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Two Brothers Among Sixteen Men Honored by New York State



Stephen Whittaker and Art Maupin with State Legislator Alessi at the Medal Presentation Ceremonies.

By Don Brugger

In a Public Ceremony at the Monroe County Legislative Chambers, on March 16th, two Masons were honored with the presentation of the State Conspicuous Service Cross. The Medals, presented by State Senator James Alessi with the assistance of County Executive, Jack Doyle, are the State's highest military award. Two of the recipients were Brothers Steve Whittaker of Seneca Lodge No. 797 and Art Maupin of Charlotte Lodge No. 1088.

To qualify for the Conspicuous Service Cross one must have received a military citation while serving in the armed forces and have been a New York State resident at the time.

Brother Whittaker served in Vietnam and Brother Maupin in Europe in WWII. Brother Maupin enlisted in April of 1942 and started his overseas duty in October. He was in the June 6th "DDay" landing at Omaha Beach and received a battlefield promotion to Staff Sergeant shortly after the landing. He was wounded in the fighting on the Cherbourg Peninsula on the 27th of August and after recuperating, was returned to duty in France where he served until October of 1945.

Brother Whittaker's service began in 1969 in Viet Nam where he was initially assigned to a Field Artillery unit. His experience in printing soon earned him a transfer to a small printing facility, op-

erated by Army Intelligence. The mission of this facility was to publish classified reports for distribution to Army and Marine command posts in the Northern portion of the country. Brother Whittaker is a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal.

Senator Alessi encouraged all recipients to inform others of the opportunity to avail themselves of this singular honor.

Congratulate these Brothers, if you see them and if you know of any other deserving Brothers, inform them. (Some information from the "Rochester Democrat and Chronicle")

Well Known Area Mason, R.:W.: Stanley C. Allen Passes



By Don Brugger

R.:W.: Brother Allen died March 29, 1997 after a long illness. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088.

Masonic

Brother Allen was raised in Corinthian Temple Lodge No. 805 where he served as Master in 1962 and 1976. He was District Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund (1983-'84), received the Dedicated Service Award (1985), the Annual Masonic Fellowship Award (1981) and Man of the Year (1991).

Brother Allen was President of the Masonic Service Bureau in 1974-'75 and was a Director until his death. He served on the Service Bureau nominating and Interfaith Breakfast Committees and enjoyed playing Santa Claus when the Service Bureau traveled to Utica.

Stan was a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Rochester and was active in the Degrees. He was a member of Damascus Temple

No. 2, A.A.O.N.M.S., Shrine Degree Team, Past President of the Shrine Lunch Club, Royal Order of Jesters, Rochester High Twelve Club No. 619 and was a regular volunteer at the Shrine Circus.

Community

Brother Allen retired from the Rochester Gas and Electric Co. after 46 years of service. He enjoyed volunteering at the Monroe Developmental Center where he often played Santa Claus. Stan worked at Silver Stadium for 47 years and was a member of the Boosters Club for many years.

R.:W.: Allen with his wife, Jean, was a member of Trinity Emmanuel Church for many years and he was active for in the "SEEDS" group for "special Adults". He leaves one son, James, 4 grandchildren, 4 brothers and numerous nieces and nephews.

Masonic and regular Memorial Services were held at Trinity Emmanuel Church on Saturday April 5th.



216th Communication of Grand Lodge May 5 & 6

The 216th Communication of Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York will take place at the West 23rd Street Masonic Hall in New York City on May 5th and 6th, 1997. As usual seating will be arranged by Masonic District with each DDGM seated with his District. Each DDGM, Staff Officer or Committee member must report to the Credentials Committee each day. Failure to do so may affect your expense voucher.

Each Lodge, provided it is eligible is entitled to be represented by its Master or in his absence, the Senior Warden or Junior Warden, or if all three are absent, a Past Master with a proxy duly elected and certified in advance in accordance with Sec. 106 of the Constitutions. Each Lodge's representative and eligible members

under Sec. 131 of the Constitutions will receive his entitlement of actual expenses not exceeding \$25/day and 10 cents per mile to and from their home Lodge.

All Grand Representatives of other Lodges will be welcomed as visitors (not members) at the Opening Session on Monday morning, and should plan to be there no later than 9:00 a.m. Those serving in elected offices will be seated in the Northeast. Appointed Officers, Grand Representatives and Committee members will be seated in the Southeast. Grand Lodge Staff Officers will be assigned locations throughout the Lodge room.

Final Vote Amendments

The following Amendment will be presented for second and final approval.

Sec. 111 of the Constitutions reads: "The following officers, namely the Grand Marshal, Deputy Grand Marshal, Senior Grand Deacon ... And such Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Stewards, Grand Sword Bearers, as the Grand Master may deem advisable, shall be appointed at the annual communication or within 30 days ... etc." (changes underlined).

New Propositions

For first year approval:

Sec. 200 The "Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund", organized in accordance with Chapter 272 of the Laws of the State of New York passed April 21, 1864 entitled "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Masonic Home and Asylum Fund", and several acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, shall consist of nine persons who shall be members of Lodges under the authority and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and

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50 Years of Service



R.:W.: Cy Kloner, DDGM 1st Monroe District, and R.:W.: Gene Brendel, Grand Steward, presenting a 50 Year Service Pin on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to Brother David S. Parker. Brother Parker is a member of King Solomons Lodge No. 7 and resides at The Highlands in Pittsford, where the presentation was made on Saturday, April 5, 1997.

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Deputy Grand Master Speaks at Monroes' Grand Ball



R.:W.: Stewart McCloud-Deputy Grand Master (standing), R.:W.: Dave Jones-DDGM 2nd Mon., Ginny Libone, R.:W.: Vincent Libone-Deputy Grand Marshal, Irene McCloud, W.: James De Lorenzo-Master of Ceremonies and Master of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge and Linda De Lorenzo.

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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Accentuate the Positive

My compliments to Robert H. Schwarting, Editor of the "Ark Lodge News" for a publication of exemplary quality. The Editor's Corner of the March-April issue deserves particular praise for its positivity. In his column he recounts the consideration of Brothers in assisting him in his Masonic career and shares with the reader some of his observations. With his permission I quote from his response to his Masonic Brothers:

"To show what I mean, let me tell you how my journey has been assisted by your kindness. I have always been greeted at the door of the Lodge room with a handshake and a warm word of recognition. Mentors have suggested things that I might want to study; others have encouraged me to do better. When my Ritual was poor, I was shown neumerics or an aural rhythm to make the memorization easier. And, when I failed at something, a Brother came to my side and helped me sweep up the shattered dreams.

It has not always been so. There are Brothers among us who might judge, control and manipulate others. I cringe when I hear or feel their negativity, and feel worse when I hear it emanating from myself. So, it is these men that I greet with the warmest smile and strongest hand clasp for I know that Freemasonry will make a profound difference in their life. Just as it has been for me, it is in the Lodge room that we will find light!"

I cannot recall when I have read a better description of true Masonic Philosophy. I hope that Brother Swarting does not mind my borrowing his text.

Poor Communications

I did not get any comments on my "Poor Communications" piece; I'll assume it was useful and may do it again. That's a suggestion, not a threat.

Seen & Heard

Glancing through the obits the other day I came across the listing of a deceased Brother who was a member of Sonic Lodge No. 173. I knew the boys out in Brockport were fast, but I had no idea they were advertising.

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Golf

The Lakeside Memorial Foundation, which sponsors the "Last Round of Golf" in the Fall also sponsors what they call the "Lakeside Golf Classic" on June 9th. This year it will be at the Stafford C.C. (No spikes). The registration fee is \$135. That includes 18 holes, half a cart, Buffet Lunch, Awards Dinner, refreshments, a chance to win a 1997 automobile (Hole-in-One) and lots of other cash prizes. If anyone is interested please contact me. Registration is limited so, don't drag your feet.

Masters' Pictures

If any new Master is interested in having his picture taken for the Masonic Times Lodge logos, I will have a set-up in the Service Bureau Office before the Joint Investiture on May 16th. As long as you are all dressed up, it is an excellent opportunity to get it done then. All that is required is a \$10 donation and a smile (Tux preferred). If I have taken your picture before and you are serving as Master a second time, check with me some time to see if I have your picture on file. There will be no pictures taken after the Investiture, so get there early. □

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Thanks

As the United Way Campaign is drawing to an end, I want to thank each and everyone of you who contributed through a payroll deduction, a one time payment, or a direct contribution. It is most gratifying to know that you care.

Help needed

Now, as each Spring rolls around, with the addition of Camp DeMolay to our assets, our thoughts turn to such things as soil erosion, building repairs and ground maintenance. If any of you have the time and willingness to put a few hours in the Camp, please call either Bill Hook at 671-6452 or me at the Service Bureau.

We also are in need of persons to clean and repair equipment from our Loan Closet. How about it, will you help?

Satisfying work

Since becoming the Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau, it has been most gratifying to see the service of the Bureau expand, its financial condition enhanced, its equipment loaning increasing and most of all, the status of your Masonic Times being acknowledged as the preeminent Masonic news in New York State.

With all this, have I reached the pinnacle of success? Are there still greater achievements? Most assuredly there are still great things happening. The Masonic family is united.

I heartily welcome the Shrine as our newest subscriber to the Masonic Times. I am sure this will be mutually advantageous. Perhaps now that many in the Wayne District will be getting the paper, we can cajole the Wayne Lodges to join the enlarging family of Masonic Times subscribers. Wayne is one of the few Districts which does not have a District paper.

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of one of our most prolific workers.

Someone Else Died from overwork

The Bureau was bowed in grief this week to learn that one of our most valuable members, SOMEONE ELSE, passed away. This death creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. ELSE has been with us for many years. During all these years, he did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this person was looked to for inspiration, as well as results.

Whenever there was a job to do; a meeting to attend; lunch to be served; an office to fill; one name was on everyone's list: "Let SOMEONE ELSE do it."

This beloved Bureau member was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing super-human, but a person can only do so much. Everybody expected too much of SOMEONE ELSE.

Now SOMEONE ELSE is gone. Who will pitch in to do the things SOMEONE ELSE had done? If you are asked to help, we hope you will reply, "Let me do it". SOMEONE ELSE left a wonderful example to follow. So, remember, we can't depend on SOMEONE ELSE anymore. (Courtesy Jamestown Masonic News)

Come, join us in replacing SOMEONE ELSE. It will take many!

"It is a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best you very often get it." (William Somerset Maugham) □

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

A personal contact has been made with the Executive Director of the Handicapped Boy Scouts. The offer was warmly received and he will call upon me as soon as a suitable occasion arises. Hopefully, I will have more positive results next month. □

The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc. Loan Closet

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

Equip. Type	On loan
Bathtub equip.	60
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News and Views
George is taking a vacation this month so that we might talk a little bit about education as it relates to the Craft.
First, last month's Leadership Development Course Seminar was sparsely attended. Could it be that all the officers in the Lodges in the area have taken this valuable Course? While it is true that the Grand Lodge Officers in the Monroe and surrounding Districts have done a superb job in presenting the Road to the East Program, most of the attendees were Senior Wardens.

Are the other officers in the Lodges waiting to take just the Road to the East Course? Some things to think about.

Much to be learned

We all know that Freemasonry is centuries old, but do we all know how it has evolved over this period? There is much that can be learned about the Craft through reading and talking to knowledgeable Brethren. One method of improving knowledge of the Craft is through one of the reading courses offered by the Chancellor Robert Livingston Library of Grand Lodge. The reading programs are free, except for return postage at library rate. Information about the courses is available from the Library itself or can be obtained from me at 223-3228. Another method of increasing knowledge of the Craft is to use the Monroe Masonic Library, located in the Downtown Temple at 875 Main Street East.

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Grand Lodge

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Accepted Masons of the State of New York, and residents of said State, three of whom shall be the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary during their term in office, the six other Trustees of whom shall be elected upon nomination of the Grand Master at the Annual Communication of said Grand Lodge as vacancies may occur, provided, that no officer of the Grand Lodge except as set forth above, shall be eligible to the office of Trustee, and that no such elected Trustee shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Lodge. (Remainder remains unchanged.)

Sec. 600.8 "Every Lodge shall pay for each of its members annually \$17.00 to pay the expenses of Grand Lodge authorized by appropriations at an Annual Communication, and any other expenditures for any duly authorized projects of Grand Lodge."

Sec. 600.9 "Every Lodge shall pay for each of its members annually, which shall be appropriated to the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund50 cents. The effect of the changes will be I.E.,

Grand Lodge
\$14.25 + \$2.75 = \$17.00
Trustees
\$ 3.25 - \$2.75 = \$.50
Total = \$17.50

Any business requested to be brought before Grand Lodge should have already been submitted to the Grand Secretary.

The agenda and information on the Grand Master's Dinner have already been announced. The election of the Grand Master and other Grand Line Officers will take place May 6th and a Public Installation at Masonic Hall at 12:00 Noon will be followed by a free reception.

The Open Investiture of Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, including District Deputy Grand Masters and Staff Officers, will take place at the Masonic Home in Utica, NY on Saturday afternoon, June 21st during St. John's Weekend. For more information on St. John's Weekend contact Daniel Clark, Public Relations Coordinator, Masonic Home at 1(800) 322-8826. □

Freemasonry on the Internet-3

What is a Web Site?

A website is an electronic page or collection of pages of information that the Web Site Owner, or WebMaster, wishes to share with whomever logs on to his web address. For example, a college might want to have a course, fee and registration available on-line for potential students. A fan club might want to have the latest tour information available for fans of a local country band. A business might want to have great photos and promotional material about their latest products. Whatever the reason and whatever the organization, someone has designed the web page with care (hopefully) to convey a message to the computer literate populace. In a way, it is a method of advertising a product or service to a potentially vast audience. It is here that I believe lies a major opportunity for Freemasonry to 'advertise' its tenets and principles to a vast audience-and at almost no cost. \$20.00 per month is all that I pay to support the site I have posted for my Lodge. For less than dinner for two at most restaurants, I cannot only advertise Masonry and my Lodge, I get the benefit of access to the World Wide Web, electronic mail and the knowledge that I have already brought one man to Masonry in

one of our neighboring states. To me that makes it all worthwhile!

I promised you a few more Masonic sites to browse. Check these sites out and let me know what you think. You can E-mail me at dupham@frontiernet.net.

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Acroplis/1151/> -an informative site for South African Masonry. Check it out and leave some e-mail for my (new) web friend, Andrew Bergman. Also, while you're there, take his photo tour of Cape Town. He's done a fairly good job of designing a user friendly informative site.

<http://www.greenberg.org:80/ldges/index.htm> -Speaking of photo tours, this site offers photos of Masonic Lodges in Nevada and other states. It is interesting to compare the different buildings used by our Craft across the country, although it would be nice if the photos were accompanied by some historical data. We'll be adding photos of Clio Lodge and of the Downtown Temple to this page in the near future.

<http://www.abc.net/~dixonr/christmas.html> -Read a Masonic Christmas story from Utah. It's a nice adaptation from the classic by Clement Moore.

<http://www.greenberg.org/masonry/forgnot.htm> -The Masonic Brotherhood of the Blue Forget-Me-Not (that wonderful symbol of Freemasonry which lived through and survived in Nazi Germany during WW II) has a home page where you can join the Brotherhood on-line (after they validate your membership in the Craft.)

<http://www.ccsnet.com/kinghira/khlhist5.html> -Read an interesting article on how the Morgan Affair affected the Lodges in Massachusetts. This is part of a site sponsored by King Hiram's Lodge in Cambridge.

One other site I would like to call to your attention, although it

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March 27, 1997

Mr. Charles E. Strickland
The Freemasons of Greater Rochester
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Webster, New York 14580

Dear Chuck and Masonic Members:

Thank you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald House for your very generous donation of \$6,645.00, which you raised from your successful Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign in February. The many hours of planning and executing your fundraiser is testimony to your dedication and enthusiasm for this special home. Please convey to all the participants our appreciation for their time and effort during this years campaign.

As the Ronald House celebrates its seventh year, we are heartened by the wonderful outpouring of giving which helps to keep the doors open to our special families. With over 2,300 families served, it has become a haven to family members who need the quiet, restful environment following hours at their loved ones bedside.

Presently, a family from Cooper Plains, New York, is staying at the House while their 18 year old son, Vern, recovers from a kidney transplant. Following profound kidney failure, Vern was able to receive a new kidney from his mother, Carol. It has been a difficult time for dad, who now visits daily his recovering wife and son. Both continue to do well and will soon be discharged to the Ronald House to continue their recuperation.

The whole family is very grateful to the community for making the House a reality for so many families. They tell us how they would not be able to stay together as a family during this difficult journey. A hotel is too expensive and does not begin to meet the emotional needs met by all the other families at the House.

This story and many more are daily occurrences. As committed supporters you help to make this possible at The House That Love Built.

With warmest regards,

Bonnie

Bonnie Vahey
Executive Director

is not a Masonic Site. <http://index.opentext.net/main/powersearch.html> is the address for a program site called a search engine which will allow you to enter the word or words on which you would like information. The search engine will then go out and search the web and give you a return listing of all the sites it found that contained the words you entered. For example, if I were to enter 'Free' and 'accepted' and 'Mason', it would list over 1700 sites which I could visit.

Next month we'll begin to take a closer look as some of the sites

we have visited and compare them for content and style. We'll also talk a little bit about the way sites are created and maintained.

I'll close with a message from W. Jim Nash in LaJolla, CA: "I wanted to take just a short minute to wish you and yours a Happy New Year. May good health follow you all this coming year. Be well, take care and God Bless. Warmest Fraternal Regards, Jim and Nancy".

I'm sure he meant wishes to all my Brothers and their families, so I forward them on to you. □

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].

From time to time, it is a good idea to review the basics that we have written about in this column over the years.

As I have pointed out, I subscribe to several publications, and one of these recently had a very interesting review of one of my most favorite personalities, namely, Benjamin Graham, the Dean of American Investors and this is a compilation of what was written.

One basic principle that Mr. Graham found to be very dependable in averaging 20% per year, was purchasing stocks when they were selling at less than their working capital value. This technique involves stocks that are selling for less than net current asset value, giving no weight to the plant and other fixed assets, rather deducting all liabilities in full, from the current assets. This is difficult to do in a bull market, but much easier in a bear market.

He also had several rules that investors should follow. The three most important were:

1. Investors should act as investors, and not speculators. In

other words, make sure that you do your homework, and make sure that the cheap stocks that you buy are really cheap and a good buy.


2. Have a selling policy for all stocks in your portfolio. For example: set a reasonable profit point and stick to it, have a maximum holding period, and if the goal is not reached before the end of the holding period, SELL.

It is important to have a good mix of stocks, so that one does not get caught in one specific area. Remember that all stocks do not go up or down together.

