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Frank & Bette Paul Masonic Children's Learning Center, Now Open



Alice M. Rossi, Learning Center Instructor.

By Alice M. Rossi

The Scottish Rite Masons have a new initiative for children with learning disabilities, "Freemasonry helping children". Seven Learning Centers, to benefit children in their communities, have been opened. The Valley of Rochester is the seventh Center and was opened on September 1, 1997. Rochester is the first city in New York State to be granted this privilege.

About the Center

The new Learning Center at Rochester offers free services to children who struggle with learning disabilities, including both professional assessment and instruction. The Staff is fully qualified to work with students who have specific needs in reading, writing, spelling and penmanship. We offer children encouragement and the highest standard of effective treatment and individualized programing.

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite Masons to reach out, locate and help students in the community who struggle with a specific learning disability called dyslexia.

What is it?

Dyslexia is a word of Greek origin that means "difficulty with language". This learning disability is best described as a perceptual language problem. It is not a disease or the result of neurological damage. Rather it is a severe congenital condition of severe developmental language difficulty that does not even become apparent until the child starts attending school.

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Reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic are basic skills needed for a good education. A child with dyslexia is likely to have difficulty with all these skills. Therefore, learning these skills by traditional methods becomes a struggle. Because of this, dyslexic children possessing an average or above average intelligence, may remain just "smart kids who can't read".

This is how a dyslexic might interpret a familiar passage. Can you read it?

**Mar gha dal it tle lamd.
It sflee cem as
whit eas snom.**

Below is the selection as most of us would read it.

**Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was
white as snow.**

How do we stand?

Statistics from recent research indicate that one or two out of every ten children in school today are challenged by learning disabilities. Dyslexia is estimated to affect about 15% of our population - more than 2 million school-age children in the United States. Techniques for accurate diagnosis and effective remediation have been developed, however, many children "fall through the cracks" of the system due to insufficient funding, facilities or staffing. Children who struggle with learning disabilities can learn and may actually enjoy their learning experiences if the appropriate techniques are employed.

The importance of an appropriate education for children with this specific language difficulty-specific learning disability called dyslexia is evidenced by the growing illiteracy in our country. Amazingly, the number of articles written about dyslexia continues to grow, and many professionals believe that significant advances have been made. Yet, today there still remains in this country, an educational system which is not teaching a high percentage of our children the basic skills necessary to become proficient readers.

Helping children to overcome learning disabilities is the goal of the Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Centers.

Early intervention

Reading is a very important aspect of language development and is essential to a child's future in a literate society. A child with dyslexia has problems in school related to the specific skills of listening, thinking, talking and working with numbers. Academic difficulties may lead to emotional problems and loss of self-esteem that may last a lifetime.

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Memories of a World War II P.O.W.



August, 1944, your squadron of B-17 bombers is flying over Western Germany. One of your engines is hit and catches fire. You drop out of formation from 30,000 feet. The fire goes out, but then two other engines are hit. The plane is doomed so the 10 crew men parachute out. You never know what happens to the plane, but you know that if two German soldiers hadn't reached you, the crowd of German civilians might have done you in with their pitchforks!

This was the life experience that Bill Rohrbacher shared with Linda Talbott's 8th grade U.S. History students at Churchville-Chili Junior High on May 6th. Rohrbacher, who lives in Spencerport, not only survived the loss of his plane, but also a year as a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Students were fascinated to meet a person who lived through what they were reading about in their texts on World War II. Col-

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More on Dues!

By R. W. Joseph Privitera

In this location last month there was an article regarding your Lodge dues. I would like to add something to that article. If your Lodge dues card reads 1995, you are in danger of being dropped for non-payment of dues. We do not want to lose you as a Brother and a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

If there is a financial problem, arrangements can be made. If there are other problems, I urge you to call someone to talk it over. Call the Master of your Lodge, his phone number is listed in your Lodge's logo. You can call your District Deputy or Membership Retention Chairman. Phone numbers are listed on page 2 of this newspaper, under Hot Numbers.

If distance is a problem, write your Lodge or write to the Masonic Service Bureau at 875 Main Street East, Rochester NY 14605-2789. They will forward the letter to the respective District Deputy or Retention Chairman.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Children's Learning Center is seeking volunteers to assist with Center duties. Areas of opportunity include: receptionist, light clerical work, word processing, filing, etc. Volunteers will also be trained to answer the Center's telephone and take messages.

For additional information on Learning Center volunteer opportunities contact Alice Rossi, Director, Masonic Temple, 875 Main St. E., Rochester, N.Y. 14605 or call her at 716-442-7290.

Area Masons Golf for Charity



These are some, but not all, the Masons and friends who turned out for the Brockport Hospital/Lakeside Foundation's, "Final Round of Golf", held at the Brockport C.C. on Columbus Day. Over \$1300 was raised and we are proud that we contributed to that total. More information in Wakan/Hubbard's, "Golf Up-date", on page 6.

"Fantasy on Wheels", to Roll for Masonry in Rose Parade



The Family of Freemasonry will be rolling into the land of nursery rhymes again on its float in the 1998 Tournament of Roses Parade.

Theme for the float-filled parade down Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena is "Hav'n Fun", a motif that will be symbolized colorfully and humorously on the Masonic entry for a half billion viewers in person and through television around the world.

The Fraternity's Humpty Dumpty Float was so popular two

years ago that the Committee decided to call on Mother Goose once more with an entry depicting "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe". Only this time the flower-bedecked float will be a very modern interpretation entitled "Fantasy on Wheels". The shoe has been converted to a roller blade-powered home so that all of the children could have fun together instead of "whipping them all soundly and putting

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Editor's Corner

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More on Awards

In my last column I tried to describe what criteria I use to determine who receives an award for good writing. I did not, however, tell all.

I guess one of the criteria that creeps into the determination is "expectation". By that I mean I expect those who write or have written as part of their profession should write better than those who do not (i.e. the experienced writer). You may say that is unfair or that I am being too judgemental. I did say last month that the purpose of the awards is to promote better writing. Therefore, if a person writes better than expected, all other criteria being met, he would merit an award. I also think that some articles can be perfect, but boring.

I hope that this will clear things up. I do hope, however, that those who get an award do not now feel stigmatized when receiving it.

Burn-out

Masonic Burn-out seems to be a popular topic for casual conversation these days. It seems that no matter what meeting you go to you see the same faces.

The answer is not to bemoan the dearth of labor heaped upon us, but to find the people to do the work. We should not rely on our present membership; they have given all they can. What is needed is new blood. This is what our mission should be; to offer the light of Masonry to the uninitiated. This should be our rallying cry and the goal for which we must strive. Let us not be selfish with our Fraternity; offer it to those young men who will be able to preserve and carry on the traditions of this great Fraternity.

Therefore, if you have not been a first line signer at least once it is your duty to bring one new member into the Craft and once initiated, teach that new member the real meaning and purpose of Freemasonry.

Caution

There has been a very slight tendency for a few of our new authors to attempt to use the Times as a forum for comments about Craft organizations and members not entirely commensurate with our tenets of Brotherly Love and Affection. Sorry, this is not the place for it!

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As of October 14, 1997, three Lodges and one Concordant Body have not yet paid their Masonic Times subscription amount.

The following organizations have made significant contributions to the DeMolay Camp as a result of the loan repayments. They are: Doric Council, Hiram Chapter, Craftsman/Robertson, Monroe Chapter OES, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, Rochester Chapter OES, and the Valley of Rochester, AASR.

Additional major amounts of money will be spent this Fall for soil erosion prevention at the Camp. The program started last year is working and is now being expanded. My thanks, also, to Valley/Simes Lodge, which, according to their article, will be contributing to Camp DeMolay.

The Camp has had expanded use during the 1997 season. Eleven out of a possible 17 weekends were utilized and two five week day programs by a church and the Girl Scouts were accomplished. The Camp has been used

by the DeMolay, Constellation, family reunions, Girl Scouts and several Boy Scout groups. If your organization would like to hold a picnic or meeting there, please contact me.

The Masonic Service Bureau is doing very well in its many fields of endeavors. More and more agencies are referring their patients to call us for the loan of medical equipment and we always get letters of appreciation from various organizations we support. Occasionally, we receive letters from our scholarship recipients. The Bureau also has the following pamphlets available free of charge: Facts About Freemasonry and What's a Mason? If you are holding a Bring-a-Friend Night, stop and pick up some of these, they help explain what Masonry is all about. The Bureau also has available, for \$5.00, the book, "Is it True What They Say About Freemasonry?"

We need help in cleaning and repairing our loan equipment.

"The road to success is always under construction." □

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

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Webster Homearama

After a very busy and rewarding Spring and Summer with Community Service events, my activities have slowed down.

One activity not covered completely in the previous report was the Webster Homearama. This event, running from July 12th to July 27th was sponsored by the Rochester Home Builders Assoc.



September 8, 1997

Mr. Gary L. Burke
President
Masonic Service Bureau
875 Main Street East
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Dear Mr. Burke:

On behalf of the Al Sigl Center partnership of agencies, and the 36,000 children and adults with disabilities we serve, I would like to acknowledge the support of representatives of your fine organization for Homearama 1997.

Harold and Sylvia Bollotin representing the Masonic Service Bureau and Monroe County Masons did an exceptional job as volunteer greeters for the Al Sigl Center on three separate occasions as well as recruited another fine volunteer in Mary Wright.

Their support of this event raised \$7,500 for the Center, provided wonderful exposure for our agencies and showed the community how we Achieve More Together.

Our thanks to the Bollotin's, Mrs. Wright and the members of the Masonic Service Bureau for your support of the Al Sigl Center.

Sincerely,

Debra J. Salmon

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Manager, Special Projects

Letter received by the Service Bureau in appreciation of the participation of the Masons in the Al Sigl Center's Homearama involvement.



Mary Wright with Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, volunteers for the Al Sigl Center and the Masons, at Webster Homearama. (Photo courtesy Harold Bollotin)

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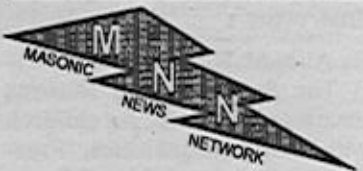
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and indirectly benefited the Al Sigl Center. They had requested volunteers to act as greeters to welcome people, control visitor traffic and distribute brochures at the new houses on display. My wife, Sylvia, Mary Wright, and I were volunteers and had a most interesting and enjoyable time.

The Al Sigl Center benefited by receiving a donation of \$7,500 from the Home Builders Assoc. A letter of thanks from the Al Sigl Center was read by Gary Burke, President of the Service Bureau, at their September meeting. Our help was greatly appreciated.

Coming event

At present there is only one event scheduled for the rest of the year. It is the Annual Al Sigl Center Walk-About in Marketplace Mall on Sunday, November 2nd, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon.

We will be needing magicians, clowns and balloon artists. A report will be in next month's issue. □

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.

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

The new Tax Laws recently enacted by Congress, have many ramifications for you, the public, and a few of them are discussed this month.

1. A higher income ceiling allows active participants in employer plans to take advantage of the IRA Program.

Income limits for full deductibility of IRA contributions will double from \$40,000 in 1997, to \$80,000 in 2007 for couples filing jointly, and from \$25,000 in 1997, to \$50,000 in 2005 for single taxpayers, and are to be phased in gradually over these time periods. Also, individuals who do not participate in an employer plan, but whose spouses do, will now be eligible to make a \$2,000 deductible contribution to an IRA, provided that the couple's taxable income does not exceed \$150,000.

2. Penalty free withdrawals before age 59 1/2 from IRAs will be allowed for college expenses or first time home purchases.

This provision should make IRAs more desirable for younger investors who have more immediate goals, as well as for longer time periods.

3. A new type IRA, called a Roth IRA, will become available in 1998.


Contributions will not be deductible, but all account earnings will be tax free for qualified withdrawals. To qualify, withdrawals must be made at least five years after the initial contribution, and after age 59 1/2.

Exceptions for first time home purchases, disability, and death will also be allowed, and even better, non-qualified withdrawals may be made, contributions first, so that no portion of the amount withdrawn will be taxable until it exceeds the total amount contributed.

A thought would be to consider converting an old IRA into a Roth IRA.

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.



Nursing Home information

The decision to place someone in a nursing home is difficult. Uncertainty as to what your rights and obligations are adds to the difficulty.

There's quite a bit of information available to help, and that's the problem. Too much information, but not enough time to understand what it all means.

Health and Human Services (HHS) and the NYS Dept. of Health have each issued a booklet that brings together the information you need to know. From HHS there is their publication, "Guide to Choosing a Nursing Home" (Pub. #HCFA-02174). While I obtained my copy at the Masonic Home, you can locate a copy at the Social Security Office, or by writing: US Dept. of HHS-HCFA, 6325 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21207-5187.

NYS Dept. of Health has published a guide entitled, "Finding

a Nursing Home in NYS". Copies can be obtained from: NYS Dept. of Health-Public Affairs Group, Room 1466 Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237.

The discussion which follows is an extract of important information concerning legal rights, as reported in these two publications.

Medical assessment

A medical assessment is required before admission into a nursing home. This assessment is required by the State, and is basically a way to screen applicants. The purpose of this screen is to evaluate the level of care needed. The screen is performed either by a social worker/discharge planner if you're in the hospital, or by an admissions director/administrator if you're at home.

Apply in advance

If possible, plan in advance what nursing home you would like admission to. One way to increase the odds of obtaining placement into the nursing home of your choice is to make a formal application to be placed on their waiting list. In effect you're applying for acceptance into a particular nursing home, at a future date. This can be particularly helpful if your admission into a nursing home will be from a hospital. Tell the hospital social worker/discharge planner that you are on a waiting list to a home or homes of your choice. This can influence the location of your eventual placement.

