right Eminent Past Grand Commander



He sheathed his sword and entered his Eternal Reward on February 3, 1997. Sir Knight James Sullivan was born in Buffalo, New York in 1933. He was married to Jacqueline Wardrop of North Tonawanda. They have two sons, and five daughters. In 1952, Sir Knight Sullivan joined the U.S. Marine Corps and later transferred to the U.S. Air force. He served in the military for 21 years, retiring with the rank of Master Sergeant. He then accepted employment at the Bell Aerospace Textron Company in Buffalo. He rose through the corporation to the position of Senior Buyer and retired in 1991.

Sir Knight Sullivan began his Masonic activities in 1971. He joined the Symbolic Lodge in the State of California. He joined all the York Rite Bodies, was a Past Governor of Niagara Frontier

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO

News

Patrol
Legion
Caldron



Jan Lughart, Monarch

Monarch's Message

Thanks

I thank all the Prophets who helped me at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center for the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign. We collected a large sum of money for the Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks to my chief aide, James Powell, for all his help behind the scenes at my Installation.

Reminder

Keep in mind March 31st and bring a Master Mason to the Park for a good time. □

Master of Ceremonies

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

ESGA Spring Meeting

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

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

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

Membership

We have some petitions outstanding. Please get them in by the Board of Governors meeting on March 3rd. Thank you! □

Information Line

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

Board of Governors

The meeting date is Monday, March 3rd in the Grotto Office at 7:30 p.m. □

Auditorium

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

Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson
Our next meeting will be on March 10th at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Avenue. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Order off the menu, but I do need a head count for the restaurant by March 6th. Call me at 872-2385.

Dues

The Finance Officers reports that dues are due by a few, and we know who! □

Dates to Remember

Mon., Mar. 3rd-Board of Governors 7:30 p.m.

Mon., Mar. 10th-Legion of Honor- Dutch Mill 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Thurs., Mar. 13th-Caldron Meeting Doric Hall 8:00 p.m.

Wed., Mar. 19th-Grotto Meeting Cathedral Hall 8:00 p.m.

Thurs., Mar. 20th-Caldron Exe. Council at Marcia Morrison's home

Mon., Mar. 31st-Spring Round Up Henrietta Town Park 5:00 p.m.

**Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship**

Grotto Spring Round Up

Whoa, Prophet!

Put the date down now!

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

We have to strike while the iron is hot. It's hot, fellows. Continue to round up your candidates.

"Old Chief Rain-in-the-Face" Morthorst has been fattening up the pigs and chickens, and chop-

ping wood for the camp fire. He now has backaches and blisters on his hands, but all is ready-food, drink, and most of all, good fellowship.

Prophets, we're off to a good start. Everything is in our favor. Hopefully we will have a successful Round Up on March 31st. Another is planned for the Fall.

Please do your best to bring some good men into our Grotto. There will be no charge for Prophets with candidates. Others would be required to pay \$5.00 each.

Call in your reservations to "Old Chief Rain-in-the-Face" Morthorst at 334-4196 no later than March 26th. □

Caldron News

By Christina Eeckhout, MCO
The Lalla Rookh Caldron enjoyed their 49th Birthday Banquet at the Maplewood Inn on February 15th. Approximately 40 members attended the celebration, which was coordinated by Marcia Morrison. The festivities were enjoyed by all.

Good team work!

The Daughters prepared a family "home style" Ham Dinner for the Euchre Tournament members of the Grotto on February 19th. I want to express my thanks and appreciation to all those Daughters who worked so faithfully and diligently under the direction of PMCO Millie Panton and her assistant, Daughter Ethel Hazzard. Your team work is truly remarkable!

Smorgasbord

We are preparing for our biggest fundraising event of the year,

our Smorgasbord, which will be Saturday, April 5th in the 3rd Floor Dining Room at the Downtown Masonic Temple. The event will be from 4:00 p.m. 'til 6:00 p.m. and the cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased at the Dining Room door or from any Caldron member. All the funds raised at this event are donated for the humanitarian endeavors in the area of Cerebral Palsy Research and the Dentistry Program for the handicapped children. We would like you all to save the date and help support this worthy project, which is under the Chairmanship of Daughter Kristen DeOrdio. PSMCO Jean Wood is Chairman of our Craft Sale at this time and place.