This writer has devised a simple plan to follow the teachings of Mr. Graham, and if anyone is interested in learning this method, I will be happy to spend the time to show it to those people.

The Graham plan is a well developed plan to give an investor a real opportunity to make a good profit by buying not cheap stocks, but good stocks cheap. □

Your Legal Rights FYI
By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.



The Spring 1997 edition of the *Empire State Mason* has an excellent article on page 12 by Edward B. Bradley, MD. Dr. Bradley is the Medical Director at the Masonic Home. In his article he wrote about the necessity of making health care decisions in advance (directives). This month I

would like to highlight the important points he made.

Proxy

First, the doctor is correct in stating that you do not need an attorney in executing a Health Care Proxy. These forms are straightforward and simple to complete. A form proxy has been prepared by the State Health Department, and are freely available from your doctor. Yet, like any form, they may not adequately address a specific situation. In these cases, it is advisable to create a proxy to fit your specific needs. All that's required on a proxy to be valid is your signature, attested to by two witnesses, and a designation of an agent to make health care decisions for you.

Living Will

A Living Will is another type of advance directive. It is a narrative addressed to whomever is providing medical treatment, that if in the event you cannot speak for yourself, then this Living Will is to be honored as your directive as to the scope of treatment you will accept. For example, you are rendered comatose as the result of an automobile accident. The odds of you coming out of this coma are against you. While you can be kept alive by use of machinery, the prospect of this type of life is not for you. A Living Will can provide a narrative that you have given this prospect serious thought, and that your decision as to medical treatment in the event of coma, was carefully considered. A sensible alternative, is

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of the **Monroes**

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Keeping informed

As I sat trying to re-write my article for the *Masonic Times*, it came to my mind that Lodges sometimes do not send in an article. As Master of your Lodge it is your duty to inform your Brethren of what is happening in your Lodge and community. A lot of our members live out of the area, others cannot attend because of health reasons or job conflicts.

That is why we have the *Times*. It keeps everyone abreast of what's going on in the community. It's up to you to keep the Fraternity informed. I know sometimes it's hard to make the deadline, but the Staff at the *Times* are both friendly and understanding. A call to them to explain that you are going to be late will help them as well as your-

self. They will accept your article at a reasonable time past the due date. They (at the *Times*) also have a commitment to get the paper to the readers on time. The *Times* does not have a large staff and every article that comes in has to be set and proof read. This takes time. That is why there is a due date. It is only fair that we try to honor that due date so as to make the *Times* staff's jobs smoother. Remember to get those articles in. It's not the paper which is going to suffer if you don't send in an article. You are. Especially when you receive that phone call from a Brother who wants to read about his home Lodge and finds no article.

Installations

By the time you read this, Gene and I will be getting ready for our annual trek to New York City for the 216th Annual Communication. When we return we will be attending the Installations of the new Masters. Please, if you have not sent us your Installation date, call us so we can be there. □

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By David Jones

Mixed feelings

Your Master has just about finished his year as the leader of your Lodge, and if it was anything like most, he has mixed feelings. Pride and regret, accomplishment with a touch of failure, satisfaction and relief, are just some of the emotions he is, or probably will be feeling in the next few weeks. Past Masters know this to be true. Line officers will find it out when their turn comes to sit in the East.

Look back over the last year with your Master and take stock of the successes and errors of the past twelve months. What worked? What didn't? How effective were your committees? Did you enjoy your membership in our Craft? Did you improve in Masonry?

Never ending circle

In every management seminar I've attended there is the central theme of constant improvement. It goes something like this:

1. Conceive
2. Plan
3. Execute
4. Evaluate
5. Go to step 2

It is a never ending circle of critical awareness and improvement that takes for granted no matter how good things are, they can always be better. Your Grand Lodge Officers are firm believers in this idea. If you haven't already done an assessment of your Lodge year, now may be the time to do it. It can be done "Officially" through an appointed committee, or "Unofficially", by two or more Brothers getting together to discuss the matter, and presenting their thoughts to the incoming Master.

Don't be surprised if he wants you to head a committee to implement your ideas. Take the ap-

pointment as a sign that the Master agrees with you. Do the best you can. Evaluate your progress and success. Improve with each passing year. Train your replacement in this same concept of constant improvement, and your Lodge will only get better and better as the years pass.

Past Masters

You are an integral part of this improvement process. Yours is the wisdom of experience the incoming Master can use to have a most gloriously fulfilling year at the helm of your Masonic family unit. Support him at every turn. When asked, give your help and advice readily. Show him how important his role as Master of your Lodge is by giving him the respect he deserves. Attend the Joint Investiture.

Officers

Fill your chair with a commitment to do your duty to the Craft and the position you have been selected, or elected to fill. Offer your counsel and abide by your Master's decisions. Be nothing less than the officer you'd like to have in your line when you are in the East.

Members

The Master and officers of your Lodge have only one purpose in their positions...the care and improvement of your Masonic Fraternity. They won't know what your opinions are if you don't tell them. Let your feelings be known. Be an active member, and participate in as many Lodge and District functions and events as you can.

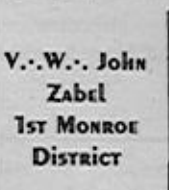
Incoming Masters

Yours is not a caretaker's role. You were not elected to maintain the Lodge in its present condition. You are charged with the IMPROVEMENT of your Lodge's spirit and condition. Accept the job with the confident knowledge that every member of your Lodge wants you to succeed. Go forth and make Masonry and your Lodge better!

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2nd Monroe
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V.W. John Zabel
1st Monroe
District

By R.W. D. Scott Seltzer

Attention Masters, Past Masters and Senior Wardens

By now all Masters, Secretaries and Senior Wardens should have received letters concerning the Monroe District's Joint Investiture Ceremony. In case you have not checked your mail, the dog ate it, your significant other misplaced it, your son or daughter used it for scratch paper, the mailman hates Masons, or it got

filed with the junk mail, here is the information. Date-Friday, May 16, 1997. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Ceremony at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Place-Dinner in the 3rd floor dining room; Ceremony in Cathedral Hall. The guest speaker is R.W. John Fuller, Past Sr. Grand Warden. Materials needed: Master-elect must have a Holy Bible, Square and Compass and an escort. Dinner reservations are due to V.W. John Zabel by May 9th. Proxy statements from the Masters are due to me by May 10th.

Awesome feeling

This is truly one of the special privileges Masonry has to offer. We have seen this Ceremony performed in the intimacy of a small Lodge room and in places such as Cathedral Hall. Both are beautiful to witness and be a part of. However, many a Past Master has said that the Joint Investiture Ceremony was a highlight of his Mastership. We hope that this year's Ceremony will be a highlight for all the Masters-elect. A key factor in this will be the participation of the Past Masters throughout the Districts. What an awesome feeling to rise after the Investiture Obligation and see the smiles and winks of approval from your Lodge's Past Masters. See you there.

Membership Retention

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

You may ask if the Membership Retention Program is working. In some Lodges the seeds planted four and five years ago are beginning to blossom. We have been emphasizing communication with the membership, the shepherding program, leadership development, meeting planning, community participation and other tools to keep our membership informed and involved.

Examples

Some of the examples are the letters and flyers sent to the membership and widows making them aware of Lodge functions which have increased attendance at these functions. Flower City Lodge has experienced increased attendance at their meetings by sending letters to the membership every month. Northfield and Charlotte/Corinthian Lodges are making use of an idea thought of by W. John Dudley a few years ago. A program is prepared prior to every meeting so every member at the communication is aware of what the particular agenda will be for that meeting.

Communication

As I mentioned in previous articles of the *Masonic Times*, the key word for retaining membership is Communication. This paper you are reading is a very important instrument in that process. However, our Masonic leaders should utilize other tools of communication in their leadership tool box along with this publication. The personal touch of keeping our membership informed with a letter or flyer publicizing a Lodge function, public or closed, will go a lot farther than just sending out that nasty old dues notice. Why not start right now by making your Installation of Officers a Public Installation and sending a letter or flyer to all your members of this once a year event.

If you need assistance in the membership retention area, please call. The phone number is in the "Hot Line" section of this publication.

Masters and Wardens Association

1st & 2nd
MONROE DISTRICTS

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

May meeting

May 24th is the last meeting of this year's Masters and Wardens Association that will be hosted by W. Michael Herrmann of Northfield Lodge No. 426. The specifics of where this meeting will take place was announced at Clio Lodge on April 26th, as well as included in the minutes. Calls for the May meal should be made to W. Herrmann at 872-0113. This meeting will include a discussion of the Grand Lodge proceedings, as well as passing the gavel to next year's leadership.

Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

The current Masters and Grand Line each received their notice of the 216th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge recently. This being the first such notice I'd ever received, I read the information over to prepare myself to effectively represent my Lodge. It struck me, that it is very difficult to make any real determination about the propositions without knowing what the original wording was. We would encourage each Master to consider and consult with his Lodge the impact that each of these proposed propositions may have on your Lodge or your Association. We offer the following summaries for each of the propositions: (we are not endorsing or rejecting any of these proposals, but attempting to assure discussion and understanding). Passage of the amendment to Sec. 111 this year would cause these changes to be made to our Constitutions.

Sec. 111 changes "and such Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Stewards, and Grand Sword Bearers, as the Grand Master may deem advisable", currently reads: "twenty-one Grand Directors of Ceremonies, twenty-two Grand Stewards, and twenty-two Grand Sword Bearers".

Passage of the following three propositions would assure that they would be brought to next year's Annual Communication for final vote and if approved then added as permanent changes to our Constitutions.

Section 200 proposed would read: "The Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, organized in...supplemental thereto, shall consist of nine persons who shall be members of Lodges under the authority and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York and residents of said State, three of whom shall be the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary during their term of office, the other six Trustees of whom shall be elected upon nomination of the Grand Master at the Annual Communication of said Grand Lodge as

vacancies occur, provided, that no officer of the Grand Lodge except as set forth above, shall be eligible to the office of Trustee, and that no such elected Trustee shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Lodge".

Section 200 currently reads: "The Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund organized in...supplemental thereto, shall consist of nine persons who shall be members of Lodges under the authority and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, and residents of said State, to be elected upon the nomination of the Grand Master at the Annual Communication of said Grand Lodge as vacancies may occur, provided, however, that no officer of the Grand Lodge shall be eligible to the office of Trustees; and that no such Trustee shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Lodge".

Section 600.8 "Every Lodge shall pay for each of its members annually (proposed \$17.00; currently \$14.25) to the expenses of Grand Lodge authorized by appropriations at an Annual Communication, and any other expenditures for any duly authorized projects of Grand Lodge".

Section 600.9 "Every Lodge shall pay for each of its members annually, which shall be appropriated to the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund" (proposed .50 cents; currently \$3.25).

It would seem appropriate to have an open discussion of the rationale and need for these changes; hopefully that can occur in some forum or format prior to the Annual Communication.

Purple Club of the Monroe Districts

President:

R.W. Joseph Privitera

Secretary:

R.W. Charles C. Spiegel, Jr.

Congratulations to our new Purple Club member, R.W. Robert Zahn, who has been appointed Grand Representative for Denmark. Hopefully, he will be present at our next meeting so we all can congratulate him in person and welcome him to our group.

Revisions

At our next meeting we will be voting on our new By-Laws. The revisions will be mailed to our membership by our Secretary, R.W. Chuck Spiegel, prior to the meeting. We will also be voting for new Officers for 1997-98. The meeting will be in June, but the time and place has not been determined yet.

Grand Rep. Committee

R.W. Herb Spencer and R.W. Jack Thibaut will be working with me on the Grand Representative Committee. We are drawing up a new procedure for selection of Grand Representatives which will be presented for approval at the next meeting. Any questions or recommendations in this area should be directed to one of us.

Keep watch in the next issue of the *Masonic Times* and the mail for the time and place of our next communication.

Hope to see you there.

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MONROE Lodge No. 173



W. Nell E. Laundry, Master
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Roy D. Goold, Secretary
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Reminiscing

When I think back over the past two years as Master of Monroe Lodge and realize that my time is nearly up, a number of song titles come to mind. "Sixteen Tons", "The Old Rugged Cross", "Buddy, Can You Spare A Dime", "Take This Job And Shove It", "It Was A Very Good Year", "The Party's Over", etc. All in all, I had a lot of fun, learned a lot, and changed medications three times. But, in all seriousness, folks...! (This guy walks out of the jungle having just captured a giant sloth-like creature called a Rare "Ree"!)

Events

Our Awards Presentation was held on April 26th and Grand Lodge will be in New York City on May 5th and 6th. We are looking ahead with excitement and enthusiasm to the new Lodge projects and social events that SW Keith Denton has on his Trestleboard. Keith is going to be keeping us so busy ("How busy will he be keeping us, Neil?") that the Ol' Colonel will have to stop reading halfway through the Trestleboard just to catch his breath. (Same guy loads the Rare "Ree" in a wheelbarrow and straining greatly pushes it to the edge of a precipitous cliff.)

Review

At our last communication, April 8th, we took some time over coffee (I made it myself, Brother Mosher. It wasn't bad except for the crust.) to review the By-Laws. Several areas needing revision have been identified. In the near future, the Brothers will be notified in writing of the proposed changes and the schedule for discussion and vote. (The guy suddenly raises the handles of the wheelbarrow, dumping the Rare "Ree" over the edge of the cliff.)

Awards Presentation

Having our Awards Presentation at the new Seymour Library on East Avenue allowed for those in our Masonic family who may have trouble navigating the stairs at our Main Street Lodge rooms to attend. It also gave folks a chance to see the new building and the "Ken Hovey Plaque" recognizing the substantial financial contribution made to the Library by the Lodge in Brother Hovey's memory.

In addition to several Awards of recognition for our Monroe Brothers, a DeWitt Clinton Award was presented to Mrs. Eunice Chestnut, author of sev-

eral books about the Brockport area, for her contributions to the community.

An interesting talk on the history of the Brockport/Sweden area was delivered by Mrs. Mary Louise Henion. An informal reception followed. (Another guy standing nearby watching, rushes to the edge of the cliff, looks over and says in awe, "Wow!...Can it survive that fall?")

Help!

Have I forgotten to mention the newest twist to the Trustees saga? Heaven forbid! We now have a major operative masonry problem on the North and East sides of the building (Picture bricks falling.), "Jesus Saves" in red spray paint on the Southwest cornice work (Picture somebody hanging upside down over the edge of the roof for that one.), and a new project involving big jacks and roof beams (Don't even try to picture that.). We'll just have to find something to occupy the Trustees' spare time. (First guy thinks for a moment and then says, "I don't know!"...It is a long way to tip a Rare "Ree!")

Summoned Meeting

Speaking of song titles, don't forget our Summoned Meeting for the Master's Grand Lodge Report and Election of Officers on May 13th, the Downtown Joint Investiture on May 16th, and the Installation of Officers on May 27th.

Condolences

We need to take a quiet moment to convey our sincere condolences to W. George Brege on the recent passing of his wife, Margaret, and to Mrs. Bea Goheen on the loss of her husband and our Brother, Bob. Both families have been burdened with extended illness through recent years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both.

Best wishes

We offer our best wishes to W. Roy Maxwell who was recently back in Lakeside for a brief stay, but is now reported back on his feet and is getting around town. To all of our ailing Brothers and friends, know that you are always on our minds and in our hearts. God bless!

In closing

I'd like to offer my thanks to the Lodge for allowing me the honor to serve you as Master and my deep appreciation to all of the Brothers who lent support to me and for the well-being of the Lodge. To Brother Denton, I pledge my support when needed and my advice when asked for.

May God hold you in the palm of His hand and keep you safe. Peace!

By SW Keith Denton

Inquiring minds

In the next few weeks you will be receiving our 1997-'98 Trestleboard and a short questionnaire. The attendance at our meetings has dropped to an all time low. We average about seven Brothers out of a possible 99 members attending. Obviously something is wrong! This questionnaire will help us correct the problems. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire, answering all the questions as candidly as possible. Don't worry about hurting anyone's feelings. We need to hear the truth!

Rejuvenation

We have decided to have only one regular meeting per month, on the 2nd Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. In addition, on one Saturday each month we will have a family pro-

gram. If you don't enjoy the tiled meetings, then at least plan to bring the kids or grandkids to the social ones.

Involvement

We want Masonry to be part of your lives. We want Masonry to be part of the community, and we want you and the community to be part of the Lodge. Masonry should, and can be, both fun and educational. We have numerous public seminars planned throughout the year. We will advertise these events and will need your help to ensure a good turnout. The Fellowship Club is planning a special fundraiser and each of you will be asked to support this project. We have four Bring-a-Brother Nights planned in conjunction with social events to help encourage new membership, but more importantly we need to encourage the involvement of our existing members! Please contact me if you have any ideas, suggestions or concerns.

Upcoming events

May 24th - "What Can the Masons Do For Me?" This will be a public event highlighting our community involvement and asking the public how we can best serve their needs. The time is 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge.

June 10 - "Summer Planning Session" will be a tiled meeting with casual attire.

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

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

At 2:00 p.m. on August 23rd we will have a "Sundae Matinee" at the Lodge. Bring the kids and their friends, make your own sundaes and enjoy the movies.

That is only the Summer schedule! Bring your family and rediscover what Masonry is really all about!

CLIO LODGE No. 779



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By Charles Tucker, DSA

Welcome

The Brothers of Clio Lodge welcomed the following Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 18, 1997: Stephen Mitchell and Jerold Gilmore. Stay active, my Brothers, as you only get out of Masonry what you put in.

Sickness and distress

Brother Bernie LaDue is now back home from the hospital after a kidney operation; W. Donn Stevens is also home. The Lodge wishes a speedy recovery to these Brothers. Take time to give them a call or a card and let them know they are in your prayers.

Ox Roast

By the time the Masonic Times gets mailed the 32nd Annual Ox

Roast will be over with and we hope for a good report for you. Brother Sean Noonan has put a lot of work into this project.

Happy Birthday!

Birthdays for the month of May are: John Himmelsbach, Robert Baxter, Art Miller, W. Gary Thompson, Dick Pickett, Ken Mullen and Stephen Miller.

Spaghetti Dinners

The May dates for the Spaghetti Dinners are May 14th and May 28th.

Officers

The nominations and elections of Officers will be on May 6th and Installation will be May 17th. Installation will be an open meeting.

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

Greetings Brothers

Let me start this, my last Master's article by saying, "thank you" to all the Brethren for their support over this past year. I believe Webster Lodge had a solid year and I really appreciate all the help and encouragement I received. Thank you to the Trustees for overseeing the recent building repairs. The Lodge looks great! Thank you to all the officers for your commitment and support. You are a great team to work with. I have enjoyed my term as Master and I look forward to continuing to serving Webster Lodge as an active Past Master.