Admissions agreement

The admissions agreement is the contract between the patient and the home. The worst time to review this document is under the stress of illness. Before this happens, it's a good idea to ask the nursing home for a specimen contract to review at your leisure. Ask for it as soon as you can decide what nursing home you would like admission to. Look the contract over. Can you tell how much it will cost to live at this home? Can you determine what you'll get in return other than a room and meals? How will future price increases be handled? Ask questions!

To be continued...

P.I. & A.

Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention




Robert D. Mix - 798-0335
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Brethren

We are living in an age where drugs are all around us. A few years ago the working class drug user smoked marijuana. Heroin and cocaine were so expensive they were out of his reach. Now we have crack, and heroin has been refined and cleaned up and made more affordable. How wonderful.

Heroin is now a 7.5 billion dollar a year business. Songwriter and actor, Paul Williams, was recently on Geraldo Rivera's show. He told that when he first made it big he drank whiskey so he could deal with the world. Later he went on cocaine so he could deal with having to carry a gun to keep the tree cops away. These were little men who kept coming out of the trees after him. Now he works with alcoholics and addicts at a rehabilitation center.

What good is fame and for-

tune if you have to stay drunk or stoned to face the world?

I remember my son as quiet, shy and sociable, until he got into booze and drugs. Then he was loud and very boisterous, the life of the party.

I get nervous when I go to other Lodges to give talks. I keep a glass of water nearby to wet down the cotton balls in my mouth, but only water. I'm a coward when it comes to drugs. I drink a beer or a mixed drink once in awhile. If I go past that I would be feeling it and I would probably get brave and mouthy. As for drugs, I'm scared what they would do to me.

I know guys who are very nice if they are sober. Give them two drinks and they'll fight the world. They think every woman wants them. I guess its called liquid confidence.

Heroin and cocaine are on the rise again. It's scary. Do you remember what life was like before drugs got so popular? People enjoyed visiting each other-visiting relatives, as a family. People don't do that anymore. If we do go visiting, the kids don't want to go. It's boring.

Family values have changed. Kids don't want to spend time with parents. Some people don't even know their neighbors. Where is our society going?

A few years ago studies showed that in any group, one in five people had or knew someone who had a drug or alcohol problem. Now it's one in three. That's nearly double. We're not gaining on the problem, we're losing. But that doesn't mean we can give up. No, we have to fight harder.

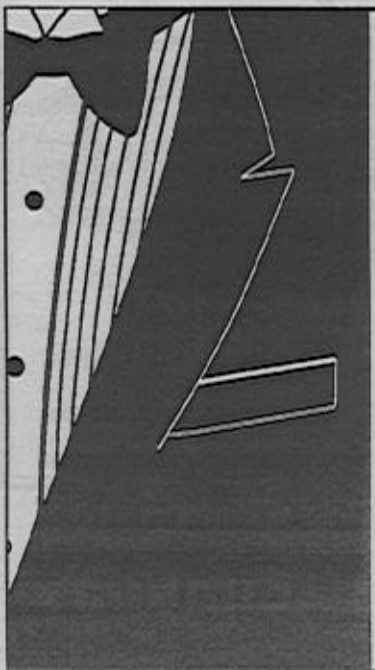
Brothers, I can't do this alone. I need your help. We need not only to keep our existing programs going, but come up with some new ways to deal with their problems. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or want a program in your Lodge, let me know.

Past Master's Supper Club

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By Robert Sanford

We meet at the Red Men's Club, 1001 Lexington Avenue, on the 4th Friday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for Euchre and at 7:00 p.m. for dinner. You order your dinner from the menu. All Past Masters are welcome to attend. For more information, call me at 292-6383. If you know of a good speaker, please let us know.



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By R.W. David Jones

Two years ago Lewis Farrakhan organized the "Million Man March" on Washington, DC. More recently an organization named "Promise Keepers" rallied their men on the steps of our Capital. Two vastly different groups, and yet they both espouse some similar ideas...that man should be responsible for his actions, and that his life should be directed by the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Sound familiar? Could it be that it is becoming fashionable to take charge of one's own life? To be a leader rather than follow the path of least resistance? To be a good, honest, honorable man who knows that freedom granted by the Great Architect also imposes a responsibility to use the freedom to better the lot of mankind?

Masonry has been promoting this philosophy for almost 300 years. We have Lodges in every village, town and city. We're organized in every state in the Union, and just about every country in the world. Masonry ought to be at the forefront of this movement. And yet we remain strangely silent. Oh yes, we tell ourselves what wonderful caring people we are, and how much good we do, but we're preaching

to the choir. For all our lip service to the idea of public awareness, the vast majority of people in our community don't know we exist.

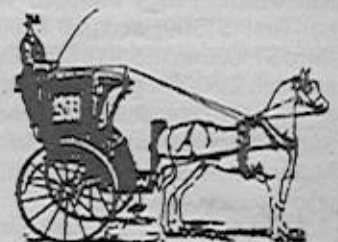
We provide great service to the community when they come and ask, but we must reach out and actively promote Masonry. Have the courage to stand up and let people know that Masons are not a group of old men living on past glory, but an important, vibrant, a living organization that has something to offer.

Then make it happen. Adopt programs that are pro-actively involved in the community. Support our Masonic Service Bureau, and get to know how it puts the Masonic ideal into practice here in Monroe County.

I've been told that Masons work quietly behind the scene to make things happen rather than being flashy and highly visible. Is this the truth, or just an excuse to do nothing? What have you done quietly, behind the scenes, to make life better? Practice the Masonry we hold so dear. It's not necessary to be high profile about it, but it is necessary to spread the word that Masonry is here.

I hope this article has provoked some thought and dialogue. Keep Masonry in your hearts.

Cy Kloner and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and may God bless you.



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By R.W. Eugene Brendel
Totten Essay Contest

The R.W. Edward J. Zamborsky, Chairman of the Committee on Youth, advises us that the Fifth Manhattan District will once again sponsor the Totten Essay Contest. Any high school senior who is a child or grandchild of a Master Mason and who anticipates entering an accredited college in the Fall of 1998, is eligible to compete. The subject of the essay is, "How a Failure Contributed to My Success", and is to be written in no less than 200 words or more than 350 words. Prizes awarded will be: first \$1500; second \$1000; third \$750; fourth \$500; fifth \$350 and sixth \$250. The deadline is January 29, 1998. These amounts will help to buy a few text books, so Master Masons take heed and get those high school seniors to writing!

Masonic history update

Word has also been received that the Grand Historian, R.W. George Peter, will be updating the 225 year history of the Grand Lodge of New York in a book to be published in the year 2004. Lodges are encouraged to submit information relating to their history from 1981 to the present to the area 15 Historian: Jay McCullough, 56 Kirkgate Dr., Spencerport, NY 14559-2175. For more information, call Jay at 352-1061.

For some time now communications from Grand Lodge have been at a low ebb, but all of a sudden the dam has burst and several items have poured forth.

Town Meeting

The first publicity on the Grand Master's Town Meeting on October 25th was too late in arriving to do much with. Fortunately, we had good coverage in the last issue of the *Masonic Times* and meetings of the Masters and



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Wardens Association provided a venue in which to disseminate the information. We expect that all went well!

Dedicated Service Awards

A letter arriving from R.W. Gilbert J. Walter, Chairman of the Committee on Awards, deserves special mention because... TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!...and it has to do with recommendations for the Dedicated Service Award. Both the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts are eligible to recommend two Brothers to receive this Award in 1998. Applications must be in the hands of the DDGM no later than November 7, 1997. Applicants should be members of long standing (at least 10 years) who have demonstrated dedication, principally to his Lodge and who have served to inspire and motivate others. These Brothers may not necessarily have held office, but the Award also does not exclude Past Masters. R.W.s, V.W.s and those reasonably expected to be recommended for the Purple, should not be suggested. All Lodge members should feel free to make suggestions to their Master.

Committee on Leadership Services

R.W. George H. Beers, Chairman of this Committee, in his letter reminds us of the importance of the Leadership Development Course, The Road to the East and the Mentoring Program in last month's *Masonic Times*. We hope that all Lodges are or will use this approach to educating new members.

Dates for The Road to the East Program have been set since August and invitations will be sent to Senior and Junior Wardens in the near future. We are in contact with the Western Region Vice Chairman of Leadership Services and hope to track down the course texts in time for the start.

The Leadership Development Course dates will be set soon. This Course usually can be completed in a single day, but anyone interested in taking the Course in a correspondence format is welcome to do so. For information to that end, please contact Bill Spillane or myself.

ever, disappointed that only four Lodges qualified for the Howard Potts Award. With 124 Brothers present it was theoretically possible to have 16 Lodges receive the Award. Let's improve the attendance of Lodge Officers next year.

The Ritual rehearsal

It was mentioned to me recently that some Lodge Officers do not attend Degree rehearsals. The person who was talking to me indicated that those who missed rehearsals were the ones who had the hardest time during the conferral of the Degree. Why should you attend a rehearsal?

The rehearsal's purpose is to help you, the Degree participant, to correctly marry the words with the floor movement. Many people can learn the words with ease, but knowing the words and not the floor work leads to a poor Degree conferral. There are three parts to presenting the Ritual in a way that impresses the candidate and inspires the members to come to the meeting and watch.

First, the Degree team must know the words. The words must be memorized and recited correctly. This takes work and practice. But there is more.

Second, the words must be presented with the correct emphasis. The inflection of the voice in presenting the Ritual can greatly increase the candidate's understanding of the underlying lesson. Not everyone that has had a Degree conferred on them understands the lesson intended by the words. Listening to the words presented with proper emphasis can help to convey the true meaning of the Ritual. Also, good presentation makes the Ritual a pleasure to hear over and over again.

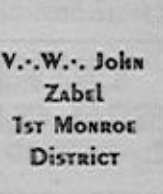
Third, well done floor work adds to everyone's appreciation of the Degree. The floor work and the words need to be synchronized properly. Even though the candidate does not see early portions of the Degree, the rest of the Lodge does. Floor work done well adds to everyone's appreciation and understanding of the Ritual.

The answer to the question previously asked should be obvious by now. But, I will tell you anyway. The answer is rehearsals marry the words to the floor work and make the Degree conferral meaningful and enjoyable to all present, be they a candidate, sideline, Past Master, etc. The health of a Lodge can be readily seen in how well it confers the Degrees of Freemasonry. How well the Ritual is done also reflects the leadership of the Lodge and indicates the future leadership of the Lodge. As always, Scott and I are available and ready to help when asked.

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By V.W. John E. Zabel
Freemasonry in the Monroe
Districts

The Grand Lecturer's Convention showed that there are a large number of Brethren interested in our Ritual. The overall attendance was 124, a record in recent times. Scott and I are, how-

Masters and Wardens

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1ST & 2ND
MONROE DISTRICTS

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By W. Robert McBride
Meeting nights

The Masters and Wardens Association meets on the 4th Saturday of each month, September - November and January - May.

There is an opportunity to break bread together at 6:00 p.m. and a "hospitality hour" after the meeting is over. The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and business is generally completed by 8:15 p.m., including any program which may be conducted.

September

At our September meeting almost 1/3 of the Association members were present. Five newly elected Junior Wardens were welcomed. One won ten dollars in our ice breaker/get-to-know-you exercise, another won a bottle of spirits (donated for the event by W. Bill Nardone of Flower City Lodge). Check with your Junior Warden to see who the winners were.

Motions

Several motions regarding finances were proposed and tabled in order to give members an opportunity to discuss them before our next meeting.

October

The October meeting was held at Etolian Lodge and R.W. Rich Friedman gave a presentation on Prince Hall Masonry.

November

The November meeting will be held at Oatka Lodge. We will have speakers present from the Scottish and York Rites to discuss how Masters and Wardens in particular can work with the Concordant Bodies to strengthen Masonry in Monroe County and coordinate the scheduling of social and fundraising activities in order to ensure success for all.

Attendance

No Lodge had perfect attendance in September. Churchville, Craftsman/Robertson, ERAC, Fairport, Monroe, Northfield, Seneca, Towpath and Wakan/Hubbard were not represented. Etolian Lodge had two members there and neither were voting members in the Association.

2nd Monroe District

Towpath Lodge No. 163

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A Celebration of Service

Towpath Lodge No. 163 celebrates decades of service to the Craft by these Brothers: Mitchell Rakus, 55 years; Albert Aroesty, Alton Foster, Thomas McKnight and Joseph Moskowicz, 50 years, and seven other Brothers who have labored between 25 and 45 years in the Craft. All were honored at our Official Visit and Awards Night on October 21st. A special thanks to our District Officers, R.W. David Jones and R.W. William Spillane for their participation in making the evening great!

Food Drive continues

Remember to bring non-perishable food items to Lodge as we collect for those in need in the East Rochester area through November 18th.

Soap Box Derby

We are continuing our fundraising efforts to sponsor a youth in the 1998 Soap Box Derby. Take a little time out from your holiday shopping and preparation and let Towpath "refill your tank" with a tasty Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, December 19th, between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Support your Lodge, and save time and haste by letting us nourish you during the hectic holiday rush! We are planning a series of this type of events in the coming months. More details to follow.

Thanksgiving

On behalf of the officers and all the Brothers of Towpath No. 163, may this Thanksgiving be one of joy, gratitude and wholeness.

God's grace be with you and your families.

Charlotte/Corinthian

Lodge No. 1088

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Greetings from the East

I would like to start by thanking all my Officers who made it possible to receive the Howard Potts Award, and thanks to the Brothers who attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention. This helped us to maintain the School of Ritual Banner. At this time I congratulate Northfield Lodge for receiving the Grand Lecturer's Convention Banner. Moving right along, I thank W. Cliff Short for the excellent job that he and his officers did in conferring the 1st Degree. I think that this has left a lasting impression on our new Brother.

Congratulations

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate W. Mike Staub for receiving the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. Mike has been a lot of help with the Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights and is always there when I need him. He has also made a very big difference in both of our youth groups, Triangle and DeMolay. Well done, Mike.