March dates

The PMCO's will meet on Wednesday, March 5th at 8:00 p.m. at Sue Wilson's home.

The Caldron Patrol will meet on Thursday, March 6th at the home of Ethel Hazzard.

The next Caldron meeting will be Thursday, March 13th at 7:30 p.m., and will be our night to honor the Lalla Rookh Grotto Prophets. Although we will have our meeting earlier, we would like to have the Prophets join us by 9:00 p.m. for "fun and frolic".

The Executive Council meeting will be at Daughter Marcia Morrison's home on Thursday, March 20th at 8:00 p.m.

Illness

PMCO Helen Rose is scheduled for her second knee operation this month. We will miss you, Helen, and wish you a speedy recovery. PMCO Pat Slack is recovering from a cracked rib she received after falling last month. Daughter Helen Francis' husband, George, is recovering from illness and operations that took place this past month. We extend our prayers for all of you during this time of travail.

This month ushers in both Easter and Spring; new beginnings for happy endings! God Bless you all. □

Remember!

The Grotto meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

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College, and had been the Recorder of two Commanderies. He was elected as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York in 1992. Currently he was the Chairman of the Triennial Conclave Committee for the State of New York.

A Knight Templar Service was conducted at the Carlton Ullrich Funeral Home in Tonawanda, New York on Friday, February 7, 1997. Thus, we write the earthly record of our esteemed Sir Knight.

Twilight and evening bells, and after that the dark and may there be no sadness of farewell when I embark:

For though from out of borne of time and place the flood may bear me far,

I hope to see my pilot face to face when I have crossed the bar.

(Publication Courtesy Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York)

Training Part II

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we may have been born with they do not matter with respect to the law. The laws of the city, county, state or country we live in were made, generally, to protect the freedoms of each individual. I know some may say that certain laws are unfair or biased for the advantage of certain groups or individuals. Be that as it may the law is the law.

The Social Contract

A philosopher by the name of Jean Joques Rouseau, once put a name to this state of affairs; he called it a "Social Contract". The influence of the axioms set forth in his 17th Century writings can be found in almost every political system in existence today.

The terms of that contract, although interpreted differently by some philosophers, are that each of us should abide by the rules of the society we live in. If we do not agree or desire not to abide by those rules, we are then obliged to attempt to change those rules within the laws of that society or absent ourselves from that society.

Sounds simple, doesn't it. Just obey the laws, change them in a prescribed manner or get out. The problem is most individuals think in an individual way, they don't think in terms of being members of a society. They do not stop to think, when choosing a particular course of action, what effect their action will have on others. It is unfortunate that

we don't receive this societal congeniality in our genes.

What are the implications?

The answer is obvious, you say. That's right. The source of civility is training. In fact the rearing of children in a society is sometimes known as a civilizing process. According to a theory proposed by an 18th Century Philosopher, we are born with what he called a "Tabular Rasa", or blank slate. All we are taught or experience during our early development, is inscribed on this blank slate. That means everything. Not being fed on time, being stuck with a diaper pin, being cuddled, smiled at, associating certain experiences with either pleasure or pain, anything we experience during early development. Sounds awesome doesn't it? Everything you do to a child is recorded along with the associated tactual experiences. It goes on this blank slate for all time. Of course many of these experiences are repressed and may only surface when triggered by extreme stimuli later in the individual's life. Some we may never be conscious of or remember. Most of them, however, influence our behavior whether we are conscious of them or not.

What does this tell us?

Using this proposed mechanism, we can put in perspective, the profound responsibility that the parent has in shaping the future of their children. Of course we all know that learning doesn't stop in childhood; we retain the ability to learn throughout a normal lifetime. We can be changed and Freemasonry relies on that possibility in its quest to make good men better.