Child ID Program

On Saturday, March 15th, Webster Lodge sponsored a community Child Identification video shoot at Hegedorn's Market in Webster. 54 children were video taped and bags of food were collected for the Webster Food Cupboard. Thanks to Mark Brooks and Pete Bowers for organizing the event and all the Brothers who helped make this community service program a success. At Hegedorn's request, a food collection barrel has been placed in their store. All food collected will be donated to the Webster Food Cupboard. Mark and Pete are planning future events at Hegedorn's. Stay tuned...

Passings

In April we laid to rest two Brothers: Charlie Moore, DSA and W. Steve Ellia. Thank you, Brothers, for coming out and showing their families how much Steve and Charlie meant to us. I know they both touched my life in very special ways. May God's peace be with them now and always.

3rd Degree

The Master Mason Degree will be conferred on Thursday, May 1st. Webster Lodge will have the pleasure of hosting the Shrine Past Master Degree Team, who will be performing the Degree. Come on out and support our newest member and see an excellent Degree. I have been told it has been a number of years since the Degree Team has performed

a Degree at Webster. The Eastern Star will be serving dinner at 6:30 p.m. Give Paul Moore a call at 872-6633 to make your dinner reservation.

Spaghetti Dinner

The monthly Spaghetti Dinner with Webster Chapter, OES, is planned for Friday, May 2nd. Dinner is served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A few additional hands would be greatly appreciated, especially in the afternoon to assist with preparation. If you cannot help as a volunteer, bring your family and come support the dinner. You will get a great dinner for a reasonable price.

Annual meeting

The Annual Meeting and the Election of Officers will be held on Thursday, May 15th. I look forward to W. George Bracht being elected as Master of Webster Lodge. Updates to the Lodge By-Laws will also be voted at this meeting. The proposed By-Law changes were mailed to everyone in the Lodge newsletter. If you did not receive a copy of the proposed changes, please contact the Secretary, Hank Libera.

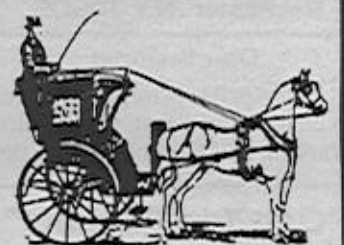
OES Thank You Program

On Tuesday, May 20th, Webster Lodge will be providing a no charge thank you dinner and program to Webster Chapter, OES, to show them our appreciation for all the financial help they have given to Webster Lodge for the recent building renovations. Webster Chapter and Webster Lodge have developed a strong friendship over the years and this is our chance to say "thank you". If you are interested in helping with this program, please call me at 872-3993.

Dedicated Service Award

Congratulations to Vance Collom who has been selected to receive the Dedicated Service Award. Vance will be presented his Apron at the 1997 Officer Installation on Thursday, June 5th. This will be a public ceremony. The Dedicated Service Award recognizes Masons for their continued commitment to Masonry. Only two recipients are selected each year from this District. We

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have all seen Vance in action, and can be thankful for his dedication to Webster Lodge. Great job, Vance!

Again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Master and may the blessings of Heaven rest upon all Masons.

From the Senior Warden

It was my pleasure to serve as your Senior Warden and I look forward to being elected as your Master this coming year. The Installation for the 1997-98 Officers will be open to the public and is scheduled for Thursday, June 5th at 7:30 p.m. This will be the first of several meetings open to the public. Please invite your family and friends to join us.

At the Installation you will be able to pick up or will be receiving a calendar with the 1997-98 program. Please keep the calendar handy and come out for the special programs and support our candidates during Degrees. Two meetings will have the officers and members traveling to the Downtown Temple: for the Grand Lecturer's Convention and for the Scottish Rite Awards Night to honor one of our members. Please help support the officers as we try for the Howard Pott's Award at the Grand Lecturer's Convention and please support the honoree at Scottish Rite and continue to make our attendance known to the District. I look forward to seeing you at the meetings and look forward to your support as you have supported your current and Past Masters. □

Flower City Lodge No. 910



W.. Douglas Higgins,
Master
475-0478

2nd
Thursday
7:30 P.M.

R.. W.. Philip Averbach,
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Dear Brethren

Our April meeting turned out to be quite an event. Our Senior Warden, Bill Nardone, sat in the

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East and conducted his first business meeting. He did a fine job and I am confident that he will fill the position of Master quite adequately.

Congratulations, W.. Dodge

Following a very brief business meeting, we had the opportunity to hold an Award Ceremony. I am very pleased and honored to announce that W.. Gordon Dodge was the recipient of the Dedicated Service Award. For many years W.. Dodge has been quite active in various Bodies of Freemasonry and has been an inspiration to all of us. I am especially grateful for all of his assistance in Flower City Lodge as I went through the Chairs on my way to becoming Master. Through his hard work and dedication to the Craft, he truly represents what Freemasonry is all about. The Program was open, as many friends and family members were present to honor W.. Dodge as the Award was presented to him by the past Junior Grand Warden, R..W.. Ronald D. Mertens. My sincerest congratulations to W.. Gordon Dodge and my thanks for all his help.

May

Our next regular communication will be held on Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 p.m. This is a very important meeting, my Brothers, as it is the Annual Election of your Officers for the next year. Your attendance is requested. If you require transportation, please contact one of our Officers and we will accommodate you.

Our Degree work continues and I remind each of you to read your monthly letter for the times and dates for each Degree. Any questions you may have may be directed to the Secretary or me.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. □

By Maurice Solomon

The Masonic Temple was the venue for one of the most remarkable demonstrations of Brotherly Love and affection seen in this area for many years. The occasion was a public meeting hosted by Flower City Lodge No. 910 to honor W.. Gordon Dodge, a devoted and dedicated Past Master who served the Lodge as Master four times.

The meeting was preceded by a dinner, catered by the Lalla Rookh Caldron, at which over 70 were in attendance. After dinner a crowd, estimated to have been over 100, filled Ionic Hall for the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to Worshipful Brother Dodge.

Program

The guests were welcomed by W.. Douglas Higgins, Master of Flower City Lodge. R..W.. Phillip Averbach, Secretary and Master of Ceremonies, introduced the R..W.. Gilbert Walters, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Awards, who came specially from East Syracuse to assist in making the presentation.

R..W.. Walters explained the origin of the Award and its purpose and introduced R..W.. Ro-

nald Mertens who read a letter from the District Deputy of the 1st Monroe District, R..W.. Cyrus Kloner, who was not able to attend. R..W.. Brother Mertens then gave a brief resume of W.. Brother Dodge's Masonic career and presented the Honoree with his Apron and certificate. Brother Dodge, who was accompanied by his wife, Stephanie, and members of his family, delivered a moving response which received a standing ovation from the capacity audience which in addition to members and Masters of local Lodges consisted of Masons from the Buffalo and Erie Districts, the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine and Grotto. A fitting tribute for the many years of service which Brother Dodge has given to the Fraternity.

Highlights

W.. Brother Dodge has been very active in the Grotto serving as Monarch, the presiding Officer, in 1992 and a Trustee and a member of the Board of Governors. He is a member of the Grotto Patrol, Legion of Honor and Color Guard. In 1995 he was appointed Deputy Zone Director and Treasurer. He was Chairman of the National Convention Committee when the Grotto Convention was held in Rochester in 1993.

Flower City Lodge is most appreciative of the support given to this affair by all concerned, particularly the large number of ladies. We feel that events such as this promote the benefits of Freemasonry and the friendship generated by participating. □



W.. Douglas Higgins-Master of Flower City Lodge No. 910, R..W.. Gilbert Walters-Chairman of the Grand Lodge Awards Committee and R..W.. Ronald Mertens, Past Junior Grand Warden, presenting the DSA Apron to W.. Gordon Dodge while his wife, Stephanie, looks on.



R..W.. Gilbert Walters reading the Certificate awarded by Grand Lodge to W.. Gordon Dodge. (Photos courtesy George Knierim.)

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May

May starts with Ladies Night on the 3rd. This is just one week prior to Mother's Day, and it is also our annual Coronation Lodge visitation. Our Chairman for the event this year is JW Sherwin Isaacs. Call him at 377-7647 to make your reservation.

Grand Lodge is on the 5th and 6th and will be closely followed by our Officers' Meeting on the 7th. Then we will have our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, including Move-Up Night on the 12th. Since Memorial Day occurs on the 26th, there will not be a 2nd meeting this month.

June

Since this will be my last column as Master, continue to watch this column and News and Views for clues about my successor's plans for his year.

August

The Fellowcraft Steak Roast will be on August 16th. Once again, we will have some great steaks and great fellowship.

News and Views

By Frank Briffa

Sickness and distress

We are happy to report that Paul Kuritz is now home and doing well. While he was in the hospital his home was broken into.

Our thoughts are with you, Paul. Bob North continues to improve. We all hope to see him back at Lodge in the near future. I tried reaching Ramona Dimino to see how Joe is doing. Let's all give Joe a call and our support.

Installation

The Trestleboard for the 1997-98 year is done. The Installation of Officers will be June 7th. This will be an Open Installation and families and friends are invited. The time will be from 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow. Let's pack the Temple.

Dates to remember

In July we will be marching in the Annual 4th of July Parade in Penfield.

August 16th is the date for our Fellowcraft Steak Roast. Keep these dates in mind.

Theme

Our theme for the coming year is "Unity". We need to come together within our Lodges, the District and the State. Thank you for your support. □

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Modern incongruity?

OK here I am, sprawled before a somewhat reluctant fire, in a B&B nestled near a creek a couple of miles down the hill from Monticello in Charlottesville, VA. The laptop computer is a new acquisition of my fiancée and she's allowing me its first real job so I won't miss another deadline, especially since I probably have only two more to make. Anyway, hopefully through modern technology and the help of Kinkos or somebody like that, you'll be reading this in a few weeks.

Apology due!

I know I said that it wouldn't happen, but we missed two *Masonic Times* in a row; the March issue because of a miscommunication with another Brother who I thought was writing it, and the April one because I can't read a calendar. Talk about feeling stupid. I am very sorry, Brothers. Now you see why I'm slaving away over a hot laptop in the Blue Ridge.

1997 - so far

At any rate, because of the lack of newsprint coming your way from ERAC in 1997, I can tell you now that in January the Grand Historian threw us a pleasant curve ball with a very interesting talk on Mormonism and Masonic History and our little Lodge again led the league in hitting during the Have-a-Heart Campaign (with the new stadium open, I've gotta throw in a little baseball chatter). Go team! We've had our first shot at a Table Lodge (with maybe more to follow); done two more Degree ceremonies (with more rehearsals certainly to follow); and had a very pleasant Past Masters Night thanks to the record keeping and historical insights of R..W.. Leon Perkins and R..W..

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Alex Arthur along with contributions from many of our experienced Past Masters. Thank you all for your input. You educated a lot of younger Brothers.

What's next?

With any luck, you'll receive the *Times* just in time for a recent first. On April 28th we'll be conducting a joint 3rd Degree with our "building mates" from Towpath Lodge. This should be a heartwarming experience for all involved, given the interrelationships existing between our two Lodges. Please try to attend!

Awards and Elections

Awards will have been given out on April 14th and I'll give a report on them, as well as on Grand Lodge in the next edition. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on May 12th.

Thoughts on the road

We traveled down here from Gettysburg today, having once again toured the Battlefield. This time, however, I was able to pick up some literature on Freemasonry's history during the 1st two centuries or so of our country's turbulent existence. I'm sure you have heard about the many Masons who helped found our nation and the occasional story about Masons in the Civil War. I can't help but wonder if part of the reason for the decline in our near-millennium ranks is the lack of a threat to our freedom (i.e. apathy accompanying a feeling of security and the self-centeredness that it causes).

Think of it! An estimated 18,000 Masons on the field at Gettysburg in July, 1863, with approximately 5,600 casualties on both sides! There were multiple instances similar to the one depicted by the "Friend to Friend" Masonic Memorial, which recalls the comfort given Confederate Brigadier General Armistead, Alexandria/Washington Lodge No. 22, by Captain Henry Gingham, Chartiers Lodge No. 297, Canonsburg, PA, as he lay mortally wounded after reaching the copse of trees during Pickett's Charge. Brother Bingham was Aide to Major General Winfield Scott Hancock, Armistead's close friend despite the war and also a Brother Mason - as was Major General Pickett.

Many Masons worked long and hard to erect such a monument. It is something you should see. Would someone a hundred years from now see fit to commemorate our Masonic compassion in such a manner?

See you at Lodge. □

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The end of this Master's year is fast approaching. Only two more openings and a new Master will take the helm of No. 476.

Over the past year we have enjoyed some modest success and had some fun. However, none of it would have been possible with-

out the concern, effort and support of the Brethren. A Master can do little on his own. So join with me in offering our support to the incoming line.

Annual Communication

On May 12th the Annual Summoned Communication will be held. The agenda will include the report on Grand Lodge, the 1997-'98 Budget and the Election of Officers. These last two items are vital to the course of the Lodge for the ensuing year.

Be there

Our obligation to answer summonses aside, this is a prime opportunity for each of us to effect the direction the Lodge will take, a chance to have a say in what will happen.

Yet, with this opportunity comes responsibility. It is not enough to simply elect officers or to pass a budget. We must stand ready to make the effort to see that these plans come to fruition.

April

April was a particularly difficult, but rewarding month. Difficult, in that I did not make a good patient. Rewarding, in that many Brothers went that extra mile to help out.

On the 14th, the line had a chance to try fledgling wings in their prospective new chairs. To a man they did a great job.

R. W. Chick Becker then stepped forward to fill in for me in the East on April 28th. He then raised our two newest members in more than Due Form. R. W. Chick and his Degree Team should be proud of their performance.

Of course, the scrumptious dinner prepared by Chapter No. 444, OES, that preceded the Degree may have set the tone for the evening. Thank you, Fairport Eastern Star.

June

As stated, this year's Trestleboard is about complete, but there remain a few things to be accomplished. First, set aside some time during June 6-8 to help out at the Fairport Village Days. As usual, we will be manning our food concession and the more of us there are, the more fun.

There will be just enough time to degrease ourselves before we install the new officers on June 9th. A good showing of sideliners is always a morale booster. So, come on out and give them a lift.

Traditionally the 2nd meeting (the 23rd) has been in honor of the Masons Little League Team. Although not confirmed at this writing, I am sure we can count on something along these lines. Hopefully, some of us will be able to get out and cheer our namesakes along.

Speaking of baseball, a Lodge Night at Frontier Stadium is being planned. Details will be announced, so stay tuned.

Conclusion

On a personal level, I express some concerns and thanks. First, to W. Marcel Goldenberg, it is my fervent hope that this article finds your treatments going well and you well along the way to a full recovery.

Secondly, to R. W. Chick Becker, W. Bob Slominski, W. Dwight Turner and Brothers C. T. Gillens, R. J. Gillens, Dick Mosher, John Harris, Tom Richenderfer, Doug Skelton, as well as, many others who have gone out of their way to help me out and to check up on me while I have been out of commission this past month, thank you. I really appreciated it. □

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The year's over

Hard for me to believe, but it is true. After two years of serving as your Master, and writing this article each of these months, the time has finally arrived for me to say thank you, offer the new line my congratulations, and then place the Master's Square of our Masonic Brotherhood into a new pair of hands.

A new Millennium

The time is here when we all must welcome into our long line of leaders a new vitality to better prepare Valley/Simes Lodge for its journey into the rapidly approaching 21st Century. I know that this road Valley/Simes must travel upon on this journey will be smooth and safe, for there is no doubt in my mind that those who follow me will have been well prepared to accept all the challenges of Masonic leadership on their road to the East.

Thank you

While I extend my thanks to every member of the Lodge for their Brotherly support and encouragement, there are always a few others who give those extra efforts and advice that keep a Master motivated and on a true course. First, I want to convey my gratitude and thanks to all who served in my line on a committee. My special thanks go to R. W. Bill Baldwin, Herbert Spencer, Harold Bollotin, and Mathew Gingold; W. Gary Burke, Glenn Stahl, Richard Giedd, and Carl Pigage for their always friendly and behind the scenes help and knowledgeable advice.

Bring-a-Friend

Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night at our April communication was a success. While we are waiting to see if any petitions are submitted, I am pleased to report that under the direction of Rand Gee everything went as planned. Of the several names that were submitted, five announced their desire to attend. Because of business commitments the field was then reduced to two very interested candidates. Keep those names coming!

Congratulations

Congratulations go to R. W. Fred and Harriet Stahl upon reaching their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 12th. Fred, a 1959 Master of Frank L. Simes Lodge, and Harriet celebrated their special day with their son, W. Glenn, their three daughters, their families, and many of their Masonic friends.

Traveling Gavel

On April 14th nine Brothers traveled to Etolian Lodge and took the Traveling Gavel. Thanks to those nine for their efforts.

Sickness and distress

R. W. Mat Gingold asks that if any of our members have a few hours to spare he would like to organize a work detail to clean the loan equipment at the Ma-

sonic Service Bureau. He also reminds us that if anyone has equipment they no longer use, now is the time to return or donate it.

May

Our Summoned Communication will be on May 13th. We will have the Election of Officers, Annual Reports of the Trustees and Committees and vote on the 1997 Budget. Fellowcraft will be held on May 20th at the home of R. W. Paul R. Gleason, 185 Norman Road. □

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End of the year

Here it is again, Spring time and the end of another Masonic year. Seems as though we just got started and we're all done! It has been a wonderful experience to serve as Master for the past year. I have many memories, new friends, and experiences that will long be remembered. There are many individuals who have provided wise counsel and supported me throughout "my year". First, the Officers of Etolian Lodge. They are well prepared to handle the future tasks before them. Second, the Past Masters of Etolian Lodge for their encouragement and guidance; next, special thanks to my father, W. Maurice D. Darrohn, Jr., for his constant support, enthusiasm and commitment to help me strive to be the best I could be.

May meeting

There is only one meeting in May, that being May 12th, for Election of Officers for the ensuing year. Please, Brethren, make it a point to stretch that cabletow and make this important meeting.

June events

You will hear more definitive information from the incoming Master in next month's article. There are several dates that we ask you to keep in mind and circle on the calendar: June 9th is Sportshirt Night at Lodge with your new officers in their stations and places; June 16th is the Annual Picnic at Pine Way Ponds Park.

Traveling Gavel

Brethren, I am pleased to say that we still have the Traveling Gavel! There was, however, an attempt by Fame Lodge No. 945 to claim it. Brother Gibson of Fame Lodge, for his singular and valiant effort, was allowed to view

and briefly grasp the gavel, but without the required number of visiting Brothers, it remains at Etolian Lodge.

Don't forget

There are several Brothers who have 1996 Dues Cards rather than 1997. Those individuals are urged to send this year's dues to the Secretary. The Masonic Brotherhood Fund is such an important charity and one that all Masons are again encouraged to support.