November meetings

We have some important dates coming up. On November 4th our Charlotte/Corinthian Past Masters will confer a 2nd Degree. There will be a dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Please let our JW, Tom Grape, know if you plan to attend the dinner.

November 18th will be our Official Visit. There will be a special treat as W. Cliff Short will put on his kitchen apron and be our chef for the evening. Any who have sampled his dinners before will tell you what a great meal you are in for.

In December we will have the 3rd Degree and a family Christmas Party. More details to follow in the next issue.


Until next time, good-bye for now.

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(front) Charles Walker, Hal Cochrane, R.: W.: William Spillane, Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.: William Hook, Master & William Shelby (Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award(back) Robert Ogden, James Spencer Victor Anderson & Jack Grover.

By Robert Ogden

A memorable evening

A sumptuous dinner arranged by Brother Hook and Helen was attended by approximately 55 Masons, wives and friends and followed by a presentation of Membership Awards and Pins. This was hosted by R.: W.:s Vern Goodrich, Don Brugger and Bill Spillane. Brothers Don Connor, Bob Ogden and Jim Spencer received their 50th; and Brothers Vic Anderson, Hal Cochrane, Jack Grover and Chuck Walker their 55th. Brother Grover remarked that on December 2, 1942, while enroute to receive his 3rd Degree, a black-out occurred and W.: John Roger delayed the Ritual pending Brother Jack's arrival.

Brothers who were unable to attend for their 50th were Glen Ide, John Meier, George Pasch, Fred Seuffert and Bob Waldeck; 55th, Joe Martin, and Bert Scarlett; and Hal Russell, 65 years. All will receive theirs by the Master or by mail. R.: W.: Don Brugger also presented W.: Bill Shelby with the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award, and yours truly with a Scottish Rite 50 Year Service Certificate.

Comments requested

Many communications have been mailed only to be returned with another address advising a member was ill and recuperating at a home of a relative. Secretary Tom Kendig suggested we urge members to keep in touch with him or myself regarding news that may be inserted in this paper. Please take a moment to contact us as we would be pleased to hear from you.

Journey of fantasy!

Jayne and I recently spent 10 days by sea, rail and aircraft. We cruised for 6 days to England on the QE2, entrained via the Eurostar to Paris at speeds up to 182 MPH, sailed up the Seine River, returned to London and emplaned via the Concord for New York, reaching speeds of 1,250 MPH at 60,000 ft. in 3 hours, 20 minutes. A most exciting trip!

Graduation

Brother Pat McWhinney and Chris, accompanied by Helen and Bill Hook, motored to Great Lakes Naval Academy to witness David's completion of his Boot Camp training and enroll in a course for the maintenance and repair of Naval Aircraft engines.

Birthdays

Greetings to the following Brothers with birthdays in November: John Auer, Ed Baker, Herb Becks, Maury Clark, Jack Connor, Dave DeHollander, Clif Field, Chuck Freida, Ed Fulmer, Clif Haynor, Dick Howard, Bob Jurgensen, Chet Kowalski, Dave Lerner, Jim Locklin, Jay Painton, Glenn Post, Joe Roe, Chuck Sanford, Ed Start, Frank Suhr,

Bob Traub, Earl Vincent, Chuck Walker, Chuck Waterstreet, and Cliff White.

November meetings

The November 4th meeting will be an Official Visit, preceded with a dinner.

Fellowcraft will meet on November 11th.


There will be a regular meeting on November 18th.

tion was outstanding and our congratulations to Leon.

Need space?

There are still open dates available for rent to any organization looking for meeting space. Contact Brother Charles Peterson at 663-7661 if you are interested.

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Fame Lodge will be conferring the 3rd Degree on November 11th. I had listed the wrong date in last month's *Masonic Times* article. The Shrine Past Masters Team will be conducting the Degree at 7:30 p.m., with dinner beforehand at 6:30 p.m.

Thanks


On behalf of Fame Lodge, I thank W.: Brothers William "Bud" Golding and Dean Marsaw for presenting Station Blocks and a Bible Box to the Lodge. The storage box for the Holy Bible is primarily birch. The Box has a Salem Oak Stain with a two coat polyurethane finish. The Bible will rest in a removable drawer mounted on roller-bearing guides with a positive lock. The drawer handle and Bible Box corners are brass. On the top of the Box the Masonic emblem is embedded and in the lower right corner is a plaque with their names and the year of the donation.

A black Memorial Altar Cloth with maroon tassels and trim was given to Fame Lodge by W.: Dean and Barbara Marsaw in honor of all the faithful Brothers who have been summoned to their eternal rest by the Supreme Architect. "Home is the sailor, home from the sea, and the hunter home from the hill."

Congratulations, Leon

On October 2nd it was my honor to accompany and escort Leon J. VanHuben at the 12th Annual Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night. The Award Brother Leon received was in recognition of his dedication, service and continual support to his Symbolic Lodge. The presenta-

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Service Awards

I would like to begin this month's article by finishing up some business I forgot to mention in the last one. I gave all the names of the recipients who were able to come to our Awards Night, but I didn't mention the names of the ones who couldn't, so I will make an attempt to do so now. Their Pins and Certificates will be delivered or mailed very soon.

For 25 years of service: Brothers Charles Crumb, Douglas Luke, Charles Wilson, George Durkee, William Toogood, and George Dinehart, Jr.; 40 years-Brothers Robert Brubaker, Berthel Johnson, James Jenkins, W.: George Morris and W.: W. Gilmore McKie; 50 years-Brothers William Ford, Richard Harrison, George Moore, Floyd Peck, Frank Reynolds, Walter Sodke, and Leroy Wilson; 55 years-Brother William Levine; 60 years-Brothers George Barsky and Jack Perrigo; 65 years-W.: Leslie Whiting, and 70 years-Brother Charles Briggs and R.: W.: Charles Seidler. I thank all of these men for supporting Northfield Lodge for all these years. Without you, nothing we do would be possible.

Howard Potts Award

The Grand Lecturer's Convention was held on September 18th at the Damascus Temple in Webster. We have something to be proud of, as for the 2nd year in a row, we earned the Howard Potts Award for having the top seven officers in attendance. I have the privilege of going up to the Grand East to receive the

Award in May at the Annual Communication. We were also awarded the Attendance Banner for the 2nd Monroe District for having the most in attendance from our District. We have the honor of displaying it in the East at Northfield until next year. Let's see if we can maybe keep it for another year! It was good to see Brother Relton Roland out to this event, as it was to see M.: W.: Calvin Bond doing much better since he broke his leg last year. Thank you for your support and I hope you all will give the Master next year the same support.

Thanks

Our Steak and Chicken Roast was a great success again this year. The date was September 20th; the weather was gloomy, but spirits were high. There were about 30 people in attendance. A fine job was done by our JW, Jim Weick, who decided to make this a "dish to pass" event. It made it much nicer for everyone. I thank my son, Ben, for helping, (I'll bet you hope you don't see another little potato for awhile, huh Ben?), also thanks to Walt and Doris Weick, Ed Brereton and to the people who helped clean up afterward.

Congratulations, Bob

The Apron Presentation held on September 27th was a great time. Many people came out to wish R.: W.: Bob Zahn well in his appointment to Grand Lodge as Grand Representative of Denmark. Everyone enjoyed their meals and the wonderful presentation by R.: W.: Ron Mertens. Thanks to all who attended.

Thanks, John

The Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night was held on October 2nd at the Downtown Temple. It was well attended and our recipient, W.: John Williams, was very pleased to receive this Award. It is just our way of saying "thanks, John", for all the things you do to make our Lodge go! The refreshments were outstanding, as well as the fellowship. I thank all the the Brothers who came to help honor John.


Upcoming events

An upcoming event that we are very excited about is a "Breakfast with Santa". This will be held on two dates, Saturday December 6th and Saturday, December 13th. All of the details are not worked out yet, but we know that we and the Pittsford Business Association will be having a Breakfast with Santa at the Lodge. Santa will be in the East upstairs. We are also trying to have a Child ID Program set up downstairs in the Conference Room. We will be setting up a meeting to iron out the details soon.

In closing, I would like to echo my thoughts from the last article. If each of us brought just one new

member into the Craft, we would double our attendance. Remember, just one!

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The October Steak Roast was once again a great success. Corbie and JW, Pat Mulrooney, did a fantastic job of organizing the event with the greatly appreciated assistance from Nelson and Sharon Bertch, Andy McBride and Bev Demma. Thank you all and everyone whose attendance contributed to the success of this event.

Gala event

Our next big event is the 125th Anniversary Gala at the Spring House on Monroe Avenue on November 16th. Cocktail hour begins at 5:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Thanks


On behalf of all the Lodge, I thank Geri Warner for her generous gift to the Lodge "fun fund".

Petition

David Foster brought a guest with assigned petition to the Steak Roast. Our Degree work will soon be done, outside of a rehearsal. I hope that trend continues.

A perfect Fall day spent in a beautiful park, surrounded by the Brothers and friends sharing food and fellowship does much to remind one of all the things we have to be grateful for, both individually and as a Lodge. My Brothers, thank you for a wonderful day at the park.

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Very confused!

We at Oatka Lodge are not busy, we have so much going on we just have been getting confused.
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fused as to where we are supposed to be.

The night of September 18th found several of our members at school functions with their children, a required OSHA Seminar for one, and several others had business commitments. I did attend the Grand Lecturer's Convention and found M.W. Calvin G. Bond in great form. I am always amazed at how his mind recalls the details of the Craft and of life. He asked me about our dual member who was a friend of Pott's-Chuck Ogburn.

DeWitt Clinton Award

This year's recipients were Jay and Jackie Coates of the Scottsville Fire and Rescue. Both were honored at a surprise party given for them at the Lodge. All went well!

1st Degree

On October 8th we conferred the 1st Degree and all in attendance had a swell time. I wish to thank everyone for their efforts with the Degree, especially W. Kevin Fisher and the other Past Masters, as well as my Wardens and Phil Holmes. We thank the Star and "Al" for dinner. It was great.

Upcoming events

November 12 is the 2nd Degree with Gary Trescott in the East.

The 3rd Degree will be December 10th.

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Last month

Our congratulations to Ted Snyder on receiving the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. Ted has been our Secretary for the past several years, as well as, a surrogate advisor for me and

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other Past Masters. He makes sure everything we do is within the boundaries of Masonic Law. Thanks for your efforts and continued support of our Lodge.

Official Visit

R.W. Cyrus Kloner, DDGM for the 1st Monroe District, visited our Lodge on October 13th and presented the Grand Master's Message. A dinner preceded the program. Thank you, R.W. Cyrus and everyone who attended.

The beauty of Fall

A few months ago, R.W. Bob Zabel came to me with an idea of a boat cruise on the Colonial Belle to view the Fall foliage. Great idea right? A lot of the Brothers felt we would be in for a disappointment. Were they ever wrong. We scored a perfect 10! The colors were great. The ride lasted 1 1/2 hours and all enjoyed coffee, juice and several choices of Danish pastries.

I brought my cam corder and have the tape of the trip available. Many on the boat were taking snapshots. I know a lot of Brothers will tell me that they were not informed, however, it was in the last issue of the *Masonic Times* and is in the Trestleboard. You can call any one of the top three officers for information on events.

A trip to Newport, NC

Bob Harris informed me that he and his wife, Mildred, were off on a trip to Newport, NC. I sincerely hope they have a wonderful and safe trip.

Toronto

Angelo and Karen DiCataldo are off on a four day trip to Toronto, Canada (boy do I love that city). Angelo did not want to go, but Karen persuaded him that he needed time off. We sure agree to that. I hope he doesn't get too much sleep!

Energy plus

One of my several phone conversations was with the wife of Steve Maynard. Liz is quite a ball of enthusiasm! (Steve warned me to call Liz, Elizabeth.) It seems that Liz works for a florist during the week and has become quite the floral designer and arranger. Liz also has her own business which involves doing arrangements for weddings and other functions. (Take note Angelo.) Liz also said that her boss, Michael, is looking for drivers to make deliveries over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and would like our Lodge to do this. We could use this for a fundraiser. Let's talk about it.

By the way, Steve...you're a fine addition to our Line of Officers. You can tell Liz about Masonry. Remember Brothers, the only secrets are grips and passwords. You can talk to me about anything. We are all here to support each other. I also talked to Barb DiJames about Liz's desire to become a member of the OES. Way to go, Liz!

Sickness and distress

Stan Peterson called to inform me that Nat Adams is in the Beechwood Nursing Home, at

Culver and Main, and would welcome any and all visitors. Let's give him our support.

Paul Kober's aunt passed away. Our prayers are with you.

Charlie Spiegel's mother-in-law fell and broke her leg. We know that at any age it can be a traumatic injury, but as we grow older, the concern heightens. We will be thinking of you and Elaine.

I spent the Friday before the boat ride in Canajoharie visiting my grandmother, for probably the last time. She is 92 and in rapid decline. The visit didn't last long as she did not know I was there. It's nice to remember the past years. We all hope that when it is time to go Home, it will be with dignity, but the Great Architect has plans for all of us.

We give our support to Howard and George Francis. Howard's wife is also losing her battle for life. She has been in a nursing home for the past five years. The mother of Ray and Louis DiJames is ill. Give them all your support and prayers too.

Upcoming events

The Master's Ball is rapidly approaching. The date is November 1st. This year it will be at Eagle Vale Country Club. There will be live entertainment. The Ball is being chaired by W. Angelo DiCataldo and Brother Sherwin Isaacs. This event calls for black tie for officers and suit and tie for others. (If you have a tux, wear it.) For information call Angelo or Sherwin. We will be honoring V.W. John Zabel that night for his receiving the 33° in Scottish Rite. Well done, John.