This brings us to the whole purpose of this discussion. Since people can be taught, they can be civilized. Assuming this process is dynamic or on-going, individuals can learn to change their ways. The only thing that is needed is incentive. Remembering that a large part of training or learning is by example, just think what an awesome challenge and opportunity this presents to the Masonic Fraternity. "You may never know how far your influence may spread beyond the circle of your close associates"; sound familiar? This paraphrase from one of our Masonic Charges is your clue. Therefore, Brothers, be the best that you can in your dealings with all people so that the Light of Freemasonry will illuminate the path of all mankind.

Friendship

A friend is one who knows about you, but still likes you.



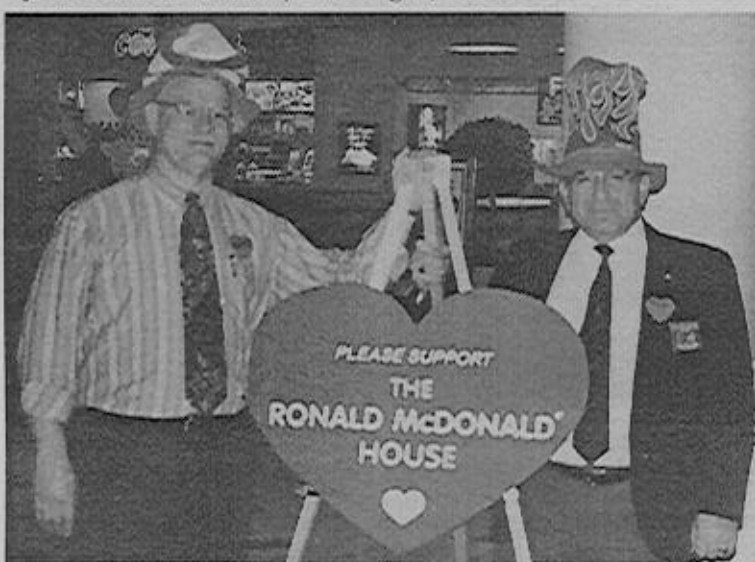
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A Bards Epitaph

I.
Is there a whim-impire'd fool,
Owre fast for thought, owre hot for rule,
Owre blate to seek, owre proud to snool!

Let him draw near,
And owre this grassy heap sing dool,
And drap a tear.

III.
Is there a man, whose judgment clear
Can others teach the coast to steer,
Yet runs, himself, life's mad career
Wild as a wave?
Here pause-and, thro' the starting tear,

Survey this grave.
V.
Reader attend! whether thy soul
Soars Fancy's flights beyond the pole,
Or darkling grubs this earthly hole
In low pursuit;
Know prudent, cautious, self-control
Is wisdom's root.

Robert Burns

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By Wthy. Barbara Spano
Something to be happy about,
the fresh green of Spring's young shoots.

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

All study groups will meet on March 1st at 10:00 a.m. at the Lodge in Penfield. March 2nd is the Euchre Tournament at the Mosque on Bay Road at 3:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. and the tickets are \$9.00. Please make sure that you get the prizes to Rt. Wthy. Elaine.

Official Visit

The Grand Matron's Official Visit is soon approaching. It is April 17th at the Diplomat Hotel.

Dates

March 8th is the Reception for Rt. Wthy. Dee Seeley, Grand Representative to Texas. It is at 8:00 p.m. at the Fairport Lodge. Our congratulations to Rt. Wthy. Dee.

March 20th is Past Matrons Association Meeting and brown bag lunch. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. and the meeting is at 1:30 p.m. Dessert is 75 cents and 25 cents is for the treasury. This will be held at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport.

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- Apr. 26 Ox Roast - Hilton
- Apr. 30 Finger Lakes Chapter Philalethes
- May 4-6 Grand Lodge, New York City
- May 16 Joint Investiture - Downtown Temple
- July 10-13 New York Council of Deliberation Rochester Holiday Inn, Genesee Plaza
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Calendar March 1997

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