Summer time

The very best to each of you for a great Summer. As we journey along life's way, don't forget to stop and smell the roses! Thank you again for a most memorable year! □



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Greetings, Brethren!

Thank you to all who attended our last meeting. The meal was fantastic and we had an enjoyable time. The Degrees for our duly elected candidates have been rescheduled. The gentlemen are in full understanding of the delay, and patiently await our bidding.

Spreading of oil

We would like to thank W. Robert Crystal for again filling in at a moment's notice. We hope that Brother Mike Ferguson is feeling better. To all the officers who stayed after the meeting last month, thank you. It takes time to produce the fine quality of Ritual that we at Seneca are used to. The Degrees promise to be full of energy and will certainly be greatly appreciated by the membership and candidates.

A wonderful event

Thank you to all who attended Ladies Night at the Fairport Harbor House. We had a great evening and enjoyed fine entertainment. I am sure all our guests enjoyed our shared fellowship. Our investment in the evening will compound exponentially when our guests tell their friends how much fun they had, and how warm the Masons are.

Annual Meeting

We have a full evening planned for our next meeting. The new year is at hand and you are expected to be a part of it. Start it out right by coming to see your next Master and his line of officers installed. Come and be a part of Seneca Lodge's preparation for the leap into the year 2000. □

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By SW Lloyd A. Wood, Jr.

Greetings from the East

We have a lot going on at our Lodge in the next two months and a lot happened in the last two months. First of all, the consolidation is complete! We finally received notification from Grand Lodge that all the paperwork had been received, reviewed, and accepted. Henrietta and Union Star are now one Lodge. I extend a hearty welcome to all Henrietta Brothers and look forward to seeing many new faces at our next meeting.

The work begins

Shortly we will be moving most of the contents of Henrietta Lodge to Union Star. The move is going to be done by professionals, but we will still need help distributing the furnishings within our own Lodge. I'll keep you posted.

Degree work

We had a very successful 1st Degree on February 17th. Five candidates went through the Degree. My thanks to Worshipful Joseph Cotteleer for the excellent dinner he put on. Our 2nd Degree was scheduled for March 24th, but had to be cancelled. We decided to have a dinner and get together anyway. My thanks to W.. Paul Josephson for his excellent dinner.

With our 2nd Degree scheduled for April 28th, our 3rd Degree has been moved back to May 26th. Please come out and enjoy the festivities. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Please call Brother Joseph Cotteleer for reservations.

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Sickness and distress
R..W.. Bob Sanford had an operation on his right hand and is recovering nicely. (If he had an Arctic Cat, he wouldn't have to squeeze the throttle so hard.) Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Thank you

Our special thanks go to W.. Craig Emmons this month. We had a break-in earlier this year in the basement, and the kids set off a fire extinguisher, resulting in a fine talcum powder-like substance covering everything. With the help of W.. Terry Hatch, Craig has put in many hours cleaning up this mess. He has also done extensive work in modifying the basement for other uses. Come out and see his accomplishments. Again, thanks Craig.

Closing

Well, that about does it for this month. Elections and installations are coming up soon. It seems like this year has flown by. We've already had some 70° weather so Spring can't be far behind. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge. Until then, take care.

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Lodge No. 426
Instituted March 1857

1st & 3rd Thursdays
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Annual Communication

This year's Annual Communication for the purpose of receiving reports, electing officers and conducting such other business as may come before the Lodge will be held on Thursday, May 15th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 17 Church Street, Pittsford, NY. Please plan to attend.

Grand Representative

R..W.. Robert L. Zahn has been appointed the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, near the Grand Lodge of New York. Brother Zahn is very deserving of this appointment and is well known throughout both Monroe Districts and beyond for his contributions to our Craft.

Bob, our congratulations and best wishes go with you on your new adventure. Northfield is very proud of our newest Purple Club member!

Brotherhood Fund

This year's Brotherhood Fund Drive is coming to a close soon. Please send in your contributions as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your envelope for the Fund, you can pick one up at Lodge. Questions can be directed to the Chairman, W.. John Dudley.

New Officers

During the up-coming Annual Meeting, Northfield will be electing our 1997 line of officers.

The new Master (if so elected) will be Brother Randall S. Griswold. Randy has earned his way to the East. His dedication to the Craft and to the Lodge, has been greatly appreciated. His commitment to our Community Service Project, at the School of the Holy Childhood since its inception four years ago, clearly demonstrates that he cares and understands the reasons why we are Masons. In his journey to the East, Randy has proved, at every opportunity, that he will make a fine Master of our Lodge.

Ladies Night

Northfield Lodge No. 426 will be having its Ladies Night at the Maplewood Inn on East Avenue in Pittsford. The dinner choices are: Beef, Chicken, or Fish. Reservations and further information are available from JW William Fraser at 586-2049. I encourage all members to come out and enjoy an evening of fine food and entertainment with our honored guests.

Dues

Dues notices have been mailed out. Please consider the opportunity at this time to make a voluntary contribution to Northfield's future. Your contribution will give the Lodge an added boost to offset our fundraisers that fell short of their goal; for example, the Ice Cream Social last September, which was rained out. If you notice on your statement that our records show that your dues are in arrears, please contact our Secretary, R..W.. D. Scott Seltzer. Arrangements are available to help if needed.

Investiture Ceremony

The Joint Investiture Ceremony will be held at the Downtown Temple on May 16th at 7:30 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and reservations must be in by May 9th. The guest speaker for the evening will be R..W.. John Fuller, Past Senior Grand Warden. This is a special night for our incoming Master. Past Masters only are invited to the Investiture. Let's have a good turnout for our new Master elect. Please make your reservation early by calling me at home, 872-0113.

Installation

The Open Installation of Officers will be held Thursday evening, May 29th at Northfield Lodge. Come out to show your support for the new Master. Brother Randy has selected a fine slate of officers who are dedicated to serving your Lodge.

Snowbirds

Welcome back! Our snow is gone and Mother Nature has teased us with some hints of Spring, including a marvelous first weekend in April. A new Lodge year quickly approaches and we are once again anticipating seeing our snowbird friends back at meetings and all the events planned for the new term. Come to our next meeting and share your "fun in the sun" experiences with those of us who are wondering if we'll recognize the sun when it gets here.

Widows

Please consider joining us for our annual Ladies Night Dinner on May 17th. We would be honored if you could attend. If transportation is a problem, we will gladly provide it. This will be an ideal opportunity for us to get together to renew old and establish new friendships. The weather should be lovely by then. Please join us, we would love to see you again.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969

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By Robert Ogden

Farewell

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Elwin A. Smith. Brother Smith was born December 27, 1919, became a Mason in 1955 and passed away on March 28, 1997.

We just learned of the death of Elmer Irish on April 8th. We extend our condolences to his family and friends.

Sickness

We have an update on Barbara Walker, wife of Brother Charles. She is now home and recuperating very nicely. Good luck, Barbara. Ethel Hazzard suffered a broken right wrist and two bruised knees upon falling on her cellar steps. She's recovering and sounded very upbeat. Hurry up and get well, Ethel.

A night to remember

Congratulations go out to President Jack Grover of the Fellowcraft Club for doing such a fine job in coordinating the recent dinner meeting. He deserves a lot of credit. He stated a record of sorts might have been established with 36 members in attendance. Brother Jack and R..W.. Paul Robertson reached back in time highlighting the names and events occurring in Craftsman and Robertson Lodges respectively. It was very fascinating.

W.. Chuck Strickland reminded us of the necessity of a Bring-a-Friend Night and to write down the names of prospective Masons and he will follow through on them. Please do this promptly.

Officer's meeting

Congenial Brother Mike Schum has graciously offered to host the Officer's Dinner and Meeting at his home at 81 Highledge Drive in Penfield on May 13th. For further details, call Brother Mike at 248-9283 or at work at 546-7450.

Dinner Meeting

Please mark your calendars for May 6th when we will have a catered Dinner Meeting at the Downtown Temple. At our last dinner meeting on April 1st there were 48 in attendance. Let's all make a special effort to make this another memorable evening. Dinner time is 6:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting

This event will be held on May 20th at the Downtown Temple at 7:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday

Greetings to the Brothers born in May: Ed Bastian, Bernie Bonnington, Al Bowers, Chuck Chatfield, Chuck Frieda, Sam Grover, Andy Kanaby, Bill Leggett, Terry Ramsey, Paul Robertson, Bert Scarlett, Ed Start and George Wilkinson.

Reminders

The Dinner Meeting is on May 6th. Ladies are invited. Call W..

Bill Hook at 671-6452 or me at 385-1422 for reservations.

There will be an Officer's meeting on May 13th and Election of Officers on May 20th.

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

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March

Our Annual Brunch was held on March 29th at our Lodge. We had a great time and so did the kids who participated in our Easter Egg Hunt. The food was plentiful and scrumptious! Aside from the regular Brunch foods such as pancakes, home fries, scrambled eggs and bagels with cream cheese, we had many pastries and two large baked hams. Wow! What a feast. Many thanks to Laura and Andy Alvarez.

The Masonic Grand Ball was held on March 22nd at Zamiara's Party House on Buffalo Road. This was a great time. The Prime Rib was superb and the surroundings were impressive. The operatic voices of the entertainers were without a doubt professional and outstanding! R..W.. Stewart C. McCloud's speech will be remembered for a long time.

April

Our 3rd Degree was conferred on April 1st by the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team. We now have three newly raised Brothers: Raymond Allen Thompson, William Thomas King and Gordon Henry Williams. We also had the pleasure of raising Brother Marvin Lyndon Donawa from Towpath Lodge. Many thanks to the Shrine Degree Team; their 3rd Degree was excellent!

Our Annual Table Lodge/Move Up Night was held on April 15th. Our new line of officers did a fine job!

Special note

Laura Alvarez, you did it again! Another pair of great meals! Thanks so very much.

Condolences

On a somber note, I am saddened to report the passing of R..W.. Stanley C. Allen. A Masonic Service was held for him on Saturday, April 5th at the Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.

Looking ahead

May 6th will be a Summoned Meeting for our Annual Election of Officers. May 16th will be the Joint Investiture in Cathedral Hall. May 20th will be the Installation of Officers. We will also be presenting 50 Year Service Award Certificates and Lapel Pins to many of our Brothers.

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

The Family Picnic will be on Sunday, June 8th. It will be held at Camp Eastman, which is part of Durand Eastman Park. We are planning on having a Pig Roast this year. All we need is a guarantee of sunshine. Please call JW Andy Alvarez at 426-1946 with your reservation and guarantee. See ya soon!


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Greetings

We are nearing the conclusion of our Lodge year. We continue our labor under the theme of "Making Good Men Better". Our Spring round of Degrees concludes with the conferring of the 3rd Degree, April 1st, on Brother Marvin Donawa by the Past Masters Degree Team at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088. More Brothers will receive the 3rd Degree on April 28th. We welcome these newly raised Brothers into the Craft.

Program

Our program at our communication on April 15th focused on "The Family of Masonry - Building Through Concordant Bodies". Brothers Bill Zufall and Bill Lindsay made presentations on Scottish Rite and York Rite, in addition to our viewing of the excellent video, "Scottish Rite Freemasonry: A Conscience for America". The Brothers attending now have a more comprehensive understanding of Knights Templar, Tall Cedars, Shrine, Grotto, Scottish Rite and the charities supported by these Concordant Bodies.

Elections

As reported in the last column, we have moved our Annual Elections from May 20th to May 6th in order to elect our incoming Master prior to the Joint Investiture on May 16th. Our evening will begin with dinner. In addition to the elections there will be presentations of Service Awards in recognition of Brothers long time commitments to the Lodge, and a special presentation from Grand Lodge.

The Lodge will take action on SD Phil Hurwitz's suggestion that Towpath sponsor a car in the local Soap Box Derby. Brother Hurwitz has gathered a committee of Brothers and a series of fundraising ideas to support the project. Our newly elected officers will be installed on May 20th, with a dinner preceding. Reservations for either May 6th or 20th

can be given to Dan Emerson at 334-7730 or me at 288-5331.

Ladies Night

Our Ladies Night approaches on Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Wishing Well. All Brothers and their wives or guests are invited. Dinner choices include Orange Roughy in Lemon Butter, Chicken Kiev with French Cream Sauce and Sirloin of Beef with Mushroom Sauce. Reservations can be made with Dan Emerson at 334-7730. This will be a great evening of fellowship, conversation and food, not only with the Brothers of the Lodge, but also with their ladies. Join us.

June

Our 1st communication in June will be the presentation of the incoming Master's Program for the year, including the Shepherding Program for the mentoring of new Brothers. June 18th will be our Annual Sport Shirt and Bring-a-Friend Night.

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

The following is a copy of the letter to Towpath Lodge from Roland E. Nortman, Master of Konosioni Lodge No. 950, Fayetteville, N.Y.

Worshipful Master Lundgren:

I wish you and the Brothers of your Lodge could have been with me when I presented Brother Hooper his membership card! Pure happiness! When I told him you had remitted his dues, tears appeared in his eyes. He is now looking forward to attending the Lodge at the Masonic Home. He is even studying so he won't make any mistakes.

Please let me thank you for two things. First, for making a worthy Brother so happy, so very happy! Second, by letting me be a part of this happiness. It is so good to be associated with such fine Brother Masons as you.

Here is a copy of a letter I sent to the local Masonic Paper, "The Word":


Happiness is being a Mason

The reinstatement of a de-mitted Mason took place at the Masonic Home the other day. Worshipful Master Roland E. Nortman of Konosioni Lodge No. 950 of Fayetteville, N.Y. acted as proxy for Worshipful Master Lawrence E. Lundgren, Master of Towpath Lodge No. 163, Rochester, N.Y. and presented Brother Donald H. Hooper his membership card. Brother Nortman was assisted by William J. Luly, Executive Director and Keith W. Heinrich, Associate Director of the Masonic Home.

Brother Hooper and his wife, Sylvia, are residents at the Masonic Home. Brother Hooper

had let it be known how happy he would be to become an active Mason again. Through the wonderful efforts of his Lodge and some other Masons, Brother Hooper's wish came true. By the smile on his face, he is one of the happiest Masons around! □

GERMANIA Lodge No. 722



W.: David Foster, Master
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W.: John H. Foster 467-1677
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Make a special note!

This month is one of the two months during the year when we have two meetings. The 1st meeting this month is on May 6th. It is our Annual Summon Meeting where we will have the Election of Officers. I will also be giving a brief report on the activities at Grand Lodge and a program that night will be presenting to the Lodge the Howard Potts Award that the Lodge was presented at Grand Lodge that very day. Please make every attempt to attend this important meeting. Show your incoming officers that you care and that you will support them in their efforts.

Installation

The 2nd meeting in May will be on the 20th. The program that night will be the Installation of Officers, elected and appointed. This looks to be a very impressive evening. Master to be, Bob McBride, has planned for this to be an Open Installation. That means that you can bring your lady or significant other and also invite any prospective members to see Masonry in action. This is a very nice Ceremony and I strongly encourage all of you to attend and bring others with you. I am sure you won't be disappointed.

Thank you

Special thanks to Brothers Bob and Andy McBride for making our Annual Fellowcraft Ladies Night a success again this year. I'm sure that all who attended had a great time.

Before closing, I say thank you to all of you who have supported me and the Lodge over the past two years. We've not had all the successes that we had hoped for, but we have made some pretty good inroads.

New line

This month we will be electing and installing as Master, a Brother who has never held that office before. Not only that, the line behind him down to JD are all first timers. We haven't been able to say that for years.

Awards

We received our 2nd Howard Potts Award this past year, as well as the President's Award from Masters and Wardens for our support of that organization and Masonry in general. You belong to a Lodge of which you can be proud. While our future is not 100% secure, you can be sure that the officers of Germania Lodge are doing everything they can to make sure the Lodge continues to move forward into the next century. They can't do it alone however, and they need your con-

tinued input and assistance. I'm very impressed with the things I see Bob McBride doing already, I'm sure you will be also. You will be missing some excellent Masonic intercourse if you don't avail yourself of these upcoming meetings!

Need for prayers

We ask that you keep in your prayers, Josephine Krech, mother of R.: W.: Donald Krech. We hope that matters improve quickly and she receives God's loving care.

Reminder

There will be two meetings this month. As usual, Pot Luck Dinners will precede these meetings and start at 6:30 p.m. Come out to Lodge and show your new officers that you appreciate their efforts. Give a call to a Brother we haven't seen in a while and encourage him to come out. Offer him a ride - you might just make the Brother's week. See you at Lodge! □

Germania earns Annual President's Award



Bob McBride, SW and Andrew McBride, JW Germania Lodge No. 722 receiving the Monroe Districts' Masters and Wardens Annual President's Award. (Photos courtesy James De Lorenzo)

Churchville Lodge No. 667



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

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

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

By SW George Burke
2nd Degree

Our 2nd Degree on March 26th went well and we have two Brothers one step away from becoming Master Masons. The evening started with a Beef Bar-B-Q Dinner prepared by Daryl Bentley after which those in attendance witnessed a great 2nd Degree. Special congratulations to JW Lou Sanfilippo, who was in the East, George Pflieger as Senior Deacon and R.: W.: D. Scott Seltzer for the Middle Chamber Lecture. Great job Brothers! A special thank you to R.: W.: David Jones and R.: W.: William Spillane for their support.

Awards Night

On Tuesday, June 10th, we will have our Awards Night beginning with a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Brothers, if you haven't been to a meeting this year, or in a while, this is a perfect opportunity to attend. This will be an open meeting, you can bring your wife, or just drop in, have dinner and share a special moment in a Brother's life as he receives his Award. Please note that this meeting is not on a Wednesday, our usual meeting night, but on a Tuesday evening. For information or reservations call me at 293-1629. □

FAME Lodge No. 945
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W.: Dean F. Marsaw, Master
865-0046

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

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

My Brothers, this is my last communication to you, as I will be stepping down from the East after another most enjoyable, rewarding, and inspiring time as your Master.

However, it could not have been without the full cooperation of each and everyone of you.

Thanks

My thanks to all of you for your help and guidance, which made my task so much easier. I ask you to join me in doing the same for your incoming Master and officers, for this makes a strong backbone for Fame Lodge.

I will always cherish the privilege and honor that you bestowed on me to be your Master the rest of my life, and my phone will always be open if you want to call me for any help or just talk.

No dinner

May 13th is Election and Stink Night, with coldcuts after the meeting. There will not be a dinner before the meeting.

Check your smoke detectors, remember, they save precious lives (yours). □

Support the Masonic Brotherhood Fund



William Luly, Executive Director of the Masonic Home, W.: Roland E. Nortman, Master of Konosioni Lodge No. 950, acting as proxy for W.: Lawrence E. Lundgren, Master of Towpath Lodge No. 163, and Keith W. Heinrich, Associate Director of the Masonic Home, presenting dues card to Brother Donald H. Hooper, a resident of the Home.