Coming up on the 10th of November is our 1st Annual Antiques and Collectibles Program. This will be presented by W. Charles Tijou. Charlie is a licensed appraiser of antiques and has several books on the subject that he will bring with him. Ladies are invited for the evening. I know the meeting will be a short one. I'm requesting that if you have an old item, bring it with you. We plan to have a lot of fun that night, so help us to pack the house.

On November 13th we will have a Committee meeting at the Lodge. I want all the heads of the Finance, Building and Trustees Committees present. We will be going over the details for the formulation of up-coming budgets.

In closing

If, or when, you have an article for the *Times*, let me know. This paper is for you. See you soon. Thank you for your support.

Golf Tournament up-date

By Don Brugger

On Columbus Day, October 13th, Brothers and guests of Wakan/Hubbard met at the Brockport C.C. to pound the little white ball. In spite of the fact that their number was small, all thoroughly enjoyed the balmy weather and colorful foliage. The co-winners of the Lodge Tourney were W. Tom Hueston and W. Gordon Oakes; Tom played 36 holes. These Brothers were rewarded for their efforts with Gift Certificates, generously contributed by Tuxedo Park, one of the businesses in the Lodge area. The closest to the pin was captured by Tom Hueston at 22' 4". The longest drive was hammered out by George Measday, one of Tom's guests. The lowest Callaway net for the guests went to Chuck Brugger, no fix here, honest! We were joined in the day's fun by two foursomes from Etolian Lodge and one foursome from Lalla

Rookh Grotto. The total number of participants in this Annual Brockport Hospital/Lakeside Foundation event was 28; over twice last year's number and we brought half. We are making our presence known. Let's make next year's Masonic participation even larger. It is a worthwhile cause and a positive way to gain more exposure for the Fraternity. □

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Recent events

Annette VonDohlen, Director of the Ogden Farmers' Library, provided a short history and overview of the Library. Thank you all who attended and helped our Lodge support this program.

I am happy to report that Etolian recently won the Interlodge Euchre Tournament. Three Etolian teams challenged three teams from Hesperus and two from Churchville and emerged triumphant. The next such Tournament will be on Monday, December 29th.

Sickness

Please join me in wishing our Junior Deacon, Brother Karl Reich, a speedy recovery from his recent hip surgery.

Purple November

On Monday, November 10th, R.W. James J. Powell will be invested with his Apron as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec near the Grand Lodge of New York. That also happens to be our Official Visit when R.W. Cyrus Kloner will deliver M.W. Earle J. Hino, Jr.'s Message. Please make every effort to join us and celebrate this occasion. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. at Etolian Lodge and reservations are to be made with Michael Schwartz by November 3rd.

E-Mason

Are you an electronic Mason? Do you have an electronic mail address or access to the internet? Surprisingly, more and more Masons are joining the information age by acquiring access to the information superhighway. It is not too late for you to start. It does not have to cost you a single cent. If you have a computer with

a modem, you can get a free e-mail account at Juno.com.

Just this past month, our Secretary, R.W. Jay McCullough, alias fjymac@juno.com, received his e-mail address there. He joins the ranks of thousands of Brothers around the world who actively use the internet to converse with friends and Brethren.

If you are already an electronic Mason, drop a note to fjymac@juno.com. Jay and I are compiling a directory of E-Masons and will be sharing that information in the very near future. If you would like to know more about Juno, just call Jay or me, or come to our next regular communication. □

50 Years and Looking Ahead

By R.W. F. Jay McCullough

Brother Alfred Allyn was raised in Etolian Lodge on May 12, 1947, when he was a mere stripling of a lad at 22 years of age. He lived in the Town of Gates at the time. It wasn't long after when he and Elsie L. Bohlayer were married. Elsie remarks that they had met when she was 16 and they have celebrated their 47th Wedding Anniversary this year.

Brother Allyn has become the expert on people and happenings in the Western part of Monroe County. He lives on Fairbanks Road on the Eastern border of the Churchville postal range. His daily schedule starts with appearing at the corner diner on Buffalo Road and Union Street to keep up with current events. He feels he must get out and about in spite of some crippling difficulties that would keep most men his age home bound. He and Elsie are sure this contributes much to his vitality. One of the lessons learned by a visit with him is that you speak ill of no one in the general region, because there is some familial connection through him or Elsie!

Professional career

Brother Allyn worked at a number of occupations over his lifetime. He learned the printing business at Great Lakes Press, which associated with JayMar Toys. A specialty from this union he enjoyed was the creation of jigsaw puzzles. He remarks on the huge successes of the ones for children with which they learned their alphabets and what and where the States are in the US. Elsie remembers having one of the alphabet puzzles that her daughters had worn the ink from. Al also is fond of his printing work he participated in for the Disney characters, which were produced by Rochester Die Cutting and Finishing. These were made for point of purchase displays. A feature article appeared



R.W. Eugene Brendel - Grand Steward, Brother Alfred W. Allyn - 50 yr. Service Recipient, R.W. F. Jay McCullough - Secretary and R.W. Septimus A. DeLauro - PDDGM.

in local papers about the firm in 1989 recognizing the firm for its 35 year association with Disney.

Al worked a couple of decades as a machine operator and assembler at the Mixing Equipment Company and another decade at Paragon Company on duplicating machinery which was similar to those made by Xerox, but used a wet process.

Family

The Allyn's have lived in the house they built on Fairbanks Road since 1958. They have two daughters: Donna Antonellis, who has two daughters and a son; and Linda Welborn, who has a daughter and son.


Elsie continues to be very active with civic and social programs, particularly in the Presbyterian Church on Union Street in Spencerport.

Congratulations

There was hands on recognition of Brother Al's length of Masonic service when R.W. Sep DiLauro, PDDGM from Etolian, arranged for a visit. He was accompanied by other members of Etolian, R.W. Jay McCullough, PDDGM and Lodge Secretary, and R.W. Gene Brendel, Grand Steward. All were pleased to be able to represent Lodge Master, W. Brain P. Keery, who is a long way from enjoying a retiree's daytime visiting hours.

Brother Allyn is one of 4 who celebrated the 50 Year milestone in Etolian Lodge this year. We salute all of them.

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



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

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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

Hi again!

I am having a difficult time writing about things that haven't happened yet, pray for me! I guess I didn't inherit any genes from the Nostradamus side of the family!

Lodge meeting

Preceding the meeting a dinner of Stuffed Pork Chops, all the fixings and dessert was prepared by Hilde DiJames. We subsidize these dinners in order to keep the price \$5.00 a head, hopefully to bring more Brothers out. Which reminds me, if you would like to come to a dinner and/or the meetings, and need a ride, call the Secretary or me and we will make the arrangements.

We marched into Lodge, lead by our Marshal, R.W. Dave Clarke, who also posted the flag. The meeting was prompt and concise. A vote was taken concerning contributions to Camp DeMolay. As you may or may not know, when the Saucke Brothers paid off the mortgage we were reimbursed approximately \$9,000 from a loan made to the T.C.C. for heating system repairs. The Service Bureau has solicited all Lodges to support the renovations and shoreline reclamation projects underway at Camp DeMolay. They were looking for

\$3,000 to go toward their many undertakings. We agreed to give the Service Bureau \$5,000 over the next 4.5 years (each time, stipulating the usage of each \$1,000 portion). The first \$1,000 will be given now and another \$1,000 in the Spring. Both amounts to be used for the shoreline project to protect the property's lake front from further erosion.

Trestleboard

An officers' meeting will be held at the business offices of SW W. Glenn Stahl on November 4th. We have planned other "outside" events for the Fall. The November Lodge meeting will have a program. W. Grant Romer will be taking time out of his world wide travels to talk about new information about Solomon's Temple. It looks to be a very interesting and enlightening talk. The Lodge of Remembrance will also be celebrated that meeting. I promise to keep other business to a minimum.

Fellowcraft

The October meeting of the Fellowcraft Club was held at the home of R.W. Dave Clarke. Their program was not announced as of this writing. Give Herb Spencer or Dick Giedd a call for more information.

Last month the Fellowcraft Club met at the home of R.W. Herb Spencer. He and his lovely wife, Jean, treated us with a princely banquet and hospitality. For the program, W. Dick Giedd entertained us with some history of printing newspapers. More specifically, he showed pictures, renderings, and actual parts to a machine designed and used from the late 1800's which has only recently been computerized. Very interesting and a good job, W. Dick!


Next business meeting

We will have a Hilde DiJames sit down dinner with dessert at our next meeting. There will be refreshments and fellowship after the meeting. The cost is \$5.00. Make your reservation by Friday, November 7th, by calling Herb Spencer at 271-8577. Come out in support of your Lodge and break bread with us again. There are some new faces that have not met you, including mine.

Check it out!

When you come to dinner, check out the new dining hall behind the kitchen. It's much brighter. I like the aesthetic appeal of the old room, myself.

MONROE Lodge No. 173



W. Keith Denton, Master
637-9318

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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

True dedication

Roy Goold and I were the only two to show up on October 7th for our regular meeting, the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Once we realized we were a week early, we very discreetly snuck out. Roy, I don't think anyone noticed, so we can keep this just between us and no one will ever know.

Thanks again

Once again we owe a debt of gratitude to George Brege, Mel Doverspike, and Roy Goold for their efforts painting the walls of

the Lodge room and the outside stairwell. We dedicated the 2nd meetings of the past two months to completing these tasks and found the work to go quite quickly. It's amazing how much brighter the Lodge room is now. I encourage you all to stop up and experience it at our next meeting on November 11th.

Upcoming events


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

November 8th is the Pork Dinner at Brockport Methodist Church. Seatings are at 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$7.00 per person.

Our tiled meeting on November 11th at 7:30 a.m. is for the purpose of nominations and the planning of our Awards Night.

The DDGM has planned for his Official Visit on December 9th. There will be no dinner, but you are asked to be in your tux.

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538



W. George R. Bracht, Master
383-1947

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

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

Greetings

I thank everybody who attended our traveling meetings listed below. Webster Lodge now has the 1st Monroe Attendance Banner and our presence was known again at the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award Ceremony.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Our second meeting on September 18th, was the Grand Lecturer's Convention. We took this opportunity to go directly to the Convention without having to Open and Close. The members in attendance learned the proper way to Open and Close a meeting. We were the Lodge with the most members in attendance and took the 1st Monroe Attendance Award Banner. Thank you, everybody who attended that evening. The challenge for next year is to keep the Banner.

Symbolic Lodge Award Night

On October 2nd we again traveled, this time to see Brother Wes Beard receive the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. We had 14 Brothers forming our cheering squad in the balcony. Some of the other Lodges cheered on their honorees, but not a match for Webster Lodge.

Official Visit

On October 16th, R.W. Cyrus Kloner, DDGM, 1st Monroe, visited us and presented the Grand Master's Message. Everybody enjoyed a Turkey Dinner prepared by Joy Woodley and the Webster OES. An inspiring message on membership was presented and enjoyed by all.

1st Degree

On November 6th we will have our Fall Class 1st Degree. The officers are preparing for the Degree and look forward to your attendance at the meeting.

Public Safety Speaker

On November 20th we will have a speaker on Public Safety. This program will be of interest

to your family and friends, so please invite them to hear the 7:30 p.m. presentation. We will open early and have a short business meeting after the program.

Spaghetti Dinners

Please remember our monthly Spaghetti Dinners on the first Friday of the month. Our first dinner on October 3rd had more people than expected; we had just enough food to feed everybody. Thank you very much, Brother Doug Koenig, and the members, for making these dinners a success. Your help is still needed to make the workload lighter; by helping setup, washing dishes, serving, or cleaning up. Some of the members who are there all day are still there for clean up. Please try to give us whatever time you can. If you don't have time to help, then come out and have spaghetti for supper.

Request

Our Secretary, Hank Libera, will be leaving his post, and our SW, John Ponschock, will be looking for a replacement at our next election. On behalf of the Webster Lodge members, I thank Brother Hank for a fine job for the last three years. Please see Brother John during a Lodge meeting or call him at 338-2998 if you are interested.

Closing

Come out and support your officers and Lodge. Join the fellowship at our meetings and activities.

Future dates

November 6th is the date for the 1st Degree.


On November 13th the Fellowcraft Club Meeting will include Election of Officers and planning for the Christmas Dinner. Please make every effort to attend and come with ideas on how to make the upcoming year a successful one. Many activities are anticipated throughout the year. We do have a volunteer who is willing to place his name on the ballot as President.

There will be a speaker on November 20th.

The 2nd Degree will be conferred on December 4th.

A Brother-Bring-a-Friend Night is scheduled for December 18th.

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943



W. Robert E. Carlson, Master
426-8572

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

R. W. Richard C. Friedman
Sec. (h) 377-6175 (w) 271-2775
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Tuxedo month

Our meetings in October prompted the wearing of the black and white. October 13th was the 1st Degree. Thanks to

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SW Carl Scarpulla for a fine job in the East. As usual, our candidate was presented with quality Ritual work in the fine tradition of ERAC.

October 27th is the Official Visit of R.W. Cyrus Kloner, DDGM, who will also help us present pins and certificates to nine Brothers who celebrate from 10-55 years as Masons. This will prove to be a worthwhile meeting for all of us to attend. Many of us will have come from the Grand Master's Town Meeting the Saturday before and be energized by that experience.

Steak & Euchre Tournament

Saturday, November 1st, will be our 1st attempt at hosting a Euchre Tournament. Fortunately, we have Right Worshipful Brothers Bruce Chilton and Rich Friedman, who have agreed to manage this affair. We will be promoting this activity through a number of vehicles and hope to pack the house. Reservations can be made by calling Rich at 377-6175.

2nd Degree

Make sure you have November 10th down as we continue our Degree work. The Degree will be conferred by our Past Masters. I am looking forward to seeing the veterans of the Lodge show us how the Fellowcraft Degree should be done. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Don't miss this meeting!