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Outside the Temple Walls

A New Attitude

During the last half of the 19th Century, there was a strong tendency among Masons to confine their activities largely to those within the Lodge room. Even in Masonic families, about all that was known about this institution was that "father goes off to his Lodge on some Tuesday evenings".

That attitude has changed greatly during the 20th Century. Our Lodges have worked openly and assiduously to advance all good causes within their communities. Nearly all of our Districts have created charitable entities to raise funds for institutions that promote the general welfare. Our Grand Lodge has been in the forefront of these efforts.

Our charities

We have a fine Masonic Home and Health Facility, a world famous Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, a Brotherhood Fund (Our Challenge for Charity), blood programs, fellowship activities, the youth programs, and community service projects. Truly, it can be said that Masonry serves "Outside the Temple Walls". (*Freemasonry in New York*)

We are a proud group

The aforementioned was written some 16 years ago, but think about it my Brethren, isn't this what is happening now? As I have traveled throughout this District, I am witness to numerous programs being promoted by the leaders of our Craft to introduce the non-Mason to what we exemplify as a Mason. Without a

doubt, it means more than just having that membership card in your possession. It has become obvious to me that the membership of the Craft in general, is a very proud group of individuals who have the desire to share and spread the news of the benefits of our great Fraternity.

Crucial period

As we approach the end of the tenure of the present leadership of our Lodge, we face the crucial period of selecting and electing our new leaders. This must be undertaken with much thought and a sincere desire to continue promoting Freemasonry as established by the present leaders of the Craft.

Thank you

On behalf of the District and the Council of Masonic Activities, I personally express my sincere gratitude to all who made the recent Fish Fry at LeRoy a total success. To the cooks, workers, contributors and especially to the patrons, whom I think will agree with me, a job well done. The food was excellent! □

Grand Sword Bearer

Genesee/Wyoming District



R.W. Richard C. Anderson

The Masters or Proxies from the Lodges in the District will be attending the 216th Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. They will be exercising their rights and obligations to vote on the issues or propositions of business at Grand Lodge. It will then be their duty to inform the Brethren of their Lodges of these changes.

There is the appearance of favorable activities going on throughout the Genesee/Wyoming District. Bring-a-Friend Programs and Degrees seem to be happening. Sometimes becoming involved and trying harder can make the right things happen. Hopefully we will gain a

few new Brothers as well as bring back some of our less active Brethren. Don't give up the ship, keep on trying. Also, a number of Child ID Programs have been scheduled and completed in the District. Please get involved by contacting R.W. Leonard Mason, Chairman.

Brotherhood Fund

There have been questions on the reporting of donations to the Brotherhood Fund. I hope we can get some answers when we attend Grand Lodge in May. Please don't let this confusion keep you from donating.

Happy days

I would remind you to visit the shut-ins and help Brothers who are in need. Help make their days happier and more enjoyable.

May events

The Master Mason Degree will be conferred on May 1st at Constellation Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Communication will be May 5th and 6th in New York City.

The DDGHP Official Visit will be May 12th at LeRoy Chapter.

On May 20th the Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred at Warsaw Lodge No. 549.

The District Investiture will take place May 23rd at Warsaw Lodge No. 549.

There will be an Open Installation at Batavia Lodge No. 475 on May 27th and at Triluminar Lodge on May 28th.

The Masters and Wardens meeting will be May 29th at Attica Lodge No. 462. □

PI & A



Drug and
Alcohol
Abuse
Prevention
Chairman
W. Robert D. Mix 798-0335



Nice weather is coming on. The kids will be out and so will the drug dealers.

Public awareness

In April W. Al Lilley and I took part in a program at DeSales School in Lockport. It was a Public Awareness Program run by the Mayor of Lockport to let the public know what's going on with Drug and Alcohol Abuse and to try and get more people involved in the prevention side of the problem. I think this is a good idea and one that more towns, villages, and cities should get involved in.

Precious cargo

I drive a bus for the Medina School District. We are told by the School Officials that we haul the world's most precious cargo. If the kids are so precious, why are we letting them destroy their brains, health, even life, by using drugs?

Take back our streets

We, as Masons, must join forces. To begin with, we can demand that the legislation passed on doubling sentences involving drug use/sale on "drug free school zones" be passed down to local courts and judges. We can demand that courts stop slapping wrists and start getting some of these career criminals off the streets.

It's time we took back our streets. We can't stand by and wait for someone else to do our work

for us. We have people in all walks of life involved in drug dealing. It's not just the junkie and small time dealer anymore as some would have you believe. We have crooked cops, judges, coroners, and politicians from village level to White House level. If you doubt this, I have a new video you should see. It will scare you.

We have people being murdered to cover up drug dealing. We have people being given long prison sentences to get them out of the way, and people who should be in prison are running the show.

It's all closer to you than you may want to admit, and it's getting closer all the time. My new video is about 60 minutes long, but I guarantee if you watch it you'll change your whole outlook on the drug scene.

Give me a call. See what is going on all over our country. Once you start watching this tape you won't want to leave until it's over. □

CONSTELLATION Lodge No. 404



W. Paul
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1st & 3rd
Thursdays

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

Successful event

The Swiss Steak Dinner fundraiser was a financial and gustatory success thanks to all those who partook. A special thanks to Matron Charlotte Barnard and W. John Cook who organized the affair.

Child ID

Constellation Lodge is in the process of providing a Child ID video taping for parents who wish to participate. Details remain to be worked out. Volunteers need to be trained for this valuable service.

Slate of Officers

The Election of Officers for next year will take place on May 15th. Proposed are: Paul Stickley, Master; Dale Cooley, SW; John Cook, JW; John Butler, SD; William Barrett, JD; Leo Milhollen, Tiler; Charles Myers, Secretary; John Miller, Treasurer; Fletcher Parker, SMC; James Sanford, JMC; Cletis Shoup, Chaplain; and John Barnard, Organist. This slate will be proposed on May 1st.

Meetings

Move-up Night took place in April. The 3rd Degree is scheduled for May 1st. The 1st Section will be at 6:30 p.m., a simple, but adequate repast at 8:15, and the 2nd Section at 9:00 p.m.

Brotherhood Fund

Contributions to this most worthy charity have been slow in arriving. The Master will propose that a token amount for each member of Constellation Lodge be sent to Grand Lodge.

Roof repairs

The repairs have been authorized and contractor's bids are awaited.

Widows Recognition Day

Some 40 widows will receive invitations to attend a social affair at the Temple on a Sunday during the month of May. The date has not been set as yet. □

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



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William Erick,
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Main Street
Arcade, New York 14009

At last

Arcade Lodge is preparing for a class of two or three. Whenever we set a date, one of the candidates is out of town! Eventually we will get together. We are to get help from Triluminar Lodge of Pike.

Chow down

All meetings from now on are to be preceded by a supper, served at 6:30 p.m. for \$6.00.

A Dissertation

By Elbert Bede, 33°

The Master has to have help

An old man had secured the use of a vacant lot. He had dug out the weeds, removed the stones and rubbish, plowed it, harrowed it, planted seeds and cared for the plants until what had been a stony weed patch became a thing of beauty.

One day the Parson passed that way and entered into a conversation with the old man, who was loosening the soil with his hoe and pushing it up around the roots of the plants. The Parson remarked, "Brother Jackson, you and the Lord sure have worked miracles with this old vacant lot." The old man responded, "Yes sir, Parson, yes sir, me and the Lord sure have done a fine job here; you ought to of seen all the weeds and stones and rubbish there was here when the Lord was looking after it all by Himself."

That's only a story. It may never have happened, but in it are lessons for Masons, just as there are lessons for them in some of the things that never happened that we teach in Masonry. Freemasonry gives the Brother only the rough. Yes, it provides him with the vacant lot, with the implements, and even with the seed, but it is up to the Brother to do the plowing, the harrowing, the planting and the cultivating that will bring out the plants and the beauty. He must push the soil up around the roots of the plants.

The Master, working alone, can't make Freemasonry bloom in this Lodge room, any more than the Lord was able to make a flower garden grow on the lot without the help of the old man. Without the help of the Brethren there will be here only a weed patch strewn with stone and rubbish. There will be no beautiful plants, their roots carefully covered with rich soil. Masonry can't be funnelled into you. You have to use your brains in digging for the beauty of it. Put your mind to it and you may be astonished at the pleasure you will derive from seeing the soil become productive through your efforts. You may be astonished at the pleasure you will get from seeing the seeds of wisdom send up shoots that climb upward, turn their blossoms to the sun and burst into beautiful flowers of Masonic knowledge. □


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 Pike, N. Y. 14130

Is there anyone left anywhere who doesn't know Brother Chuck Krauss won the Euchre Tournament this year? I think not. Now he's telling anyone who will listen that he's the best banjo player in the District. Can anybody stop him?

Worthwhile projects

To get serious, Chuck is the prime mover in an effort to establish a Masonic backed reward for information that leads to the recovery of Samantha Zaldivar, a 7 year old girl who disappeared on her way to the school bus stop a few weeks ago. Donations for this Fund would be appreciated from all the Lodges in the District or from any Lodge that is able. Donations may be sent to Triluminar Lodge in care of Charles Krauss, Pike, NY 14130.

The Child ID Program is in the works for Pike thru R..W.. Len Mason and his unselfish gift of time to this worthy project.

Still waiting!

Molly, the Traveling Trophy, is still residing comfortably in Pike at our Lodge waiting for Brothers to claim her for display in their Temple.

Open to all

The Triluminar Annual Golf Tournament will be at Rolling Acres in Pike on June 7th. It is open to all, not just Masons.


Thanks

As President of the Council of Masonic Activities, I would like to thank all the Brothers who worked hard to make the April 4th Fish Fry, held at Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 in LeRoy, a big success. Special thanks to Chef R..W.. Robert Nicoll, Leone and all the girls.

Please start planning to attend the Masters and Wardens meeting at Attica Lodge on May 29th. Bring the ladies along and they

can chat while we guys work to make Masonry an important part of our communities.

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



W.. Robert Strang, Master
 (718)591-2888
 1st and 3rd Wednesday (Jan-Feb-Mar 3rd Wed Only)

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

By R..W.. Donald N. VanSon

A lasting tribute

As you will recall, Attica Lodge experienced a great loss with the sudden passing of "Mr. Mason", R..W.. John S. Stockholm, on October 31, 1996. Jack was well known and well liked in all 12 Lodges in the Genesec/Wyoming District, and throughout the State. Just five months prior to his passing he was awarded the Charles Henry Johnson Medal in recognition of giving above and beyond the call of duty in promoting Masonry. This presentation was given personally by M..W.. Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, at Attica Lodge on June 5, 1996.

In the December issue of the *Masonic Times* we stated many memorial contributions in memory of Jack were received and once the Trustees and officers decided on how to use these funds, we would announce their decision. To date, we have received nearly \$800.00. Jack, for many years, wanted the Lodge to purchase a large cooking stove so we could have public Fish Fries. Thanks to Chuck Lapp for being in the right spot at the right time, we now have a large Vulcan commercial gas fired stove with a large oven and six top side burners. It was purchased from an area school and only used for two months when they decided it was not what they had ordered. It cost \$4,100.00 new and Chuck purchased it for \$1,512.00, a very good buy and a "Lasting Tribute" to Mr. Mason, R..W.. John Stockholm.

Last until Fall

Our last monthly Sunday Pancake Breakfast was on April 6th. In

the last several months, these breakfasts have netted nearly \$700.00 with little work and lots of Masonic camaraderie. The breakfasts will resume in October. Thanks to all the members who made this fundraiser a success.

1997 Election

Our Annual Election of Officers will be Wednesday, May 21st at 8:00 p.m. Please make an extra effort to be in Lodge for this summation communication. Wednesday, June 4th, we will have a dual Installation with West Star Lodge No. 413 at Attica Lodge beginning at 8:00 p.m. The Purple Apron Club will conduct the Installation.

Please remember


R..W.. Norman Godfrey is in the Wyoming County Nursing Home and is very ill. His birthday is May 28th. Get well and birthday cards would be appreciated. The address of the nursing home is: North St., Warsaw, NY 14569. His home address is 35 North View Park, Attica, NY 14011.

Coming events

Now that we have our new stove, we plan to co-sponsor a public Fish Fry with the OES on Friday, May 30th, starting at 4:30 p.m. We will dedicate the stove in Jack's memory on this date.

By the time you receive this issue, we will have had a Fellowship Degree on a new Brother. A 3rd Degree is planned for the Fall session.

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

Another year is about to come to a close, and we are approaching the West as our time as Master of the Lodge draws near. The time has passed as fast as the light from a laser, yet has created fond memories that will last a lifetime. The friendships and Brotherly love that has developed while sitting in this chair will always be cherished. It is time to express my thanks to all in the Lodge who have participated in the necessities of this Worshipful Lodge, be it in the places and stations or on the sidelines. Thank you one and all.

Brotherhood Fund Drive

There are just a few days remaining to express your Brotherly love through your contribution to this most worthy cause. It is also a way to show that Freemasons live by the true meaning of Brotherly love. Now is the time to make that contribution if you have not done so.

By-Laws Report

A review of the Lodge By-Laws has been completed and revisions were presented to the Lodge for discussion. The final draft has been made and will be balloted upon during the May 15th communication.

Finance and Trustee Reports

After several years of inattention the finances and properties of the Lodge have been examined; it was good to review the

condition of each. Several deficiencies were brought to light and adjustments are in progress.

Sickness and distress

I must apologize for not reporting on the hospitalization, for pneumonia, of W.. Stuart Lambein in my last article. He has been "sprung" and is back to his usual self.

I am saddened to have to report the loss of Brother Ira C. Hinsdale. He joined the Great Architect of the Universe on March 20th.

Our sympathy goes out to R..W.. Robert Seils on the loss of his mother on March 20th. May the Great Architect of the Universe give his strength to both these families during their time of grieving.

Future dates


Move-up Night is May 1st. The Grand Lodge Communication is May 5th and 6th. The Election of Officers and By-Laws vote will be on May 15th. The Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que at Gallium-Grant Center will be May 31st. On June 5th we will have Sport Shirt Night.

The Masonic Golf Tournament at Rolling Acres in Pike, NY, will be June 7th.

Installation of Officers is June 8th.

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 8:00 p.m.

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

Eagle Valley Lodge announces:

Masonic Child ID Program - F & AM of New York State, in association with Bliss Baptist Church and St. Joseph's R.C. Church of Bliss offered free Child ID video taping for children 15 years of age or younger. Video tapes are intended to aid in the recovery of missing or lost children. The taping took place Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bliss Baptist Church.

Chicken anyone?


Eagle Valley Lodge's Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q, in conjunction with the Annual Bliss Firemen's Auction, will take place Satur-

day, May 17th. The serving will be from 4:00 p.m. until ??? Take-outs will be available.

Come on out

Brothers, I assure you that Bliss remains where Bliss has been even though the rains came and the winds blew. Our Temple is intact, water-tight, and with our new carpeting, etc., it is more beautiful than when some of you last attended. I am always pleased to greet you at old Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161 on Liberty Street in historic Bliss, NY. I do hope to see you at our next meeting.

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



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

Stephen A. Licht, Sec.
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 200 E. Main Street,
 Batavia, NY 14020

For those of us who reside in Western New York, we can finally put away (??) those Winter implements and enjoy the benefits Spring has to offer. I sincerely apologize to those among us-the snowbirds- who did not get to appreciate what the rest of us enjoyed during the past Winter season!

Fellowship

On a more serious note, relating to the happenings of our Fraternity, we enjoyed a busy and productive period during the past few months as indicated in past articles. Our most recent event was the Annual Widows Program. It was truly an evening of pure delight and social fellowship.

Election and Installation

Now we are approaching our Masonic year end tasks. We will be electing our officers for the new year at our first communication in May and then on Tuesday, May 27th, the members of the Purple Apron Club will install the officers of the Lodge. Plans are being formulated for the St. John's Day breakfast; final details will be included in next month's publication.

Child ID

We will be conducting another Child ID taping program late in the Summer or early Fall. Plans

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are underway for the sign up portion of this event during the 4th of July festivities at Centennial Park in Batavia. Please contact the Master or Secretary to schedule your participation in this endeavor. As you probably will notice elsewhere in this issue of the *Masonic Times*, the Child ID Program is in full swing and growing by leaps and bounds throughout the Genesee/Wyoming District.

Fundraising event

Another event coming up is the Annual Air Show. As in the past, the Brethren and ladies will once again man one of the concession stands. The big difference this year is the fact that this event will be held on Father's Day weekend, June 13-15. This has been a fundraising mainstay over the past few years and a couple of days of real entertainment and enjoyment. Please let us know when you would like to share some of your time for this event.

Finally, watch for new and exciting events from your Lodge and its leadership as we venture into the new year. □

a great success. We sold out in record time, 80 pounds of fish in 1 hour and 30 minutes. Thanks to all who donated supplies and to all the Brothers, their wives, girl friends and children who helped.

Special thanks

Thank you to Constellation Lodge No. 404 for the use of their electric sign, we think it made a great difference. Thanks also to W.: John Cook for coming over and helping to cook the fish. Personal thanks go to the following: Mike Cook, W.: Dick Smith's nephew, Doug, Brother Bill Swyers and his wife, Kay, and W.: Henry Robinson's daughter and her friend.

"Want to be like Tiger Woods?"

If there is anyone that can play golf like Tiger Woods, sign up for the Annual Triluminar Lodge Golf Tournament on June 7th at Rolling Acres Golf Course. You can call there for reservations. It is a four man scramble.

Up-coming events

June 3rd is our Dual Installation with Warsaw Lodge No. 549. Bingo Night at the VA Hospital in Batavia is June 24th. □

Local merchants have been very generous and reservations are coming in, but additional four-somes are needed. Please call Don Schneider, 716-367-3317, for information and reservations. □



FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

William Lindsay, President
 621-3573
 Bill Edwards, Secretary
 872-3993

Net stories

I remember as a small child often going to Grandpa and Grandma's house in the country. It was a huge, old, pre-Victorian, Western New York brick farmhouse full of great hiding spots and features which seemed mystical to my small world view. Great wide steps went down into a maw of a cellar where there were shelves filled with canned goods, barrels, brine filled ceramic crocks, and most scary of all, a "smoke house" which resembled a dungeon to this imagination. Children did not visit this area unaccompanied by adults.