Web site

Have you had a chance to visit our web page? If you get a chance, check us out at [HTTP://WWW.FRONTIER.NET/DMZ](http://WWW.FRONTIER.NET/DMZ).

Bully pulpit

When was the last meeting you attended? Despite our membership numbers, we tend to see the same 25-30 Brothers at every meeting. We have worked hard this year to offer enjoyable meetings that include fellowship and education. Find the energy to get to one of our meetings. Trust me, you will be greeted with open arms and happiness. I don't care if it has been a year or so, we want to see as many of you as possible. Try to commit to attending one meeting per month. For you out-of-town Brothers, you can count on your written messages to be read at our meetings.

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Reminder

As usual, our Junior Warden, Sean King, will take your dinner reservation at any time. Give him a call at 224-8067. Look forward to seeing our Senior Warden's message in the future. □

bring family members and friends for an exposure to our great Fraternity. As we know, many people do not know about Freemasonry; use this opportunity as a favor to a friend!

On November 18th we will have a special night for Thanksgiving. It is that time of year when we traditionally think about how good the year has been and give remembrance.

Spaghetti Dinners

We started our Spaghetti Dinners on September 24th. Our 1st Dinner was well attended, but as always, we need Brothers to help. It is a good way to have fun as you help our finances. We will be having only one dinner in November because of Thanksgiving. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 12th.

Closing

Our Phone Committee should be contacting you for every meeting. We are trying to keep you informed and hopefully see you on the sidelines. □

Kloner. I am quite certain that he will have much important information to share with us! A dinner will precede the meeting in the 3rd floor dining room at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 and I would appreciate it if you would contact the Lodge Secretary, Phil Averbach, with your dinner reservation by November 7th.

Thanks to all

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Thank you for your dedication to Masonry. You make a difference by helping our Fraternity shed its beneficent influence upon mankind. □

will be our Table Lodge, we will open on the 1st Degree. Please make your reservations with JW Doug Skelton or myself if you are planning to attend so we may figure the food accordingly.

Dues

You will soon be receiving your dues notice for 1998. Pay strict attention to this as it is so easy to fall behind and we do not want to lose any of our members for nonpayment of dues.

Please remember our sick Brethren in your prayers. □

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Training Junior Officers

George was gaining the reputation of a good ritualist in his Lodge. He was known for the way he presented the Lectures and how he tried to impress upon the new Brother the meaning, as well as the words of the Ritual. George had spent time learning the Ritual because he liked it, but had never worked with anyone else.

It was after Lodge had closed and George was heading for the dining room when Terry stopped him. "George, I've just finished setting up the refreshments and want to talk to you before I forget. The Master has asked me to do the Working Tools for the 2nd Degree. I've never presented any of the Ritual before, other than the Questions and Answers. Could you give me some tips on how to learn and present the Working Tools?" he asked.

"Sure, I'll be glad to help. When are you free this week?" asked George.

"I'm not busy on Thursday." "Why don't I come over about seven on Thursday. We can start work then."

"OK, see you then," said Terry. Thursday came. George arrived right on time, as was his habit. "I've been thinking about how to teach you to learn and deliver the Ritual," said George. "Let's find a quiet place to work."

"We can go into the den, it's well away from any distractions," said Terry.

"Bring your Ritual. First I'll read the Lecture and you follow along in the book." George read the Lecture. "Now you read it to me. I'll help with any of the codes you don't understand." Terry read the Lecture, but he had trouble with several words. George helped him. They took turns reading until Terry felt that he could read it easily.

"Now here are a few hints for memorizing the Lecture. First, start with a small section. Read it several times then try it from memory. If you get stuck, look in the book. Continue until you know a section well then go to the next section. Don't hesitate to refer to the book as necessary," said George.

"Is that all there is to it?" asked Terry.

"No, after you have memorized the word, I'll work with you on the delivery. Why don't I call you on Saturday to see how you are doing. Remember, when memorizing keep distractions to a minimum. Well, I'll be going, call you on Saturday," said George.

Terry started to work on the Lecture... (to be continued).

What's happening

By the time you read this the Grand Master's Town Meeting will be history. I hope you were able to get your questions answered.


Plans for presenting the Leadership Development Course are under way. Watch this column and listen to your Lodge Secretary for further announcements. □

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Flower City
Lodge No. 910



W.: William Nardone,
Master
458-7512

2nd
Thursday
7:30 P.M.

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

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

Happy New Year!

First, please let me take this opportunity to send all of our members who are of the Jewish faith our best wishes for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, both of which will have passed by the time you receive this issue. I have the greatest respect for all faiths which share our belief in one true Deity. I apologize for not mentioning these Holy Days in last month's column.

Flower City Lodge had a good turnout at the recent Grand Lecturer's Convention. M.: W.: Calvin G. Bond once again provided us with an excellent education in Ritual work, and I think the officers from all the Lodges present (a new record was set with over 100 Masons from the Monroe Districts in attendance) learned something new. Our own Past Master, R.: W.: Maurice Solomon, most capably served as Chaplain for the Convention.


Fellowcraft schedule

This month we will return to our regular schedule of Fellowcraft Club meetings on the first Thursday of each month with our meeting on Thursday, November 6th at 7:30 p.m. As always, all officers and members are invited to take part in the Fellowcraft Club and help us plan our Annual Latka Hop and other social events for the year.

DDGM Visit

The next regular Lodge communication will take place on Thursday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m. At this meeting we will enjoy the annual visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, and of course this year he is our own Past Master, R.: W.: Cyrus

FAIRPORT
Lodge No. 476



R.: W.: Gerald K. Becker,
Master

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

W.: George R. Bracht, Secretary
(h) 383-1947
87 South Main St.
Fairport, N.Y. 14450

Where were you?

The Official Visit went off real smooth. A beautiful Swiss Steak Dinner was served before the meeting. The only trouble was we had very few Brethren on hand to enjoy the delicious meal and all the trimmings. Our books and Lodge were found to be in excellent order.

Bar-B-Que

Our Chicken Bar-B-Que was fun, but only a few participated. Our members did not support us and the local TV FACT 12 did not broadcast it. This really hurt us. I made up many posters and placed them throughout the Village and Town and advertised it in the Pennysaver.

Chicken and Biscuits

Our Eastern Star girls of Chapter No. 444 are putting on a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner on Election Day. Please come out and support them.

Thank you

I personally thank W.: Dave M., Dave T., Dwight T., Bob C., Doug Skelton, Tom Richenderfer, R.J. Gillens, W.: Mike Landgren, Kel Kelsey, Past Matrons-N. Venette, Gean Becker, J. Hill, Wilma Clarkson, M. Deissinger, Wthy. Matron Lori Lorraine, Sis. Belva Laird, and three young girls, who did the majority of the work.

A pleasure

We were pleased to have Brother Paul Fisher walk in, break bread with us, and stay for the meeting.

October

On October 12th we honored the Fairport Police Dept. and Deputy Ed Ramsperger with DeWitt Clinton Awards.

Our regular meeting found SW Tom in the East conferring the 1st Degree. Good job, Tom.

On the 27th of October we honored the widows of our deceased Brethren. This affair brings back so many memories.

Looking ahead

Our 2nd Degree will be on November 10th with JW Doug Skelton in the East. Please let's get out and support our officers, and above all, our new members.

Table Lodge

On November 24th we will open Lodge at 6:00 p.m. As this

**Membership
Retention**



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

**The "mechanics" of
Membership Retention**

We often speak about the tools of Membership Retention. In this article I will talk about what I like to call the "mechanics" of membership retention. A Master and his officers can have all tools of membership retention, but sometimes fail in the way the tools are used.

Welcoming and greeting

One of the aspects of mechanics is our manner of welcoming and greeting Brothers when entering the Lodge building. I often recall the TV sit-com, "Cheers". In the theme song, you go to a place "where everybody knows your name". Every time a customer came in, everyone called his name and he felt comfortable. In the same manner, a Master and his officers should be at the entrance of the Lodge warmly welcoming and greeting every Brother as he comes in to the building. The officers can spend much time and effort on training, planning, and learning the Ritual, but the simple act of a warm and proper greeting or the lack of such, can turn on or turn off a Brother.

I will be writing more on the "mechanics" in future articles.

About to be NPD'd?

Call someone!

Reach into your wallet and pull out your dues card. If the year says 1997, you are all set. Thank you for your support. If the year is 1996, you are OK, but you are a year behind in paying your dues. However, if the year is 1995, you are in danger of being dropped for nonpayment of dues.

If you have received one of those nasty form notices (nasty grams) from your Lodge, I apologize for that. What you should receive and what we have been asking your officers to send, is a letter expressing concern about your membership. There may be a financial or personal problem, or whatever, that should be addressed by your Lodge.

I urge you to call somebody if you wish to discuss any situation. Dues can be remitted, and in many circumstances, problems resolved. Call the Master, his phone number is listed in the Lodge logo. You can call your District Deputy or Membership Retention Chairman. Phone numbers are listed on Page 2 of this newspaper under Hot Numbers. If you are unable to call, have someone call for you.

If distance is a problem, write your Lodge or the Masonic Service Bureau at 875 Main St. E., Rochester, NY 14605. They will forward the letter to the respective District Deputy or Retention Chairman.

I'll be seeing you on the line. □

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What are Masons?

A Mason is a member of a Fraternity known as the Freemasons, a group of men who join together because; (1) There are things they want to do in the world; Masonry teaches that each person has a responsibility to make things better. (2) There are things they want to do 'inside their own minds'. "Grow or Die" is the great law of all nature. Most people feel a need for continued growth and development as individuals, Masonry reminds its members over and over again of the importance of these qualities. (3) They enjoy being with men they like and respect. Masonry lets men associate with other men of honor and integrity who believe that things like honesty, compassion, love and trust are important.

The purpose of Masonry?

The main purpose of Freemasonry is to take good men and assist them in becoming better husbands, fathers, sons and brothers. Masonry does this by exposing them to moral and ethical teachings and by consistently asking them to consider important character building issues. Masonry's cornerstone is charity. In short, by improving ourselves, we are placed in a better position to help others.

What is our responsibility as Masons?

It has been noted over the years, that many men and Masons can 'talk the talk' on living up to the ideals of Freemasonry, with a great deal of ease. Some, however, have a real problem when they try to 'walk the walk'. We believe that all good men and Masons should periodically review their own actions, to ensure that they do not slip into the all too common failings that mortal men are heir to. Following our Masonic teaching, we recommend a bit of self-analysis to all the Brethren, we should all ask ourselves: *Have I truly lived 'on the level' today, or have I been rude and brusque? Have I been opinionated and arrogant, or have I responded politely to honest questions? Have I led the way with brash and bullying tactics, or has sweet reason filled my mouth? Has the Golden Rule been the illuminating lamp on my path today?*

If Freemasonry is to survive into and beyond the 21st Century, it will do so because of the demonstrated values of the Craft, and because we are led by sincere, dedicated Master Masons who both 'talk the talk' and 'walk the walk'.

It is my sincere desire that the foregoing will instill in each one of us a more sincere and positive attitude towards the Fraternity that we recognize and know as *Freemasonry*.

May God bless each and every one of us.

Grand Sword Bearer

Genesee/Wyoming District



R.W. Richard C. Anderson

As we get further into the Fall season, let's put extra efforts into our Lodge activities. Planning, whether for your day at home or for Lodge functions, is the first and very important step to successful and fruitful accomplishments.

Bring-a-Friend Nights

A number of Lodges have planned and completed Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights in order to gain new members.

Save them

Place on your agenda, the plans for retaining those members whom you may lose from the rolls as NPDs. Plan programs to bring back the Brothers who are not attending meetings regularly.

Support

Again, I ask the Brothers to support the Genesee/Wyoming District functions, such as the Masters and Wardens Association, the Council of Masonic Activities and the Grand Lecturer's Convention. I would hope that each Lodge will give their support to V.W. Robert Strand, AGL, by attending his visits.

Remember the widows and the shut-ins, especially during the holiday season.

Coming events

The Fellowcraft Degree will be at Oakland Lodge No. 379 on November 4th. The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be on November 5th at Constellation Lodge No. 404. See you there!

CONSTELLATION Lodge No. 404



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 Perry, NY 14530

Dinner at Temple

A Swiss Steak Dinner will be served by the OES on Sunday, November 2, 1997, starting at 12:30 p.m.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Annual Convention will take place on Wednesday evening, November 5th. Dinner,

prepared by the OES, will be ready by 6:30 p.m. AGL Robert Strang will introduce M.W. Calvin G. Bond, Grand Lecturer, at 7:30 p.m.

Rusty Mason Night

Thursday, November 6th, is Rusty Mason Night. Make a telephone call to a "lost" Brother and invite him to attend. Brother Clark Rice will present an interesting program about local history.

Congratulations

Brothers Charles R. Chapin and Ernest D. Olin were raised on October 3, 1963; Gerald R. Newland was raised on October 5, 1972.

Trestleboard

Please read the revised Trestleboard posted on the Temple bulletin board. The small turnout at our last communication did not permit planning for the 1st Degree. Please make an attempt to be present on November 6th and be prepared to take part in planning for the 1st Degree as well as volunteering to be a member of the cast.

A sign up sheet is posted next to the Trestleboard. Sign up and indicate which role you prefer. You may not get your first choice, so indicate a second one.

Ladies Night out

A committee is working on a program for a dinner at Hawley's Lumberyard Restaurant to be followed by an open Lodge at the Temple. Tell your spouse to stand by!

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



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Greetings Brothers

Fall is upon us and proving to be a busy time at Oakland. Special thanks go out to R.W. Robert Dagen and R.W. Richard Anderson, their staff, and traveling companions. They have done an excellent job with their duties and will continue to do so in the future. Their Visit on September 16th was fun and informative and has made my job in the East a pleasure. Thanks to all the Brothers who attended and made the evening a success.

Degrees

I am pleased to report Oakland will have a joint Fellowcraft Degree with Warsaw in Castile on November 4th. Warsaw has two Entered Apprentices and Oakland has three. Doors will be open at 7:00 p.m. Come early and meet our new Brothers. The future of our Craft depends on whether these Brothers are helped in becoming educated in Masonry and made to feel at home. Their Master Mason Degree will be January 6th.

Visits

October 7th was the Annual Visit of our new AGL, V.W. Robert Strang. He did an excellent job and is a credit to the Fraternity. Once again I thank the faithful who attended. Sun-

day, November 2nd, is Visitation Day at the Vets Hospital in Batavia at 2:00 p.m. Their slogan is: "Masons Are There Because We Care". Please show your patriotism by setting aside a couple of hours for those who fought for our freedom. On November 5th, the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held in Constellation Lodge No. 404 in Perry. Our goal at Oakland is to receive the Potts Award. For this to happen the following must attend: Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons, and Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremonies. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Call for reservations.

Bring-a-Friend

Due to the cancellation of a guest speaker on November 18th, Oakland will hold a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Thanks to W. Tom Scott and the rest of the faithful for the overwhelming success we had last year. The three candidates we have now are a direct result of their efforts. Please mark your calendar and "Bring a friend".

Where are they?

Less than 20% of our members attend Lodge regularly. Where are the other 80%? How are they doing? Please join me in stretching out our arms to welcome them back in Lodge. Don't be ashamed if you've forgotten a word or a sign. Your attendance in Lodge is what's important.

Closing

Just like Fall displays its awesome array of color, so should we, as Masons, display our pride in being a member of the Fraternity. Show your support and pride to our new Brothers on November 4th. Let's make Oakland Lodge all that it can be and then some. God Bless.

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



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Upcoming dates

We have 2 important dates coming up. One is October 28th, when we will have our Official Visit by R.W. Robert Dagen, DDGM of the Genesee/Wyoming District. R.W. Dagen will examine the books of the Lodge to make sure they are in order and also present the Grand Master's Message. The Communication will be preceded by a light dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to an informative and interesting evening.

The next date to remember is November 5th, the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Perry. I look forward to seeing all members present who can make it at this communication.

Child ID Program

On October 9th R.W. Leonard Mason and I met with the Scout leaders from Genesee/Wyoming Counties and presented the Child ID Program. We have high hopes that after the Scout leaders present this program to the Scouts and their parents, we will have a busy year. I hope to have more information available in the month ahead.

Benefit the Craft

We will also be starting Degree rehearsals in the very near future. I'm sure we can all use the time to brush up on our work. I would also like to incorporate a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night into our schedule. It will be a lot of work, but if done right, the Craft will benefit from the effort put forth.

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



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R.W. Kenneth E. Kohlhagen,
 Secretary
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Welcome to Autumn. The leaves in Varysburg are beautiful this time of year.

Contest

West Star had their Pumpkin Growing Contest on Saturday, October 11th at the Vince Almeter Memorial Park. This was in conjunction with a Chicken Bar-B-Que. Half of the proceeds went to the Park.

Winterizing

Hopefully, by the end of October our Lodge building will be insulated.

Bring-a-Friend

West Star and Attica Lodge No. 462 are planning to have a joint Bring-a-Friend Night on December 3rd. Start thinking of a friend who might be interested in joining the Masonic Order.

Sadness

We lost a good friend. Mrs. Helen Luce passed on October 4th. She was a great help with our fundraising dinners and she will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy to Frederick and all her family.

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Does it seem possible? Fall is upon us, and with all the events planned for the Trestleboard, we look forward to a busy November. I am confident that with the help of my Brethren, these functions which have been planned can be carried out in true Masonic fashion. The schedule of events is listed in the dates section of this article.

Sickness and distress

Brethren, it is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of our Brother, Milton A. Salisbury, who joined the Great Architect of the Universe on September 16th. Brother Milt was a Mason for over 54 years. Our condolences go out to his wife, Mildred, and daughter, Jane, and family.

I am happy to report that Brother David Liles is recovering nicely after being involved in a serious auto accident. Our prayers are with you.

Gillam-Grant Memorial

On October 2nd, Brethren gathered at the Gillam-Grant Community Center for the Rededication Ceremony of the Memorial. The Ceremony was attended by R. W. Robert F. Dagen, DDGM, and R. W. Richard C. Anderson, GSB, as well as Brethren from Hesperus Lodge. Following the Ceremony, R. W. Dagen made his Official Visit to Hesperus and delivered the Grand Master's Message. He also presented Certificates to honor and give thanks to R. W. Robert Seils and W. John Jessop as Past AGLs.

20-20 Party

Brethren, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please come out, not only to show your support, but for an evening of entertainment and fellowship on November 8th. For tickets contact W. John Cooper at 494-1559.

Brotherhood Fund

The 1997-98 Brotherhood Fund is underway. Please do your part by contributing to this most worthy cause.

Future events

On Sunday, November 2nd we will go to the VA Hospital in Batavia to distribute patient gift packs.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at Constellation Lodge No. 404 in Perry on Wednesday, November 5th.

Our regular Lodge communication is on November 6th.

Presentation of the Douglas MacArthur Award at Byron-Bergen High School is on Saturday, November 15th.

Our 3rd Degree on November 20th will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Call R. W. Robert Seils at 494-1723 for reservations.

On Saturday, November 22nd, and Sunday, November 23rd, we will have our Child ID shoot at the Bergen Fire Hall.

Until next month, may Peace be with you and yours. □

Editor's Award for Lodge News Articles

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

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

W. Ted LaWall
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My Brothers, Warsaw Lodge, like Lazarus, is rising from the ashes. In a recent letter to our Brothers, I noted that although we have a membership of just short of 100, only 10 or 11 Brothers show up for our communications. I could view the low attendance negatively, but instead I take the view that the majority of the unseen Brethren, by continuing to pay their dues, are quietly sending me this challenge: "Give me a reason to come to Lodge and I'll be there!" Well guys, I'm meeting your challenge. Our Trestleboard is so loaded, we're going to have to move to the ground floor. Here's a partial schedule:

On November 4th we'll be at Oakland Lodge assisting Henry's boys in advancing 5 EAs to the Degree of Fellowcraft. Hey, we get along good with Oakland, and remember, there's strength in numbers!

On Sunday, November 16th, a Breakfast will be held at Warsaw Lodge from 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The Chairman is Brother John Sunderland. Call him at 786-2581 if you want to help.

On December 2nd and 16th there will be a planning session for the Child ID Programs to be

held in January. This is going to be a big, big project! I need your help.

There will also be a Christmas Party on December 16th.

Starting with the Child ID Program, January 1998 will be just as busy. So, if you've been saying that you need more from old 549, I guarantee you'll get it! All you have to do is be there.

Thanks

Many thanks to Senior Warden Mike Smith for cutting a deal with the Wyoming Fire Department in which they will allow us to use their portable illuminated sign for dinners and various functions. This is something we've needed for a long time and Mikey did it!

I extend our thanks to R. W. Robert Dagen, DDGM; R. W. Richard Anderson, GSB and W. George Springett, Secretary of the Council of Masonic Activities, for visiting our Lodge on October 7th. R. W. Bob's Address was exciting and challenging. If you haven't heard him speak, sit in on one of his Official Visits. You won't be sorry. □

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

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By R. W. Donald N. VanSon
Fish Fries

Attica Lodge had their Fall Fish Fry in late September with the assistance of the OES. We had approximately 100 in attendance and each organization profited by \$250.00.

Our Lodge had the privilege of hosting the District Fish Fry on October 10th. We had plenty of workers from other Lodges. R. W. Jerry Brade, our Jr. Warden, was in charge of the cooking. As usual, everyone did a good job. Final report on attendance and profit will be in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*.

3rd Degree

The Lodge is preparing for a 3rd Degree in early November. The Master is asking that any member familiar with the Degree to please assist him.

Monthly Pancake Breakfast

October 5th was the start of our Fall/Winter Pancake Breakfasts and will be held on the 1st Sunday of each month until March or April. The 1st one was rather slow, only because of the very warm weather and the lack of advertising. As usual, we can use all the help we can get for this project.

Lest we forget

R. W. Norman Godfrey is still in the Wyoming Care Center in Warsaw and has been there since May. Norm would appreciate visits and/or cards. Please take a few minutes of your busy schedule and send a card, or better yet, visit him some weekend. He will enjoy your visit and cards and you will be equally rewarded.

Dues

We still have five members that are two years in arrears in their Lodge dues. Let's make an

extra effort, Brothers, to get these paid up so I won't have to drop you from the rolls for N.P.D. If you are having problems, call or write me and I'm sure something can be worked out. □

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Official Visit

On October 8th we had our Official Visit by R. W. Robert F. Dagen, DDGM, and his Staff Officer, R. W. Richard C. Anderson, Grand Sword Bearer. The program was very interesting and well attended. Thank you all.

Pot Luck Dinner

On October 29th we had a Pot Luck Dinner at Triluminar Lodge with Stebbins Chapter, OES. This has been the first attempt at this venture in several years. After dinner, cards were played and a good time was had by all. Any month with a fifth Wednesday in it, we will get together at 6:30 p.m. with another Pot Luck Dinner. All are cordially invited to come and have a good time.

Turkey Party

Our Annual Turkey Party will be November 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge. Come early as tables fill up fast.

Widows Night

We will be have a Widows Night and Awards Ceremony on December 6th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. I cannot stress enough the importance of this program. We should not forget the family members of the Brothers who are no longer with us. Last year's program was very well attended and I believe this year's will be equal to it.

Brotherhood Fund

Please Brothers, give to the Brotherhood Fund as it goes for so many worthwhile causes. Contact R. W. Keith Granger for donations.

Molly

On September 25th a few Brothers joined me to go to Eagle Valley Lodge and retrieve Molly. We will have had a meeting before this article is published and I expect that Molly will have moved again by then. □

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

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We had a very nice 50 Year Recognition Night for Brothers Fay Howlett and William Erick in October. A videotape was

made of the highlights so that Brother Clifton Jones, a recipient living in California, could see the proceedings of the evening.

We also had two successful weekends selling hot dogs at the Carriers' A&A Railroad Station.

Disappointment

The Child ID, held at the United Methodist Church in September, was not as successful as we had hoped. Only 12 children showed up for the taping. Two Brothers from Mt. Vernon Lodge helped in making it a success from an execution standpoint.

November meetings

The first meeting for November will be an organizational meeting for the future Brother-Bring-a-Friend Night.

As an explanation, this is a meeting when all Brothers are encouraged to bring a non-Mason friend to offer answers as to what we are, what our beliefs are and some of the history as it pertains to Masons.

The second November meeting will be the actual Brother-Bring-a-Friend Night. Please try to attend and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served this evening.

As extracurricular activities, we will be selling hot dogs at the Carriers' Train Station to raise money, looking into a prospective candidate for Camp Turk and visiting the Vet's Hospital in Batavia for a game of Bingo.

Fall

As this is being typed, the leaves are beautiful and apple cider is being pressed. For those outside of Western New York, I'm positive you remember the Fall colors.

Have a good Thanksgiving and upon receipt of your Brotherhood Fund request from our Chairman, help make it a 100% year! Thanks. □

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

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By R. W. Robert Nicoll

Our Master, Robert Clow, fell and tore up his knee. He will be laid up for quite a while. I'll continue reporting our activities to the *Masonic Times*.

Repairs

In September a new roof was installed on our building. Carmen Muoio of Pavilion removed two layers of cedar shingles and two layers of asphalt shingles. The original roof boards, a good inch thick, were in very good condition. Half inch plywood sheeting covered the original roof boards with 15# roll felt, and a 40 # shingles. We now have a roof that should last another 50 years.


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R.W. Robert Dagen, DDGM GW, presenting Certificates of Appreciation to R.W. Ronald Rich and V.W. David Ehrhart for their services as District Assistant Grand Lecturers.

Official Visit

R.W. Robert Dagen, DDGM, made his Official Visit on September 17th. He presented Ronald Rich and David Ehrhart with Certificates of Appreciation for their services as District Assistant Grand Lecturers. Both R.W. Dagen and R.W. Anderson provided a stimulating evening.

October

We planned for the future at our meeting on October 1st. As always, new memberships and retaining our current members was discussed.

It had been suggested that a new heating system be considered: high efficiency hot water system, zoned for each floor, and we are considering a chairlift from the 1st to the 2nd floor. Then we will be handicap accessible, replacing the window in the coat room with a door.

To comply with future health requirements, modernizing the kitchen and dining room must be considered. These are great undertakings and we will need a lot of help and expertise to accomplish our goals.

Come on out

Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 is the oldest continuously operating organization in Genesee County. Come visit us. The history and traditions are most evident. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. □

Looking Back Over the Years

Some Olive Branch Lodge History excerpted from an article written by John P. Samson and published in the LeRoy Gazette News in 1911.

Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 of LeRoy, NY, began its existence in Batavia, NY under a dispensation granted by the Grand Lodge, dated March 9, 1811, and a full charter dated May 20, 1813, No. 215.

Many new Lodges being chartered in the vicinity of Batavia, together with the rather sparse population and the number of members withdrawing to join Lodges in their own towns, it was deemed best to move the charter to Bethany, hoping to increase the interest and membership. The first meeting held there was on April 5, 1821. The Lodge did not thrive there as was hoped and it was moved to Attica in 1845, and then to LeRoy in 1847, where it has had a prosperous career for nearly eighty years.

Many Lodges surrendered their charters or disbanded in 1826, but Olive Branch Lodge was loyal all through the great

political drive against Masonry, which followed the Morgan episode and which continued for about 10 years. Olive Branch was the only Lodge West of the Genesee River in New York State which survived and retained its charter.