In the evening we would be in the living room playing with games, quietly, of course, as this was the time Grandpa read the paper and Grandma would sit quietly mending, or perhaps writing a letter. Inevitably a discussion would begin about it being dark enough to light the lantern. This would give way to a civil discussion between them about putting in electricity, which Grandpa thought a frivolous waste. When Grandma reached the point in the discussion where she knew there was no hope of winning the argument, her closing salvo usually dealt with the need to "at least get a phone". She wasn't successful at that either, but I always enjoyed the points to the argument which stressed the importance to have a phone in case of an emergency (their chimney was always catching fire), but inevitably lead to Grandpa's assertion that it was mainly used by the neighbor women to chatter and gossip when they should be doing their chores.

Grandpa died in 1946 never having been "corrupted" by new fangled contraptions; Grandma lived another 21 years with various of her children (as was the custom then) and enjoyed to the fullest all the contraptions which Grandpa so thoroughly detested or feared.

The parallels with 1997 strike me as quite similar to people's response to the technological revolution which is occurring all around us. People are resisting the use of the computer or becoming Net literate. The reasons offered are many-too complex, too expensive, too frivolous. But the bottom line is that the Net is becoming the way of the world, the way the world interacts. Those who choose to ignore its potential are positioning themselves to become more and more isolated from the world around them and the people in their own families.

While all the positive reasons for becoming computer literate have been recited elsewhere, I

offer these comments to those who wish to greet the 21st Century on its terms. Make a decision to learn how to use the Net. Sign up for a workshop at your local library (great rates for seniors!). Start reading articles about computers in the press. Have a conversation with someone you know who is computer literate. Who knows? Perhaps you will be one of the people who does his Christmas shopping without ever leaving the house!

Did you know?

Lodges in Massachusetts have no numbers. In Pennsylvania there are 11 Lodges which have no names, but are identified by numbers. In Georgia, two Lodges have the number "1", while in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Tennessee there are no Lodges with the number "1".

Charles McCue was born in N. Ireland on June 14, 1756 and was made a Mason at age 18. When he died in Canada on May 5, 1870, he had been a Mason almost 95 years.

"Lux in Tenebris Lodge No. 3856" in London is for blind Masons. The Latin means "light in darkness". (From "Truth is Stranger than Fiction", A. Cerza). □

Legal Rights

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to draft a combined Living Will with a Health Care Proxy.

These concerns are not pleasant, and not of the type people should dwell upon. Yet, deferring consideration until you are in a hospital, or awaiting admission to a nursing home, would be making a decision under duress. Decisions under duress are not always motivated by what is in your best interests.

Fortunately, many have gone this way before us. The Public Library has a wealth of material on this issue. For those of you online, try the NYS Office for Aging @ <http://aging.state.ny.us/nysofa>; click the resource link. Another site to try is maintained by the NYS Department of Health @ <http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/consumer/patient.htm>. □

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Share experiences

Every Brother, from the newly raised Master Mason to the oldest sideliners, knows or has dis-

covered something about the Craft that no one else knows. Is this really true? Find out for yourself by talking to your Brethren about Freemasonry, their experiences, and thoughts. You can never tell what you may learn.

As we all learn more we are all better able to discuss the Craft and its meaning to all those who ask questions or make unfounded remarks about the Craft. There have been Brethren who have been very successful correcting people who know little or nothing of the Craft. Many people will notice a Masonic ring or tie pin and comment on it. We should all be prepared to answer questions and, interest a man in becoming a Mason. With proper knowledge we all can make a little difference by spreading the philosophy of the Craft to the profane. □



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Spring Has Sprung At Acacia Village

By the time you read this, we will have 50 occupied apartments and 65 residents. The weather will be warmer and residents will be taking nature walks, not only for exercise, but to enjoy the beautiful campus. Soon the path between the Masonic Home and Acacia Village will be completed, providing easier access to more of the campus. For those who just want to relax, read and enjoy the fresh air, we'll have cushioned chaise lounges and gliders (remember them?). Pretty soon they'll be "surfing the net" and may even turn up in your "chat" room!

This is all every day activity. But come...spend a day at Acacia Village on Saturday, May 17th. You too can participate in all the activities taking place. On that special day, we'll even have dancing to the big band sound of local musician, Sal Alberico, Sr., a place to practice your golf swing and an ice-cream social. Make sure to save the date on your calendar and make your reservation by calling 800-593-3353. It's our first big event of 1997. You don't want to miss it. □

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Eagle Lodge No. 619 Host a Benefit Tournament

An accident in a rural area of Yates County resulted in a young man being left a paraplegic. It also prompted an outpouring of caring and compassion in his hometown.

Nineteen year old, Glen Schreiber, son of Ron and Hazel Schreiber, members of Eagle Lodge and Eagle Star Chapter, very nearly lost his life in a freak accident that forged the Village of Honeoye into a support system. While the grit and determination of this young man, the prayers of his friends and family and the skill of the surgeons and medical staff at Strong Hospital have returned him to us; the need for support continues.

Eagle Lodge members and friends gathered during the cold days of December to assist Ron in construction of a rampway into the house and in extending doorways and the installation of a new bathroom and bedroom. Glen has repaid us with his continued efforts to regain the use of his legs and milestones have been reached. The family is grateful, but our obligation as Brothers is not yet complete.

On June 1st, Eagle Lodge is sponsoring a Benefit Golf Tournament to help defray continuing costs to Glen and his family. The Tournament, "Golf for Glen", is to be held at Old Hickory Golf Club on Big Tree Road in Livonia, tee off at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$45.00 and includes 18 holes with cart and a Steak Dinner. There will be prizes and more.

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First United Methodist Church
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 Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Out of town guests will be staying at the Best Western Batavia (1-800-BATAVIA). Rooms are \$50.00 (single) and \$55.00 (double, twin or queen).
 Please send reservations with remittance for the dinner and/or meeting to Miss L. Janet Lee, 8517 Stringham Dr., Batavia, NY 14020.



Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory
Chapter of Rose Croix
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Ill. Patrick J. S. McNenny, 33° Commander-in-Chief



New members

The Spring contingent of the Leo H. Pancoast, Jr., 32° MSA Class of 1996-'97 have completed their Degrees and we welcome them to the Valley of Rochester.

Thanks

Thank you once again to the Directors and cast members of the 4th, 14th, 16th, 18th, 22nd, and 32nd Degrees for their fine work in presenting the Spring Reunion. Thanks also to Glenn A. Hedges, 32° MSA, and the stage crew; Frank Jansson and the wardrobe crew; Jack Zabel and the make-up crew; and Bill Kuehne, Organist, for the long hours they dedicated to the support of the Degrees.

New Degree

Charles Hancock and the cast of the 22° put it together from scratch, involving many hours of work and several rehearsals. They are to be commended for the fine job they did. For most of the participants it was their first effort.

May

The May 1st meeting will be the Election and Installation of Officers in the Lodge, Council and Chapter. There will be no meeting in June.

Summer events

Events over the Summer will include the Council of Deliberation Meeting, July 10-13, a Family Picnic at Powder Mills Park on July 19th and the Stag Outing at the Party House on Beahan Road on August 22nd. There will be more details in next month's column and you will be receiving mailings about the Picnic and Outing. □

Learning Center

The following is an excerpt from a letter of Ill. Dwight T. Worthy, 33° Active, Coordinator, Children's Learning Centers, to Valley Secretaries...

In July, 1997, as part of the Annual Meeting of the N.Y. Council of Deliberation in Rochester, the Frank & Bette Paul Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center will be dedicated and opened. The Grand Master of Masons in New York, M.W., and Ill. Earle J. Hino, Jr., 33°, will consecrate the Center in Ancient and Accepted Masonic Ceremonies.

The Paul Center will concentrate its efforts on dyslexia and children so encumbered. Here are parts of an article by John Hildebrand, published in the Long Island "Newsday" in January:

Loss Brings Attention to Dyslexia

Two months from now Ennis Cosby had expected to appear in a Manhattan ballroom before 1,500 parents, teachers and medical specialists.

The purpose: to present an award recognizing special achievement in the fight against a learning disability known as dyslexia.

Those familiar with Cosby's own successful struggle with dyslexia say his sudden death appears to have generated even greater public awareness of the disability. It is small comfort.

"We're just devastated", said Iris Spano, Executive Director of the Orton Dyslexia Society's Manhattan Office. The Society specializes in research and education on dyslexia, and Spano's office had arranged for Cosby's appearance at its Annual Conference on March 16.

Spano's phone rang incessantly Friday as reporters called for information about dyslexia. The Society has been giving such information since its founding in 1949. The Society is named for the late Samuel Orton, a doctor who was among the first to notice that many intelligent people had trouble with reading and other uses of language.

The Baltimore-based Society defines dyslexia as a type of learning disability that revolves around difficulty in processing language. Perhaps the best-known example of dyslexia is found in people who have trouble reading because letters appear to them as running upside-down or backward.

The problem is much broader than that, however. Other symptoms of dyslexia can include difficulty in writing, calculating or even understanding the spoken word.

There is growing evidence that it is neurological in nature. Research findings published in 1994 by scientists at Rutgers University in New Jersey suggest that the disability does not stem from a visual or ordinary hearing problem, but rather from a flaw in a specific brain circuit.

The Orton Society estimates that 15 to 18% of Americans - children and adults alike - may suffer from dyslexia. Many cases are said to go undetected because those with the disability develop their own strategies for dealing with it.

Even so, some experts consider the Society's estimates too large. Fewer than 8% of students in NYC and fewer than 5% on Long Island are officially classified as learning disabled, and that includes other types of disabilities as well. Schools are not required to keep records on the number of students with dyslexia alone.

One of the nation's best-known dyslexics was Ennis Cosby, whose struggles with the disability were portrayed in fictionalized form on the long-running television show originated by his father, actor Bill Cosby. In 1989 Ennis Cosby spent a Summer studying at Landmark College in Vermont, which specializes in services for the learning disabled.

Because of that experience Ennis Cosby was scheduled in March to present an Award to Carolyn Olivier, a Landmark College Official who recently published a book on learning problems. The Awards Ceremony had been organized by the Orton Society's Manhattan Branch, which serves NYC and Western Nassau County.

But the 27-year old Cosby was shot to death early Thursday in Los Angeles. His death had a spe-

cial impact on Orton Society members, who had relished his recent successes in earning a Master's Degree and entering a Doctoral Program at Columbia University's Teachers College.

Michelle Delaney, President of the Society's Long Island Branch, which is headquartered in Northport, overheard someone say that more people than ever would be learning now about dyslexia.

"It's terrible", said Delaney, "that this can't be brought to the forefront without the tragic death of a celebrity's son." □

Hospitaler

Larry Dunn is back to work in the Scottish Rite Office, you can't keep a good work horse down.

Hugh Robertson, 32° MSA - is feeling better after a bout of acute bronchitis.

Roy Demenint, 33°, has been hospitalized recently. □



Rev. and Ill. Donald Markham, 33°, Speaker of the evening, William Zufall, Most Wise Master, Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix conversing with Frances Pancoast, widow of Leo Pancoast, 32° MSA, Sponsor of the 1997 Class, at the receiving line following the Ceremony of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb held in Cathedral Hall on March 20th.



Officers at their stations for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony, the Scottish Rite Memorial Service, in Cathedral Hall.

Annual Freast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony



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The Valley of Rochester Red Cap Club ushers for the evening: MSAs Tom Paglia, Charles Simpson (Director), Don Freeman, Stan Peterson, Bill Russell, Art Maupin, Mat Gingold, and Harold Metzler.

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**Hiram Chapter
No. 62**



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Officers of Hiram Chapter and Grand Chapter Officers: Companions William Lindsay-Master of the 3rd Veil, Bruce Horncastle-Scribe, E. William Kuehne-PHP, E. Tom Paglia-High Priest, M.E. C. Richard Trust, Grand High Priest, Comp. Ed Brereton-Master of the 1st Veil, R.E. Vern Goodrich-Grand Treasurer, (mid) Companions Tom Kendig-Master of the 2nd Veil, Paul Soltzick, E. L. Edward Walker-Principal Sojourner, Comp. John Dudley- Captain of the Host, E. Paul Josephson-King, R.E. Arnold Palmer-Grand Scribe, V.E. William Zufall-Assistant Grand Lecturer and E. Lawrence Dunn-Royal Arch Captain. (back) R.E. Don Brugger-DDGHP 27th, Comp. Dennis Gellasch.

Charities

The latest report on the Charity Funds is in and the 27th is not doing too well. We are 9th overall and only 6th in the Scholarship Fund giving, zilch on Seals. Don't put off your contribution too long, get it in now.

Consolidation

The Hiram-Webster Consolidation went very well. We would have liked to have more Companions from Webster there. We hope that they will find it profitable to attend Hiram's meetings and get into the meeting attendance habit. That brings the number of Chapters in the 27th to only three: Hiram No. 62, Livonia No. 311 and Dansville No. 91.

Official Visits

My Official Visits will commence with Hiram Chapter on May 8th. The next will be at Dansville May 13th, and Livonia on June 25th. All Companions are urged to attend these Official Visits. Some Chapters may need assistance in filling the chairs on these occasions and you are encouraged to lend a hand.

Membership

Did you contact anyone to become a Companion in Hiram Chapter? If not, why not? New Companions are the lifeline to our future. Without them everything else fails. Due to the absence of petitions, there were no Degrees in April as planned. We need petitions if we are to put on the Holy Royal Arch Degree for the Canadians. They are looking forward to it, so don't let them down.

Merger

It is now official, Webster Chapter has now merged with Hiram Chapter. It is our desire that all of the Companions from Webster Chapter will attend the meetings and become familiar with their new Companions. It is also my desire to have input from them as to what they would like to see happen at meetings, this is also true with Hiram Companions. The officers can only come up with so many ideas. Everyone has an idea how the meetings should be conducted, and their ideas will be taken into consideration.

Attendance

We have had a slight increase in attendance, but we need more. Won't you try to make a meeting? The meetings are not that long and after the meetings there is fellowship in the 3rd Floor Dining Room with refreshments and Euchre. If you like Euchre, we have some

very fine players. If you like to k-bitz, you can do that too. Either way you will enjoy yourself. So, why not come down. It sure would be nice to see you.

Miscellaneous information

I was invited to attend Progress Lodge in Toronto, Canada, for their Official Visit. I will make a report in next month's column.

Dinner

Prior to our May 22nd meeting, there will be a Ham and Scal-



Tom Paglia and Bill Kuehne cutting up at the Reception.

loped Potatoes or Chicken Dinner. The cost of the meal will be \$7.00. That night we will be joined by Flower City Lodge for dinner. They will be conferring the 1st Degree and it would be nice if there was a large attendance at the dinner.

It seems I forgot them, please forgive me.

This will be a planning meeting for the upcoming year. I am hoping that we can establish a working program for each Chapter, one that will fit individual needs.

The plan

We will have our District Grand Line Officer present who will be available to answer questions that might arise regarding Grand Chapter's plans for the future. We will be talking about a long term plan for our District that would coincide with Grand Chapter's plan. This will be necessary to keep continuity with Grand Chapter.

Areas to work on

The areas that will need our attention will consist of good programming, Ritual and the support of our various charities. This should be a continual thing and not just a one or two year program. To keep our district on its toes, long range plans are necessary.

This will be a very casual meeting with refreshments following. Dress for the weather. A sweatshirt or light jacket should be included in case it gets cool.

Commodore's Prayer

As I have ended my other columns with some words of wisdom, I will finish this one with the Commodore's Prayer.

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From the Archives (Grand Chapter)



In the "line-up" receiving their 1997-98 Commissions as DDGHPs (4th from rt.) R.E. E. William Whittaker-25th, R.E. Don Brugger-27th and R.E. Daniel Evans-29th.



M.E. Edward Trosin-PGHP, assisting M.E. C. Richard Trust with his new GHP Apron.



M.E. C. Richard Trust at the podium with M.E. Calvin Bond at the Public Installation of the Grand Line Officers.

**District Deputy
Grand
High Priest**
*Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District
R.E. Daniel N. Evans*

Greetings Companions

Another holiday has come and gone. It is now time to look ahead to Spring and better weather. But, when it shall get here is the question. It is hard to believe that it was 70° one day and 30° and snowing the next.

Sunday meeting

If you have been reading your newspaper, you have seen that our District is going to have a planning meeting on Sunday, May 18th at 3:00 p.m. at Lake Hiram. I've asked all past and present Grand Representatives, past and present District Deputies and the seated High Priests, Kings and Scribes to be there. I wish to add one more group at this time, the seated Secretaries.



R.E. Vernon Goodrich, Grand Treasurer, presenting R.E. Lawrence Dunn with his Commission as Assistant Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, RAM, State of New York. Because of health reasons R.E. Dunn was not able to travel to Albany to receive it personally.

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"Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful, but not moody, helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end." (Author unknown) □

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



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

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

By E. Karl Heinz Reich

What now?

The Chapter met at the Temple in Spencerport in the latter half of March for the purpose of greeting Grand Lecturer, R.E. Hobert E. Cook, who is making his tour of the State on Official Visits. There were 16 other Companions in attendance, including District Deputy R.E. Daniel N. Evans, Sr. (29th Capitular), R.E. James J. Powell, Grand Representative of the State of Pennsylvania, R.E. Horace Wilder, Jr., Grand Representative of the State of Kentucky, R.E. James I. Pickering, Grand Representative of the State of New Mexico and V.E. Stephen A. Licht, Assistant Grand Lecturer (29th District). This Chapter has the distinction of having had the Grand Lecturer present to obligate the Assistant Grand Lecturer of the 29th.

Dinner preceded the convocation and was held at Stuey's Canalside Restaurant in Spencerport. Companions present represented not only 3X3, but Western Star No. 35, LeRoy No. 183, and Arcade No. 322, as well.

Our next convocation will be on May 21st at the Spencerport Temple. Let's enjoy a Spring evening of good fellowship together! □

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Video training

Our Grand Chapter has produced a video training guide to instruct the constituent Chapters in proper floor work and in the Sword Manual. At the Grand Lecturer's Conference in Albany I learned of this project which is being enthusiastically endorsed throughout this jurisdiction. Hopefully, we will have the opportunity to view this tape at an upcoming convocation.

Mergers

Much is being said about consolidations and mergers in Capitular conversations lately. I was present at a recent merger, which, albeit a sad occasion to see a Chapter go out of existence, was an honorable end to one era and honorable beginning of a new union. We are surrounded by many Chapters, all of which have a nucleus of dedicated and faithful Companions that enjoy their participation in Capitular Masonry. However, they are often hindered from the fullest enjoyment due to an insufficient number of Companions to open their Chapter and do work.

Suggestion

One possible suggestion to sustain the Chapter is to proceed with a rehearsal of the Opening or other ritualistic work with those Companions that DO attend. An instructional evening or the presentation of a program that stimulates interaction and discussion won't be kept secret and word will spread. Invite a visiting Companion to address the group on a subject of his interest. Food will increase attendance in direct proportion to the effort expended on the refreshments. A pot of homemade soup will be remembered long after donuts and coffee are forgotten.