Many of the early pioneers were Masons before coming to the Genesee country and many new Lodges were chartered in this vicinity. A Blue Lodge, No. 260,



The Masonic Temple in LeRoy, now more than 136 years old.

was organized in LeRoy under a dispensation dated January 7, 1815. Other Lodges organized in this vicinity, and surrounding LeRoy were at Darien, Attica, Sheldon, Middlebury, (now Wyoming), Warsaw, Stafford, Byron, Alexander, Bergen, Covington, (now Pavilion), Caledonia, York, and many other towns not so close.

Affiliated with these Lodges were many Chapter Masons and Sir Knights and desiring to have further benefits of Masonry than could be conferred by the Blue

Lodges, a charter was applied for and granted to Western Star Chapter No. 35, dated March 29, 1913, and later for an Encampment (now called Commandery) which was granted in 1825, No. 10. Both of these located in LeRoy. There then being three Masonic Bodies in town, and there being no suitable place to hold meetings, it was considered expedient to erect a Masonic edifice. About this time the town began an agitation for the erection of a building for religious and town meetings, and it was

considered best to combine their efforts, and thus erect a much better building than could be done separately. The lower story was to be used for town meetings and religious purposes, and the upper story for Masonic meetings. The lot on which the present edifice stands was purchased from Herman LeRoy on January 26, 1826 for \$150.00. A building was begun at once and the cornerstone laid with impressive Masonic services June 26, 1826. This became the celebrated "Round House".

Owing to the Morgan episode, and the furor raised against Masonry, the building was not finished for Masonic purposes, but was completed nearly as originally planned and the upper story was used as a select school instead of by the Masons. This school was conducted for a number of years by our late townsman, William LeRoy Annin. The lower story was used for town meetings and by the Congregational Church on Sundays.

In 1828 the State Legislature passed a law appointing John H. Stanley, Rufus Robertson and William Graves, all of LeRoy, to sell the property and divide the proceeds as the interests of the Masons and the town might appear.

(Continued next month)



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Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

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From the Potentate



Erwin M. Newell

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November is a month that becomes very exciting to a Potentate. Some say it is the beginning of his Swan Song or the Big Slide. Well, that is not true. Business continues as usual with one difference, the Holiday Season begins. It is also the time for the Cold Sands, the initiation of new members.

Support the unity

To start the month off, the Scottish Rite's Brother-Bring-a-Brother Night is being held at Eagle Vale Country Club on November 7th. In order for the Shrine to grow, we need to have unity between the Bodies and so to us, when a Rite Body has a special drive for potential members, we at Damascus salute them. A certain percentage will be joining the Shrine membership rolls.

A support of that unity will be taking place on Saturday, November 22nd, at the Downtown Masonic Temple. The Shrine will be holding their Ceremonial (Cold Sands) following the 32°. However, in order to attend the preceding dinner, you must be either a Shriner or a candidate. The dinner is free to all who are eligible to attend. A short meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., strictly for the business of balloting. Reservations are a must. Call the Shrine Office at (716) 671-7701 by Wednesday, Nov. 19th.

In commemoration of our 75th Anniversary of Shriners Hospitals for Children, the initiation fee will be \$75.00. This will include a Fez, pin and 1998 dues.

Tribute

As mentioned in the last issue of this publication, we are having a Tribute to Ill.: Charles R. Frear at our Shrine Mosque on Saturday, November 15th. The price will be \$15.00 per person. Reservations can be made by mailing a check to our Shrine Office at 979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580, by Tuesday, November 11th.

Give thanks

Brenda and I hope that everyone has an enjoyable Thanksgiving. We all have much to be thankful for. We always talk about the good times and creating new members, but at this time of year—a time of Thanksgiving—let's be thankful that we are part of the world's greatest philanthropy, Shriners' Hospitals for Children. We make children whole again.

Yours in faith. □

Public Relations

By Dave Clarke

The Affiliated Shrine Ladies' Organizations Receive Good Marks

The three main ladies' organizations of the Shrine were invited to attend the Imperial Divan Retreat at Amelia Island in Florida this past Summer. During their visit, the Daughters of the Nile, the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, and the Shrine Guilds of America, Inc., were honored for their unwavering support of the Shrine and Shriners' Hospitals. Their visit was used to give presentations of their respective organizations and attend a planning session.

Their support of the Shrine includes raising many thousands of dollars, donating countless volunteer hours, helping with the education of the patients at the hospitals, and the sewing of clothing, quilts and other needed items. They also give parties for the "kids" and provide other services for the hospitals as needed.

Daughters of the Nile

The Daughters of the Nile Organization was founded in 1913 and currently have 147 Temples in North America with a total of 55,000 members. Their mission is described as assisting in charitable work at the hospi-

tals and to aid in the advancement and elevation of the standard of womanhood.

This year's personal motto of Supreme Queen Kathleen Turner, the top reining Officer of the Daughters of the Nile, is "Working Together for the Children". Last year the Nile contributed more than \$1.5 million to Shrine Hospitals; 65,000 volunteer hours to the Hospitals, as well as donating sewn items, providing toys and hosting parties for children valued at more than \$300,000.

Oriental Shrine of NA

Another noted ladies Shrine Organization is the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America. Organized in 1903, they are noted as fun groups dedicated to extending financial support and assistance to Shriners' Hospitals. More than 22,000 members belong to 87 Courts across the country. Last year they contributed more than \$225,000 to Shriners' Hospitals and provided more than 67,000 volunteer hours. Their chief officer, Grand High Priestess, Dorothy Foxwell, announced that her special project is to provide donations for spinal research.

Shrine Guilds

The third Shrine Ladies Organization, the Shrine Guilds of America, Inc., is composed of eleven Chapters located in Indiana, Florida, and Virginia, with over 900 members. Founded in 1947, their main mission is to provide independent support and aid to Shriners' Hospitals, concentrating on the education of patients while they are in the hospital. Members also assemble items, such as admission kits and tray favors, visit patients to make crafts and read books, and bring toys during the holidays. Imperial Maharance Dixie Nicholson said, "We will continue raising money to donate to the Educational Fund because the need is great".

These Ladies' Organizations work daily to improve the lives of the children being treated by Shriners' Hospitals for Children. They are an important and significant part of the Shrine family and are helping to ensure the hospitals remain the "World's Greatest Philanthropy". □

Shrine Membership

By Bruce Chilton

The Audio Tapes

Brethren, by now your Lodges should have or are about to receive your Audio Tapes entitled, "What is Freemasonry?". We encourage you to use them as often as you can, to get the word out about this Fraternity that we are so proud to be members of. The tape puts our feelings into words better than most of us could. It allows us to "tell the story" and it gives us the perfect opportunity to have a dialogue about a gentlemen's possible interest when we meet to have the tape returned. The Shriners welcome any comments you may have, either negative or positive. Please help us to make this the valuable Masonic Lodge membership tool that we think it can be.

75th Anniversary Celebration

1997 is the 75th Anniversary of the beginning of the Shrine Hospitals. The first of the 22 hospitals that exist today was established in 1922. To celebrate that wonderful milestone, the Potentate of Damascus Temple is offering any Brother who would like to join the Shrine, the opportunity to join for a one time charge of \$75.00. This is half of the normal cost.

The Cold Sands Ceremonial will be performed on November 22nd at the Downtown Temple, the same night of the last of the Scottish Rite Degrees. If you decide to join that night, the Potentate is also offering to buy your dinner, at the Temple, between the Scottish Rite Degrees and the Cold Sands. There has never been a better opportunity to join Damascus Temple than right now. Help us celebrate this wonderful

Anniversary by joining Damascus Temple on November 22nd.
Programs

Don't forget, my Brothers, that Damascus is offering programs for you. The Membership Team has developed programs that will tell the story of Shrinedom and we have tailored these programs to specific audiences. We have a presentation for Masons, Shriners, non-Masons, community groups, you name it. We want to get the word out about our work that is done by the Shrine and what makes it one of the top 10 philanthropies in the United States. We also have the Past Masters Degree Team, that is at your call should you need help with the 3rd Degree. The facilities at Bay Road are available to you as a Masonic group if you apply to the Damascus Board and the date is free. All Shriners are Masons and we are all here to help you in any way we can. Just call on us and give us the chance. □

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News

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Jan Lughart, Monarch

Monarch's Ball

The Ball will be on Saturday, November 1, 1997 at the Radisson Inn, 175 Jefferson Road. Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m. and Dinner at 7:00 p.m., cash bar. The menu is Prime Rib of Beef Aujus, Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Parfait. The music will be provided by the Keith Clark Group at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets, by reservation only, are \$28.00 per person. Please send your check to Richard Topel, 949 Bennington Drive, Rochester, NY 14616-1757. Call and see if we can accommodate your needs as the cut off was October 24th. No tickets at the door.

November Dinner Meeting

We will be having a Dinner at 6:30 p.m., 3rd floor dining room. Choice of Stuffed Pork Chops or Stuffed Chicken Breast, prepared by the ladies of our Caldron. YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION, THEY ARE A MUST. Call Ron at 334-4196 before November 14th. All reservations must be honored. For a free dinner, show your 1997 dues card and save \$7.00.

The regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. is Move Up Night and nominations for our 1998 Officers.

Belong to the ESGA?

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

From the Desk of the Secretary

I am deeply saddened at the loss of PM Gordon T. Dodge, who passed away on September 14, 1997. Gordie was a good friend and a loyal member of Lalla Rookh Grotto. We will all miss him very much.

I also have to report that PM Paul R. Sundberg, of Farrah Grotto, passed away on September 6, 1997. Paul was a Past President of the Empire State Grotto Association (ESGA), and at the time of his death, was Secretary of Farrah Grotto and of the ESGA. Paul was a member of many organizations and he will be deeply missed.

Join the fellowship

Now better news. At the ESGA Fall Convention held on September 11 thru 13, 1997, a vote was taken to let seven Red Tassel Prophets from each Grotto have a vote at the Spring Meetings and Fall Conventions. As in the past, the top three officers and all Past Monarchs will be voting delegates, also. The Red Tassel Prophets will be selected each day by the Monarch. So, come out to the ESGA meetings and join in the fellowship and fun.

I was elected 2nd Vice President of the ESGA, which means Lalla Rookh Grotto will host the Fall Convention in the year 2000. The Convention hotel will be The

Inn on The Lake in Canandaigua. We will be looking for help from the Prophets, so if you would like to be involved, please let me know.

Yours in good fellowship. □

Membership

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

Dates to Remember

Mon., Nov. 3rd - Board of Governors 7:30 p.m. Grotto Office

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

Thurs., Nov. 13th - Caldron Meeting Doric Hall 7:30 p.m. Brown Bag Dinner 6:30 p.m. 3rd Fl. Dining Room

Wed., Nov. 19th - Grotto Move Up Night Cathedral Hall Dinner 6:30 p.m. 3rd Fl. Dining Room

Thurs., Nov. 20th - Caldron Exec. Meeting Home of Ethel Hazzard

**Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship**

Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson
Our next Dinner Meeting will be the 2nd Monday, November 10th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Avenue.

I will need a head count for the restaurant by November 6th. Call me at 1-315-589-9021. □

Board of Governors

The date for the meeting is Monday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Grotto Office. □

Master of Ceremonies

It has been great to see all the snowbirds at the meetings. Come to this month's meeting, have dinner (don't forget your reservation) and renew old friendships. You'll be glad you did. □

Information Line

Need an update on Grotto events and 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. □

Auditorium Calendar

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

Caldron News

By the time you read this our Installation of Officers will be a happy memory. Thanks to everyone for your support and presence. Let's all work together to make our 50th year a banner one.

Coming events

Remember the Monarch's Ball on November 1st. Let's support our Grotto!

The November 13th meeting will be preceded by a Brown Bag Dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by our meeting at 7:30 p.m. This is necessary because of "Miss Saigon".

November 20th the Executive Council will meet at my home, 48 Westview Terrace at 8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for November 19th and December 20th. We will need your help with the Grotto dinners.

Good wishes

At last report both Daughters Merline Bueg and Patricia Slack were making good progress. Hopefully, with tender loving care, they'll be with us soon.

Remember to notify Daughter Arlene Topel, our Sunshine Chairperson, of any news, good or bad. If we are not informed we cannot help.

Thanks

Thanks to all the Daughters for their confidence in me as I start my year as MCO. With your help, we'll make our 50th year one to remember. □

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By Bill Lindsay

The local daily newspaper is to be commended for running articles which reflect the President's call for a "national dialogue on race". A number of very well written articles have appeared which contribute to anyone's understanding. I consider one of the very best local writers to be Howard Eagle, a teacher in the RCSD. He writes about racial issues from the perspective of someone who has not only lived the experience, but reflected on it as well. I would guess that he must be a fine teacher. His column on October 7th was entitled, "Words Alone Won't Wipe Out Racism", and he sharply criticizes a newspaper summary of Mayor Johnson's and Mary Ann Towler's (City Newspaper) high sounding remarks as "meaning little relative to practical steps". He goes on to say, "The reality is that governments, and most people, are obviously not willing to do much of anything. If they were, there wouldn't be a need for a dialogue on race." A friend of mine was fond of saying, "after all was said and done, more was said than done."

Leonard Pitts, in another D&C article talks about "subtle racism", and what it means to most people of color. He quotes, "For most Blacks in America, regardless of status, political persuasion, or accomplishments, the moment never arrives when race can be treated as a total irrelevance" and "People of color never are given an opportunity to rest in dealing with racism." He summarizes both, "The key word in both is never. Never is an irrelevance. Never a rest. Never. Living with never creates a fatigue you don't want to know, a heaviness borne in the marrow of the bones. You find yourself tired of being tired, tired of being on guard, tired of always looking for the next blow, the next challenge, the next subtle, insidious reminder. Tired of people who think you are imagining things."

It's a viable question to ask what all this has to do with Freemasonry. You don't have to be a scholar to understand how the concept of "the brotherhood of man and the sisterhood of woman under the Fatherhood of God" is relevant to the discussion of racism. But this article is not meant to be a call for more discussion.