Results

When all reasonable efforts have been expended, and the results remain unsatisfactory, it then becomes incumbent upon the active Companions to seriously review the "Resolve a Chapter" Program and proceed in the direction that best represents the interests of the Royal Craft.

Communications

Our Secretary, Meritorious Companion Frank Lund, has spent the Winter weather in Hawaii and came home long enough to repack his bags and head South. Our Scribe, E. Bill Genagon took off for a Hawaiian vacation and came home with a case of pineapples. (Bill, Tops has them right here in Batavia.)

Speedy get-well wishes to Companion McCullough's wife following surgery.

Congratulations to our Captain of the Host, R.E. Vern Rupert, the Illustrious Master of Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92, Cryptic Masons.

Thank you

Thanks to the members of Western Star Chapter for their outstanding support of the Royal Arch Scholarship Program at the Annual Scholarship Dinner on April 26th and for their generous donations.

Upcoming events

On Sunday, May 18th, there will be a meeting at the home of DDGHP, R.E. Dan Evans, for the three Council Officers, Secretary and all V.E. and R.E. Companions. The Grand Scribe will be present at this very important strategy session. Refreshments will be served and your attendance is necessary. A map to his home will be provided as he lives near that undiscovered country... Carpooling is available.

May 22nd is the date of our regular convocation at 8:00 p.m. This will be our last one until September. A Summer picnic is in the works and selecting a date is the only issue to be decided. It was intimated that a 2nd Royal Arch Festival would be appreciated in the near future in Batavia. Take a moment and review your roles in the previous Festival and like the Boy Scout's Motto, Be Prepared! □

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Thank you

We are very appreciative of the support shown for the Annual Scholarship Dinner by the Western New York Capitular Masons.

The continued success of our Scholarship Program depends on the collective efforts of every Companion and Chapter throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Finances

A complete financial report will be made available at the next meeting of the PHP Association. Please refer to the June issue of the Masonic Times for the date, time and location. In the interim, this information is available, just ask me.

Coming events

Annual outdoor M.E. Osco W. Peterson Memorial Mark Master Degree will be held on Saturday, September 6th, at Lake Osco, Montour Falls. The Degree is followed by a Steak/Chicken Bar-B-Q. Reservations are necessary by August 29th. Please contact your DDGHP or me for more information. □

**Doric Council
No. 19
Cryptic Masons**
(Chartered in 1861)

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My two year term as Illustrious Master is drawing to an end. I thank you for your support. It has been a very rewarding experience.

New officers

We will have Election and Installation of our new Officers on May 21st. Congratulations to L. Charles Roberts and his crew. Don't plan on my fading away. You can count on my continued support.

Great time

A big thank you to everyone who made our April Table Council a success. Special thanks V.I. William R. Zufall for doing the Ritual for the Council. We had a great time. □

**Nun-Da-Wa-Ga
Council No. 92**
4th Monday
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Ill. Ruell R. Lovett
Recorder
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LeRoy, NY 14482

Great evening

One of the highlights for me during my term as Ill. Master occurred at our last meeting when I had the opportunity to welcome to Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council M. Ill. Grand Master Jay Koseff and his lady, Pat; R. Ill. Edward P. Fagan, Jr., Grand Conductor of

the Council; R. Ill. E. William Whittaker, Grand Marshal; R. Ill. Cullen O. Henry, DDGM and his lady and R. Ill. Don C. Markham, Grand Chaplain and his lady, Helen. The occasion was the Apron Presentation by the Grand Master to R. Ill. Steven L. Wing as the Grand Representative to Alabama. The evening was very well attended by many Companions and their ladies.

Reminder

A final reminder that on May 12th, which is our Annual Meeting for the Election and Installation of Officers, the Select Master Degree will be conferred on our class of candidates, preceding the election.

Thanks

This being my last article, I wish to thank all the officers and members for the support they have given me in making this a memorable year. I know the new officers will receive the same support given me. □

**Cyrene-Monroe
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No. 12**

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Inspection

Thank you to all who made our Inspection go smoothly. The Sir Knights from Batavia, DeMolay and Sagoyewatha; the Shicker Club for providing the wonderful dinner and our own Sir Knights whose diligence was very evident in the work they did.

Name emblem

Sir Knights who need a name emblem for their uniform please contact SK Stan Peterson before we recess for the Summer.

Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families of SK Charles
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Potentate - Erwin Newell

From the Potentate Erwin M. Newell



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Here we are!

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to write this column. Damascus Temple is proud and excited to become a subscriber to the *Times*. We hope our columns in this paper will not only be points of interest to the Nobles of Damascus Temple, but to one and all.

Unity

In my journey to become Potentate of Damascus Temple, I have found that when I attend various Blue Lodge meetings, that many active Masons are also Shriners. As a Past Master and now Potentate, I see that the Unity Program is working within our Masonic Community.

Support

We remember our roots and support our Blue Lodges. Our Past Masters Degree Team is a good example of our support. We are available to put on a 3rd Degree just for the asking and have speakers for programs.

Looking ahead

You will see in upcoming is-

ues, we have many activities for all. In the month of May, we will be putting on the 3rd Degree in Webster and Flower City Lodges. I urge all Past Masters that are Shriners to support our Shrine Degree Team. There are no dues, all you have to be is a Shriner and a Past Master to join. Please call the office, 671-7701, and let us know you would like to become a part of the Degree Team.

Party time

The premier party of the year is the Potentate's Reception. It will be held on Saturday, May 17th at the Holidome. I invite all Masons and their ladies to join us. For more information, please call the office.

Lunch Club

I extend an open invitation for all Masons to attend our Shrine Lunch Club every Monday at 11:00 a.m. at our Shrine Oasis, 979 Bay Road, Webster. The price of the lunch is only \$3.50 and you will certainly get your money's worth.

We have many activities going on at all times - Shrine Clubs, Temple parties, and the supporting of the Masonic Community. □

What's in it for Me?

By R.W.: Bruce D. Chilton,
Chairman

What's in it for you?

First of all, let me say that the Membership Development Team is pleased with the Potentate's decision to join forces with and to help support the *Masonic Times*. We feel that it is a perfect place to teach our Brethren what Shrinedom is all about. There is a contingent of Brothers who believe that the Shrine is the group that wants to steal the Blue Lodge Mason away, never to be seen in

the Lodge room again. That is not what the Shrine is about and we need to tell "the story". We feel that if we tell "the story" many more of our Brethren will join the Shrine.

History

The Shrine is billed as the "Playground of Masonry". The idea for the Shrine formed in or around 1872, when 13 men agreed to have a regular luncheon for social purposes. These 13 were all Masons and as such were not accustomed to the Fellowship after a meeting as we know it today. During these luncheons the idea for Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was born. (Note that in the letters A.A.O.N.M.S. the word Mason can be found). One of the 13 was born and raised in Rochester and moved to New York to become a doctor. Out of 191 Shrine Temples across North America, Damascus is No. 2. Mecca Temple in New York City is No. 1.

Hospitals

1997 is the 125th Anniversary of Shrinedom and the 75th Anniversary of the Shrine Orthopedic Hospitals. Since 1922 there have been 22 hospitals established that consist of 19 Orthopedic and 3 Burn Centers.

I recently had the privilege of visiting the Hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania. The facility, staff, atmosphere and children brought it all together for me. I am part of this wonderful philanthropic arm of Masonry known as the Shrine. The arm of Freemasonry that provides these hospitals with all their services free of charge to hundreds of children yearly. That is what it is all about and I am proud to be part of it.

Community Service

The one thing that all studies have shown about Masonic membership is that a great many men

have joined our Fraternity, or would consider joining our Fraternity because of the opportunity to perform community service. Every Brother-Bring-a-Friend Night that I have ever attended, from Buffalo to New York City, presented that opportunity to the potential candidates in attendance in part by telling them the story of Shrinedom. Many of the Masons whom I know, when asked by a non-Mason, "What do Masons do?", will include in his answer something about community service and the fact that the Shrine has 22 Children's Hospitals that offer treatment to children up to the age of 18, free of charge. Why wouldn't you talk about the Shrine Hospitals? The efforts of the Shrine Hospitals are listed among the top ten most popular philanthropic endeavors in our country. *Nobody does it better!*

Join us

Many of our Brethren have joined the Shrine for exactly the reasons stated above. As I traveled throughout the Districts as a Grand Lodge Officer with the other member of this Committee, Rich Friedman, every Brother-Bring-a-Friend Night that we were seeing (and we were seeing a lot) were telling the story of the Shrine with great pride.

They were telling that story as part of their presentation to potential candidates with the hope that it may help convince them to become members of our wonderful Fraternity of Freemasonry. It dawned on us that we were singing praise to an arm of Freemasonry that Rich and I were not a part of, so we joined.

Come join us and help celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Shrine and the 75th Anniversary of the Hospitals. The initiation, or Hot Sands, will be held on May 7th. For more information,

call the Shrine office at 671-7701 and speak to the Recorder, Ill.: Cyrus Kloner, P.P., or the Administrative Assistant, Noble Ron Mertens.

What's in it for you? Only you can answer that. □

Spend a Day ___!

By Dave Clarke, Public Relations

The Shriner's Hospitals for Children, Erie Unit, will be hosting its Annual Hospital Day on Sunday, June 1, 1997. The Program is designed to provide a day of fun for our patients and their families, Shriners and their ladies, and the public in general.

Many events

The day will begin at 10:00 a.m. with hospital tours, fun with our clowns, face painting, balloons, calliope performances and children's games. Performances by visiting Shrine Club Units will feature mini-cars, mini-bikes, and funny bands. Hot dogs, soda pop, potato chips and cookies will be provided at no charge.

A Bar-B-Que Dinner will be provided for our guests at a cost of approximately \$7.00. A band concert will be held from 1:15 p.m. until 1:45 p.m., followed by a pass in review of the massed Legion of Honor Units. Former patients of the hospital will join in the review. To conclude the festivities of the day, a recognition program for former patients and participating Units is planned.

What a great way to spend a Sunday in June, enjoying our beautiful hospital, its grounds, patients and staff. Please join our Illustrious Potentate, Erwin M. Newell, and his Divan, in celebrating Hospital Day in Erie, Pennsylvania. If you have never visited our hospital in the past, I am satisfied that you will leave the day with the feeling that our "kids" are being well cared for. □



Rt. Em. Ron Bertie presenting Certificate of Appreciation to SK Lawrence Dunn for serving as his General during his term as GC.



Rt. Em. Ronald Bertie presenting Certificates of Appreciation to Linda Zahn for her help during his term as Grand Commander, Knights Templar, State of New York.

Rt. Em. Ronald Bertie presenting Certificate of Appreciation to Stanley Peterson for serving as his Grand Sentinel.

There is a land of the living and a land of the dead and the bridge is love. (Thornton Wilder)

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Moore and SK Steve Ellia who were called home by the Supreme Architect.

May Conclaves

The next conclave will be May 6th and will be the Election of Officers. Please make every effort to attend. May 19th will be a closed Installation and will be preceded by a Pot Luck Supper with dessert being served after the Installation. □



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Jan Lughart, Monarch

Monarch's Message

I thank the Caldron for a lovely Smorgasbord.

It was good to see everyone at the E.S.G.A. on April 25th and 26th.

The Spring Ceremonial will be May 21st. Get your petitions in as soon as possible.

ESGA Spring Meeting

Thanks to all the Prophets and their ladies; Prophet Don Brugger for his help on the program; and our wives for putting up with all the phone calls and being there when we needed them.

A lot of time and effort was put forth to make this Spring Meeting the success it was. Again, we say thank you. This from Ron Morthorst and Mike Bell, Co-Chairmen and Ken Milner, ESGA Marshal.

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.

Good fellowship

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.

Grotto Cast

By George H. Knierim, Director
We need to get ready for the Ceremonial in May. On Tuesday, May 20th, we will set up the stage and have a rehearsal. On Wednesday, May 21st, we will have the Ceremonial.

Master of Ceremonies

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

Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson, Exe. Officer
Getset for the "Big Party". The Legion's 50th Anniversary Party will be on May 12th at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Ave. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

Prophets, things are shaping up for a very wonderful and interesting evening of good fellowship. We have an excellent speaker, who will offer a few timely remarks on the Legion, and a tribute to those who have gone on before us.

All members are urged to attend this memorable event in our history.

I will need to hear from you as to your dinner choice and I need a head count for the restaurant by May 8th. Call me at 872-2385.

Congratulations

On behalf of the Legion of Honor, congratulations and best wishes to all of the recipients on the Grotto's Award Night.

Board of Governors

The Board will meet on Monday, May 5th in the Grotto Office at 7:30 p.m.

Auditorium Calendar

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

Golf Tournament

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

Information Line

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

Ceremonial

Join your Brother Prophets and welcome the new Prophets into Lalla Rookh Grotto on Wednesday, May 21st in Cathedral Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Membership

By Ken Hutchinson

I personally want to thank each and every Prophet for their support, cooperation and participation during our Spring Round-Up Campaign.

The refreshments were plentiful, the food and dessert were excellent. Spanky and the Rangers gave a good performance.

A special thanks to Ron Morthorst for the leg work at the beginning; to Dick Topel for picking up, preparing and cooking all the food; to Mike Bell for the desserts; and to Gordon Dodge for his informational "History of the Grotto".

I am to remind you of the Ceremonial on May 21st. There is still time to sign up your Master Mason friends.

Blank petitions may be obtained from the Grotto Office, or I will mail petitions upon request. Call me at 872-2385.

Dates to Remember

Mon., May 5th-Board of Governors 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., May 8th-Caldron Meeting Doric Hall 7:00 p.m.

Mon., May 12th-Legion of Honor- Dutch Mill 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Thurs., May 15th-Caldron Exe. Council at Doris Bell's Home

Wed., May 21st-Grotto Meeting Cathedral Hall 8:00 p.m. Ceremonial

Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship

Caldron News

The Smorgasbord that was held April 5th at the Masonic Temple was a complete success. My thanks and appreciation to Chairman, Daughter Kristen DeOrdio, and all the members of our Caldron who not only worked very hard at the Smorgasbord event, but also proved themselves to be the best preparers of the most delicious dishes I have ever seen or tasted! I would also like to thank everyone who attended. Your contribution is 100% donated to the Humanitarian Fund for aid for disabled children. Special thanks to Bob Battaglia, who has encouraged the personnel and cast from the stage plays to attend our Smorgasbord, not only this year, but in years past. We would be remiss to overlook his contributions to our success!

Talented people

The Craft sales, under the Chairmanship of PSMCO Daughter Jean Wood, was also a success. Our thanks and appreciation to all those talented craft personnel who so generously donated their time and talents for us!

Dinners

We had the honor of serving the dinners for the Recognition Night for Prophet Gordon Dodge on April 10th, and the

Lalla Rookh Grotto Award evening on April 16th. We appreciate the hard work that our Dinner Chairman, PMCO Millie Painton and her "crew" do to make it possible for us to put these dinners on!

May

Our first meeting this month is the White Fez Luncheon on Saturday, May 3rd at 12:30 p.m. at Cartwright's Inn with Hindo Koosh as hostess.

The meeting on May 8th will begin at 7:00 p.m. It is the Mother's Recognition evening and also Founders. We are looking forward to a DeMolay "Flower Talk" at this meeting.

Our Executive Council will meet at PMCO Doris Bells' home on May 15th. Lastly, our rehearsal for our Supreme Inspection is scheduled for Thursday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m.

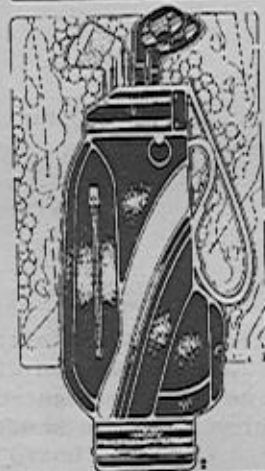
Sickness

Our condolences to Daughter Ethel Hazzard who fell the first week of April and broke her wrist. PMCO Daughter Helen Rose is convalescing from a knee operation. We miss you, Helen, and pray for a rapid recovery for both our members.

Remember our motto, "Faith moves mountains". Our Supreme Visit on June 5th is our next mountain!

Lalla Rookh Grotto

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We can all be proud!

Inspection and Elections were held on April 24th. We all enjoyed a salute to Italy with a Lasagna Dinner and plenty of wine and cheese prior to our Inspection. The Ladies of the Temple were entertained with a program on "Container Gardening" put on by the Genesee County Cooperative Extension & Cornell University's Master Gardeners, while the

Knights honored our Past Commanders with Certificates of Appreciation and attended to the duties of the evening.

Public Installation

Installation will be held on May 22nd. A dinner by the Ladies of the Temple will precede the Installation at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget to invite your Blue Lodge Brothers and Royal Arch Companions! This is a good night to show off Templary, so bring someone! As always, family and friends are welcome.

Ladies Night

June 12th will be our Ladies Night. We will wine and dine the women at the Lumber Yard Restaurant, 18 South Federal St., Perry, NY, (716-237-3160). We will be making our selection from their menu and separate checks are welcome. Please call me at home (716-637-9318) after 5:00 p.m. or at work (716-293-1688) days for reservations before June 1st. I need to give the restaurant an expected head count by June 6th. Plan to wear your uniforms (less the swords), this is a great opportunity to get the public interested in who the Knights Templar are. So, look sharp! We will

be honoring our widows with a special presentation during the evening. Please show your support and plan to attend.

Seeking our roots

SK Norman Austin has been diligently working to compile information pertaining to the history of Batavia Commandery No. 34. Our significant events list includes our forming in 1865, and each year besides electing officers, however, little else has surfaced. If you have any information or Commandery possessions that would help Norm in his quest, please let us know. Call me or write Norm at PO Box 464, Bergen, NY 14416.

Let's get busy!

I am looking forward to a very active 2nd term. (Less tactics and more social/public activities.) I hope to see more of you involved come September. Enjoy your Summer and may God keep you and your families safe.

You gain strength, experience and confidence by every experience where you really stop to look fear in the face... You must do the thing you cannot do.

(Eleanor Roosevelt)

**Grand Lodge
Veterans Service
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**R.W. THOMAS M. PAGLIA
REPRESENTATIVE
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The picture of the two ladies was taken at the Bath VA Medical Center about five months ago. After you read this, you will understand why I am telling this story. The lady on the left is Mrs. Betty Strait, the late wife of W. Donald Strait, who is the Grand Lodge Veterans Representative at Bath Medical Center. Mrs. Strait had been a volunteer for many years, suddenly became ill and was confined to a wheelchair.

This did not stop her; she still made her rounds to the various wards to bring joy to the veterans. The picture shows her celebrating the 101st birthday of the lady next to her, who is a patient at Bath Medical Center. Even though she could not get up and walk, she continued to make her visits until her death, about two weeks later. What a wonderful lady she was. I got to know Mrs. Strait at our seminars in Tarrytown, NY. The Masonic Veterans Service Committee will

miss her: she always had a pleasant smile and a good word for everyone.

The story goes on...

W. Donald Strait and the local Masons raised enough money to purchase a Karaoke machine to present to the Bath VA Medical Center so that the veterans could not only play tapes, but could hook up to a TV set, the words would show up on the screen and the veterans could sing along with the music. After Mrs. Betty Strait passed on, the Masons decided to dedicate the Karaoke in her memory to the Medical Center.

Since the Bath VA Medical center is in my jurisdiction, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin joined me in attending the dedication at the invitation of W. Donald Strait. While there the Masons had a youth competition talent show and we assisted with that. The ages of the youths were from 6 to 17 years. Every youth won a prize, from one dollar to ten dollars. It was really an enjoyable day watching these young people perform.

Volunteers

Volunteers are like Ford they have their ideas
Volunteers are like Coke They are the real thing
Volunteers are like Pan Am they make the going great
Volunteers are like Pepsi they've got a lot to give
Volunteers are like Dial soap They care, don't you wish everyone did?



The late Mrs. Betty Strait (left) conversing with a Centenarian at the Bath Veterans Administration Medical Center on the occasion of the patient's 101st Birthday. Even though she needed the assistance of a wheelchair, Mrs. Strait continued to make regular visits to the wards up to two weeks before her death.

Their goodness holds in all kinds of weather.
Volunteers are like Hallmark cards They care enough to give their best
Volunteers are like Standard Oil you expect more and you get it But most of all
Volunteers are like Frosted Flakes they're greaaaaat!!!! (Author unknown)

If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?
(Stephen Levine)



Ward Visit

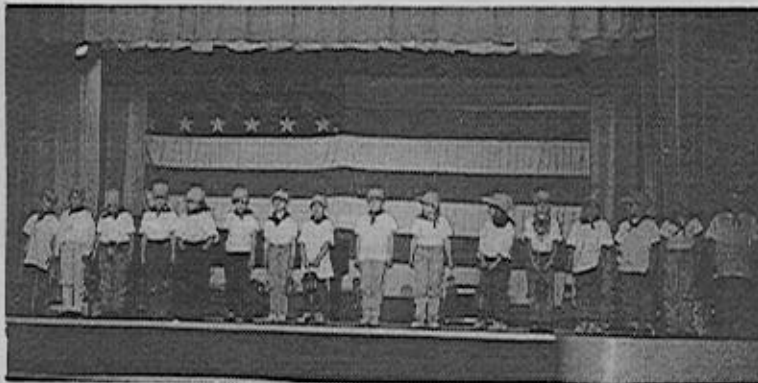
On Sunday, April 13th, the final visit for the current season was made under the direction of Tom Paglia. The regular volunteers were: Tom Paglia, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, Larry and Marge Hood, June Moon, and Paul and Doris Robertson (who were welcomed back after a long absence).



Recreation Building at the Bath VAMC Complex. (Photos courtesy Harold Bollotin)



Tom Paglia, Sue McCormick- Chief of Voluntary Services, Donald Strait, Steuben Lodge No. 112, Harold Hager, DDGM Steuben District and Harold Bollotin presenting Karaoke equipment donated by Steuben District Masons to the Bath VAMC.



School children at the Talent Show, Bath VAMC Recreation Auditorium.



Sue McCormick, Chief of Voluntary Services, Tom Paglia, Sylvia Bollotin and Harold Bollotin.

Awards Banquet

The Annual Canandaigua VAMC Volunteer Awards Banquet will be held at the Burgundy Basin Inn on May 1st.

Special visit

On Sunday, March 23rd, my wife, Sylvia, and I accompanied Tom Paglia on a special visit to the Bath VAMC. It was the day of the Annual Schoolchildren Talent Contest sponsored by Steuben Lodge No. 112 and the local Masons. In addition, the gift of a Karaoke machine was donated to the Center.

Both the Talent Contest and formal presentation of the Karaoke machine were held on the stage in the Auditorium. The program was directed by R.W. Harold Hager, DDGM of the Steuben District, and W. Donald Strait, Grand Lodge Representative for the Bath VAMC. R.W. Hager was accompanied by his wife, Anne. Also present were R.W.

Donald Easton, Deputy Grand Lodge Representative for the Medical Center and his wife, Frances.

The children performed an enjoyable display of talent. Every participant received a prize donated by the Masons. The Karaoke presentation was impressive.

Facility

The grounds of the Bath Center are impressive. It is located in a spacious area, nestled around the base of a large hill with a river flowing by the entrance. The recreation building contains spacious activity rooms and a remarkable auditorium with a stage.

We received a warm welcome and every courtesy from the area Masons which was greatly appreciated. We also received a cordial welcome from Sue McCormick, Chief of Voluntary Service. We thank them all.

It was an enjoyable visit and we are happy to have been there.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen, nor touched...but are felt in the heart.
(Helen Keller)

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The Past Matrons of Genessee/Wyoming District will meet at the Masonic Temple in LeRoy on April 30th. The evening will begin with dessert at 7:00 p.m. followed by a meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

Thorpe Chapter No. 462 is sponsoring a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner on May 1st at the Masonic Temple in Attica. Serving is 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at a cost of \$5.00 per person including dessert.

Reception

Olive Branch Chapter No. 509 will be hosting a Reception to honor Rt. Wthy. Helen Forbes, Grand Representative of Indiana near the Grand Chapter of New York, May 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, LeRoy. It will be an open meeting.

Fun Night

Our District is hosting a Fun Night on June 28th in the Masonic Temple in Warsaw. The evening will include dinner and prizes. Please save the date and watch the June issue of the Times for details.

Quintet Dinner

Genessee/Wyoming District will join with Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, Cattaraugus, Allegany and Greene Ulster Districts for dinner and an evening of

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fun, renewing of friendships and making new friends on July 25th at Twin Ponds Country Club in New York Mills. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with Deluxe Buffet Dinner at 7:00 p.m. The price is \$15.50 per person. Checks should be made payable to John French.

The Brothers and Sisters of this District should send their reservations with remittance to me at 113 Naramore Dr., Batavia, NY 14020. Others send reservations with remittance to John French, PO Box 85, Mellenville, NY 12544, by July 14th. □

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Non-Lodge Articles**

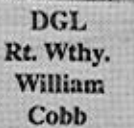
The previous article has been selected as an outstanding and well written contribution from a local author.

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By Wthy. Barbara Spano

Something to be happy about: stealing a few minutes to watch the clouds drift by your window and the leaves wafting in the breeze.

Greetings from your District leaders.

Memories

The Grand Matron's Official Visit has come and gone, but the memories linger on. I am writing this letter before it happens, but I am sure everything was lovely.

April 5th was the West-East Luncheon and it was just wonderful. The table settings were beautiful and the food was delicious, best of all was the fellowship. On behalf of the Matrons, thank you so much.

Donations appreciated

The Dental Project is in full swing; already I have collected tooth brushes, tooth paste and dental floss from some of the Chapters. I hope it is a great success, anyone can donate to this project. Perhaps Masons, DeMolay and Triangle would also like to donate some of these articles. It would be greatly appreciated.

Directory

A new Travel Impaired Directory has been printed. Some of the Matrons have already received theirs. I will make sure that every Chapter receives one. This Directory is sponsored by the 1983 Matrons and all we ask is that you use it. When you go to visit a Sister from your Chapter, stop in and see one from another Chapter.

Visitation

Speaking of visiting a Sister, Peaches 2 did just that on Sunday, April 6th. They visited all the Sisters in the Fairport Baptist

Home. From what I hear, it was a very rewarding experience. It was too bad that there were only 5 Sisters and Brothers to do the visiting. Maybe next time we can get a larger group together and visit more than one nursing home.

Make reservations

June 12th is the Lilac Luncheon. Please let your Secretary know if you are going. Lunch choices are Roast Pork or Roast Turkey. The cost is only \$10.00. The entertainment is being done by the 1997 Matrons, so be prepared!

Official Visits

Oatka Chapter May 1 8:00 p.m.
Etolian Chap. May 5 8:00 p.m.
Monroe Chap. May 6 7:30 p.m.
Cor/Fell. Chap. May 14 7:30 p.m.
Fairport Chap. May 20 8:00 p.m.
Leah Chapter May 27 8:00 p.m.

Future dates

It is not too early to think about the Pilgrimage to Oriskany. It is July 25-26; there will be more information later.

Charlotte Chapter is sponsoring a Card Party and Luncheon on May 3rd at 12 noon at the Bethany Presbyterian Church. There will a Baked Food Sale and prizes. Get in touch with a member from Charlotte Chapter if you want to go.

Reminders

Please remember to drop something in the Baby Bank. Each Chapter has one, so let's fill them up. If you crochet or knit, there is a need for tiny baby bonnets and booties. Rt. Wthy. Elaine has the patterns.

Like a tree, we each must find a place to grow and branch out.

Until next time, I wish you peace. □

**Webster
Chapter No. 171**

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

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

At this writing we are excitedly awaiting the Official Visit of the Grand Matron, M. Wthy. Constance M. Carter and the Grand Patron, M. Wthy. Kenneth T. Irwins, on April 17th at the Diplomat Party House.

Good news

Renovations and repairs to the Webster Lodge Temple are about completed and it all looks very nice. We are ready to resume our busy schedule.

Sadness

All were saddened by the loss of two dear Lodge members in the last two weeks. Charlie Moore and Stoian Ellia were called Home. Past Matron Joy Woodley and her committee did a commendable job on receptions for both these families.

Future meetings

May 5th is our Spring Card Party and Chicken and Biscuit Luncheon. At \$5.00 each, this is a bargain and a real fun day. Get your table of cards and make reservations with Rt. Wthy. Marion Neuert at 671-2457.

May 6th, an open meeting for mothers, daughters and friends, will be preceded by a Tureen Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Special enter-

tainment is planned. Let's show our friends our friendly Chapter.

On May 20th we will rehearse for our June 3rd Official Visit. Let's prepare with love and enthusiasm.

Remember your donations for the Webster Food Cupboard and for the Baby Bank.

Let the dawn fall softly on my shoulder, Lord

As I prepare to meet the day.
Let the sunshine wrap its warmth around me as I go along my way.

Let me feel Your presence near me

As the gentle breezes play,
Through the blades of grass and in the trees,
Causing leaves to sway.

Let me show some kindness to each person that I meet

Let me see Your image in each person that I greet. □

**Rochester
Chapter
No. 314**

**Order of the Eastern Star
Wthy. BARBARA SPANO
Matron 244-1503
Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS
Secretary 482-0994**

**First Saturday
7:30 P.M.**

**875 East Main Street
Rochester, N. Y. 14605**

What we leave behind in our lives may help someone else find the way.

Baked Food Sale

May 10th is the day for our Baked Food Sale at Henrietta Wal-Mart. Baked goods are needed. Please be sure that they are wrapped in Saran Wrap (not colored). They need to be brought to my house on May 9th. Please do not bring anything that needs to be refrigerated. Thanks to all who participate.

Banquet

Our Birthday Banquet will be on May 18th at the Temple. It will be catered by Runds and the menu includes: Roast Sirloin of Beef, Roasted Chicken, Crab Salad, Pasta and Chef Salad, etc. We will gather at 5:00 p.m. and dine at 6:00 p.m. Please get your reservations to Wthy. Evy Ann Heller by May 10th. It will be a very nice evening. Let's fill the room for our 93rd birthday.

Garage sale

Our Garage Sale will be June 12-14 at Rt. Wthy. Barb Mertens. We need your "treasures" by June 10th. You can bring your stuff to her house any time, but please call her to make sure she is there. We will need workers; please let Rt. Wthy. Audrey know when you can be there to help.

Memorial Night

Our May 3rd meeting will be Memorial Night, that means white gowns. Please study your parts so they won't have to be read. I will be honoring those Sisters and Brothers who have not yet been Matrons or Patrons.

There will be a dinner before this meeting, gathering at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The menu is Meatloaf and Chicken. Please let Wthy. Linda Zahn know if you will be attending. The cost is \$4.00.

Thank you

Angel Hugs to Wthy. Evy Ann for my delicious lunch and gifts at the West-East Luncheon. She really outdid herself. I will treasure the day.

Sickness and distress

Our sympathies go out to Sister Deavera Bundoc on the loss of her brother.

I hope Brother Frank Janson, Sister Norma Gingold and Wthy. Effie Simpson are feeling better. I pray that everyone else is doing well.

Please fill out and bring in your Winner and Loser's sheets to the next meeting. We need to get this information on computer. Thank you.

When ever you feel afraid, get a new box of crayons.

Until next time, I wish you peace. □

**NOLA Chapter
No. 368**

Order of the Eastern Star

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

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

**20 South Main Street
Churchville, N. Y. 14428**

By Wthy. Avis Theis

Join us

We hope you will all make an effort to join us with a family member or friend to honor Mothers at a Tureen Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on May 6th, with an open meeting to follow. Bring a dish to share and your table service.

May 20th is Memorial Night. The Committee is Wthy. Avis Theis, R. Wthy. Sue Huff, R. Wthy. Bill Baxter, Wthy. Sue Prevost, Sisters Kathleen Skelton and Beverly Reed.

Illness

It is good to know Wthy. Joan Jacobs is doing so well with her "new knee". We send our best wishes to all our Sisters and hope Spring will make us all feel better.

Our big project

We hope you will all keep in mind our Rummage-Baked Food Sale on June 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on June 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will set up Thursday night from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This will be at the Riga Town Park, Buffalo Road.

Something new!

We are now the proud owners of a new refrigerator. We thank Wthy. Dean Hiler for taking charge and all the men who helped getting it up the stairs and the old one down. We also thank Wthy. John Lenzi for taking care of the old one. This was a big job and we are grateful for all the help.

"God's greatest creation more dear than all the others, All else comes in dozens, but only one Mother".

Happy Mother's Day. □

In Memoriam

March

Sims, Robert R.

Robert entered into eternal rest on March 9th. He was a member of Rochester Consistory, Damascus Temple Shrine, Royal Order of the Jesters, and Lalla Rookh Grotto. He is survived by his wife, Lucille, children and 6 grandchildren.

LeFevre, Ray J.

A member and 1959 Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, Ray passed away in Florida on March 13th at the age of 87. He is survived by his daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Alter, Joseph D.

Joseph died peacefully on March 15th at the age of 89. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163 and is survived by his wife, Helen, children and 4 grandchildren.

Drum, Clare J. "Ted"

Clare left this world on March 24th at the age of 89. His wife, Anona, passed away on January 13th. Clare was a member and Past Master of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 and is survived by his children and one grandson.

Moore, Charles H.

Webster Lodge No. 538, Royal Arch Masons, Commandery and Damascus Temple Shrine all lost a member with the death of Charles on March 25th. He is survived by his wife, Clara, children, and 3 grandchildren.

April

Ellia, Steve

Steve passed away on April 2nd. He was a member and Past Master of Webster Lodge No. 538, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, Hiram Chapter, RAM, and Damascus Temple Shrine. He is survived by his wife, Betty, daughter and 3 grandchildren.

Goheen, Robert S.

Robert was called Home on April 3rd. He was a member of Monroe Lodge No. 173 and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include his wife, Beatrice, children, 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Martin, William C.

Seneca Lodge No. 797 and Rochester Consistory lost a member with the death of William. He is survived by his two children.

Irish, Elmer A., Jr.

Elmer was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 and Rochester Consistory. He passed away on April 8th, leaving his wife, Gladys, children, and 6 grandchildren.

Beldue, William J., Jr.

William joined the Great Architect Above on April 13th. He was a member and Past Master of Towpath Lodge No. 163 (Zetland Lodge No. 951), and Rochester Consistory. William is survived by his wife, Lorraine, children, 4 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

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

Klemm, William E.

William was a member of Rochester Consistory and died on March 10th. He is survived by his wife, Helen.

Hinsdale, Ira C.

A member of Hesperus Lodge No. 837, Ira died on March 20th.

Smith, Elwin A.

Death claimed Elwin on March 28th. He was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969. □

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

1997

- Jun. 7 GW Annual Golf Tournament - Pike
- Jun. 28 Triangle 70th Birthday Celebration
- Jul. 10-13 New York Council of Deliberation
Rochester Holiday Inn, Genesee Plaza
- Jul. 19 1st Annual Scottish Rite Family Picnic
Powder Mills Park
- Jul. 20 GW Council of Masonic Activities, Batavia
- Aug. 3 GW District Go to Church
S. Byron United Methodist
- Aug. 9 Grand Master's Day, Camp Turk
- Sept. Grand Commandery
- Oct. 2 Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night
- Oct. 13 The Last Round of Golf (Lakeside Foundation)
- Oct. 25 Grand Master's Town Meeting, Area 15
Downtown Temple, Rochester
- Nov. 6 Annual Scottish Rite Family Life Week Program
- Nov. 20 & 22 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion

1998

- Apr. 25 Widows Luncheon, Logan's Party House

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Calendar May 1997

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <i>"The price of liberty is eternal vigilance. Let us never forget those to whom we owe so much!"</i>						
4 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Wednesdays May 14 & 28 N.Y.O. Shrine Assoc. New York City Aud. Center: "Cats"	5 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Grand Lodge, New York City	6 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftman/Robertson - Dinner Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster Grand Lodge, New York City	7 Attica Shrine - Hot Sands	8 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City RAM - Hiram-OV KT - Batavia Commandery Lalla Rookh Caldron	9 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. 30 Orchard St. Webster N.Y.O. Shrine Assoc. New York City Aud Center: "Cats"	10 OES - Rochester Chapter DeMolay N.Y.O. Shrine Assoc. New York City Aud. Center: "Cats"
11 Mother's Day	12 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Arcade OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes	13 Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Gimes RAM - Dansville-OV Wyoming OES - Leah	14 Service Bureau Luncheon Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Clio - Spaghetti Dinner RAM - Webster OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia	15 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RAM - Western Star OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.	16 Monroe Districts Joint Investiture Downtown Temple Masters pixe (prior to Invest. only)	17 Armed Forces Day Damascus Temple Potentate's Ball
18 Shrine Lunch Club Every Monday No meeting May 20th	19 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy	20 Charlotte/Corinthian Craftman/Robertson Clio - Hilton Germania - Irondequoit - Inst. Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	21 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Grotto-Ceremonial RSM - Doric Council RAM - 3X3	22 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City - 3* RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery	23	24 Masters & Wardens - Northfield Shrine Night Parade Perry, NY
25	26 Memorial Day Observed ERAC - E. Rochester Fairport Union Star - Hon. Falls - 3* RAM - Arcade RSM - Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes	27 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport	28 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia	29	30 Memorial Day	31 

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