What we need is action of the practical variety to which Eagle alludes. We need to separate ourselves from the "noble thinkers" who are "unwilling to do much of anything" and be leaders in creating a racially just society. Simple things that anyone of us could do might be:

1. Stop telling and listening to racially insensitive jokes.
2. Go to the public market and patronize some of the "Black" businesses.
3. Do a personal inventory and discover three racist attitudes/

behaviors you have and vow to get rid of them.

4. Invite Howard Eagle to be a guest speaker at your Lodge/Chapter.
 5. Attend a performance of "The Black Seeds".
 6. Make a \$5.00 donation to the Urban League Black Scholars program.
 7. Go visit the Turtle Studio on Brown Street.
 8. Read a book on Black American or African history.
 9. Be the first to speak to Black people you meet in the course of your travels.
 10. Attend a service at a Black church.
 11. Write a letter to a young Black person who has an accomplishment noted in the paper.
 12. Through your Lodge or Chapter, identify, encourage, and support young Black people in their educational endeavors.
 13. Send me a letter with your own list of actions to combat racism that I can pass along to our readers.
 14. Take time to teach your children and grandchildren (and the neighbor's kids as well) about the evils of racism.
- As a Freemason, I feel an obligation to make myself a better person, and I have listed above some activities I have engaged in that I have found helpful to my own understanding. Each of us may take a different route, but we are all obligated to make the trip.
- In closing, I extend congratulations to Brother Ron Mertens who has been elected to receive the 33° in Scottish Rite in 1998. Anyone who knows of his level of service and commitment to the Craft for a long, long, time must concur with how deserving he is. I am very proud to call him Brother and friend. □

VAMC
Canandaigua, NY

By Harold Bollotin

In the past issue of the Times, I briefly mentioned what Tom Paglia described at length, concerning the unfortunate developments at the VAMC. I shall not comment further, except that the drastic changes are continuing. Although the Center is still requesting volunteers for the Wards and other areas of the facility during weekdays, the need

for Sunday Ward visitations in the future is in doubt.

Nevertheless, Ward visits and special holiday events are still scheduled as follows:

Sunday, November 9, Veterans Hospital Visitation Day at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9, Annual Holiday Gift Wrapping Session, Building 5 Auditorium, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 21, Annual Holiday Gift Distribution, beginning in Building 5 Auditorium at 12:30 p.m. □

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Scottish Rite NEWS

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



Learning Center

The Frank and Bette Paul 32° Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center started operation on September 30th when a young lass and her mother met with Alice Rossi to begin the Orton-Gillingham Course of therapy. She will meet with Mrs. Rossi after school for three sessions per week for the rest of the school year. Two other pupils started the program in mid-October. This has all been done in less than three years. The Supreme Council, at its meeting in September, 1994, adopted the Children's Learning Centers as its fourth Charity. It was at that time that the New York State Masons decided to establish a Center in Rochester and it was dedicated this past July.

Awards Night

The Twelfth Annual Scottish Rite Awards Night on October 2nd honored 26 Brothers from area Masonic Lodges. Brother Leon VanHuben was the Chairman and arranged a Program that was elegant, concise, and to the point. The featured speaker was Past Grand Master, M.:W.: and Ill.: Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active

and Deputy for New York. We were also honored to have present, Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Active for Area I. Thanks go to Ill.: Lawrence E. Hood, 33°, Master of Ceremonies; Brother Charles O. Hancock who presented a brief explanation of the Scottish Rite and its activities; Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr. who gave the Invocation and Benediction; the MSA's of the Valley who served as ushers and as the Honor Guard; the Damascus Temple Color Guard who posted the Colors and to Bill Kuchne our Organist.

Bring-A-Brother

Don't forget the Bring-A-Brother Night on November 7th at Eagle Vale Country Club. As usual, potential candidates, their sponsors and their ladies will be treated to a free meal. The Membership Committee and Ambassadors are working hard to bring in new members and they need the help of the rest of us. If you know a Brother you think would be an asset to our Valley bring him to the BBB Night or recommend him to your Lodge Ambassador.

Cancellation

The scheduled meeting for Thursday, November 6th, has been cancelled. The General Committee will meet on November 20th prior to the 12° Vig.

Shrine Ceremonial

The Damascus Temple Cold Sands Ceremonial will be conferred on Saturday evening, November 22nd after the completion of the Scottish Rite Degrees. Following the 32° there will be a Reception and Dinner in the Third Floor Dining Room, after which the Shrine Ceremonial will take place in Cathedral Hall.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brother Ron Mertens who has been elected to receive the 33° in Cincinnati next September. □

Symbolic Lodge Awards Night

On October 2, 1997, twenty-six Brothers were recognized by the Valley of Rochester for their contributions to their Symbolic Lodges. They are:

Canandaigua Lodge No. 294 - Vern Trickey
Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 - Michael Staub
Clio Lodge No. 779 - Raymond Burke
Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 - William D. Shelby
East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 - Richard E. Schmanke
Etolian Lodge No. 479 - Robert M. Spencer
Eunice Lodge No. 830 - Melvin Hussey
Fairport Lodge No. 476 - Dwight E. Turner
Fame Lodge No. 945 - Leon J. VanHuben
Flower City Lodge No. 910 - William V. Nardone
Garoga Lodge No. 300 - Ernest H. Day, Sr.
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Monroe Lodge No. 173 - Stephen M. Harris
Northfield Lodge No. 426 - John V. Williams
Nunda Station Lodge No. 682 - Donald Thompson
Oatka Lodge No. 759 - Gary Trescott
Palmyra Lodge No. 248 - Russell E. Wixson
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Sincerity Lodge No. 200 - Ramon Howard
Sodus Lodge No. 392 - James W. Gagnon
Towpath Lodge No. 163 - Theodore Z. Theodor
Triluminar Lodge No. 543 - William A. Swyers

Ronald D. Mertens Elected to Receive the Thirty-Third Degree

Brother Ronald D. Mertens was elected to receive the 33° at the Annual Supreme Council Meeting next year in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brother Mertens was raised in Genesee Falls Lodge No. 507 (now Towpath No. 163) in 1962 and served as Worshipful Master in 1971 and 1976. He served as Secretary and is currently the Treasurer. He was AGL of the 2nd Monroe District, Grand Steward and Junior Grand Warden of Grand Lodge of the State of New York in 1988-89. Brother Mertens has also served on several Grand Lodge Committees.

In the Valley of Rochester he was Most Wise Master in 1993-94 and is currently 1st Lt. Commander of Rochester Consistory. He has participated in many of the Degrees.

His other Masonic affiliations include membership in Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM; Doric Council No. 19, RSM; and Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, KT.

Honors he has received are: The Grand Lodge Johnson Medal, Medal of Distinguished Service of the Philaethes Society, DeMolay Legion of Honor and the York Rite Gold Honor Award. □

Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award Recipients



Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 - Bruce Mason
Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 - Theodore J. Snyder
Walworth Lodge No. 254 - Donald H. Morris
Webster Lodge No. 538 - Wesley J. Beard

Each recipient was presented a certificate and congratulated by M.:W.: and Ill.: Bruce W. Widger.

12° Vig.

Grand Master Architect
Thursday, November 20, 1997

This Degree teaches that the Mason, as he learns to use the tools and instruments of his trade and skill, also learns to contemplate the many aspects of life and deal with them as a child of God, steadily advancing to those heights of experience which we call perfection.

Directed by:

Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA
(458-6125)

Narrator:

Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA

Orator:

Larry E. Foster, 33° □

13° Vig.

Master of the Ninth Arch
This Degree teaches that difficulties and dangers, however great, should not deter the true and faithful Brother from progressing onward to perfection. It teaches the great truth that the finest things in life come only as the result of constant and often painful effort.

Directed by:

Donald A. Rose (458-9005)

Narrator:

Amos:

Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°

Jeroboam:

Cyrus Kloner

King Solomon:

Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA □

14°

Grand Elect Mason
Thursday, November 20, 1997
Following the 4°

In the Scottish Rite, this Degree is the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. As the crowning Degree of the Lodge of Perfection, its essence is the holiness of God and reverence for His Holy Name. God will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

Directed by:

Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°
(W475-5261, H461-1254)
and Thomas O'Leary
(288-7381)

Prologue:

Robert Franzen

Thrice Potent Master:

*Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°
or Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°

Deputy Master:

Robert Franzen

Senior Warden:

Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA

Junior Warden:

Jonathan H. Trost

Orator:

Robert E. Cameron

Captain of the Guard:

Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA

Inquisitor:

Philip Averbach

Moses:

Bernard F. Russell

Master of Ceremonies:

Lawrence K. Canfield

Guards

Mathew Gingold, 32° MSA

Peter S. Nichols

David W. Taber

John E. Zabel, 33°

*Will take part □

15°

Knight of the East
or Sword

Saturday, November 22, 1997
9:00 a.m.

This degree teaches the important lessons of loyalty to conviction and devotion to right.

Directed by:

Lawrence E. Hood, 33°
(396-9848)

Prologue:

Glenn A. Hedges, 32° MSA

Zemira, Master of Entrances:

Harold Bollotin

Cyrus, King of Persia:

Cyrus Kloner

Abazar, Master of Ceremonies:

Lawrence E. Hood, 33°

Ratim, Master of Dispatches:

Derek E. VanHouten

Nebuzaradan, Master of

Infantry:

Eldon N. White

Sysina, Master of Cavalry:

Douglas C. Spencer

Daniel, Master of the Palace:

Donald A. Rose

Zerubbabel:

John E. Zabel, 33°

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18°

Knight of Rose Croix
of H.R.D.M.

Following the 15°

The lessons taught in this Degree are that man must have a new Temple in his heart where God is worshipped in spirit and in truth and that he must have a new law of love which all men everywhere may understand and practice.

This degree affirms the broad principles of universality and tolerance.

Directed by:

Donald A. Rose (458-9005)

Ceremonial Section

Most Wise Master:

Philip A. Trautman

Senior Warden:

Donald P. Fox, 32° MSA

Prologue:

Dramatic Section

Most Wise Master:

John E. Zabel, 33°

Senior Warden:

Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°

Junior Warden:

Ronald L. Weber

Orator:

Joseph E. Bourcy III

Master of Ceremonies:

William R. Zufall

Knight Captain of the Guard:

Eldon N. White

Assisting Voice:

Donald A. Rose

* Will take part. □

22°

Prince of Libanus (or Lebanon)
(originally "Knight of the Royal Axe" - often referred to as "The Woodcutters Degree")

Instituted to record the memorable services rendered to Freemasonry by "The Mighty Cedars of Lebanon". The legend informs us that:

1. The Sidonians cut the cedars of Lebanon for Noah's ark.

2. Their descendants prepared the wood for the Ark of the Covenant.

3. Later descendants felled the cedars of Lebanon for Solomon's Temple and that centuries later materials for the Temple of Zerubbabel came from these forests.

Directed by:

Charles O. Hancock

(223-1850) and

Philip Trautman (394-6976)

Prologue:

Charles O. Hancock

Allegory

Master Workman:

Philip Trautman

Master of Ceremonies:

John D. Brugger

Workmen:

Walter L. Cone

George C. Francis

George T. Gannon

Claude E. Gramse

John F. Hunt

Bernard F. Russell

Robert W. Scherberger □

32°

Sublime Prince
of the Royal Secret

This degree describes the victory of the spiritual over the human in man and the conquest of appetites and passions by moral sense and reason. The Exemplar represents every Freemason eager to serve humanity but caught between self-interest and the call of duty. Duty often requires sacrifice, sometimes the supreme sacrifice.

Directed by:

Lawrence E. Hood, 33°

(396-9848)

Ronald D. Mertens

(482-0994)

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Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°

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Ronald D. Mertens

2nd Lt. Commander:

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Robert Franzen

Orator:

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Where to send

Send your contributions to the Volunteer Office, VA Medical Center, 400 Fort Hill Ave., Canandaigua, NY 14424. Please mark the full amount of the donation to the VA Medical Center Christmas Fund or half to the Executive Committee Fund and half to the VA Christmas Fund.

The Executive Committee Fund helps to defray the cost of purchasing the Volunteer Awards which are given to each recipient at the Award Dinner held each year in April or May. Please help us with a donation. Thank you for your help.

Budget hurts veterans' care

The following article, written by Dave Autry, was printed in the July/August issue of the "DAV" magazine and reprinted in the "American Legion" magazine. This article explains it in more detail than I have. I quote, "A five year plan approved by Congress to balance the Federal Budget calls for the deepest cuts ever in veterans' programs, while tens of billions of dollars have been earmarked for new and expanded federal programs. To pay for these increases and the \$85 billion in tax breaks, the budget plans cuts the President's original request for funding by an average of 2.3% over five years - more than twice as much as the 1% average cut in other Federal Programs.

Veterans want America to put her fiscal house in order, to be sure, but the balanced budget agreement unfairly burdens Veterans' Programs and would severely hamper the VA's ability to provide top quality health care to those men and women who bear the deepest wounds and scars of war", said National Adjutant Arthur H. Wilson.

The plan worked out between President Clinton and the lawmakers would cut VA discretionary funding by more than \$3.1 billion below current levels over the next five years, according to Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Aarlen Spector (R-PA). For fiscal year 1998 alone, funding for veterans' health care and other programs would be \$400 million below the fiscal year 1997 appropriation.

The projected cuts in VA appropriations deepen over the five year cycle, from \$273 million below the President's request in fiscal year 1998 to \$750 million less than asked for in fiscal year 2002.

In addition to cuts in appropriations, the budget reconciliation calls for "rounding down" the cost of living adjustment (COLA) for disability compensation, pensions, and survivors' benefits to the next lowest dollar amount for the next five years. Rounding down COLAs has proved useful in the past to help offset the cost of new benefits such as compensation for undiagnosed illness among Persian Gulf War Veterans, for example. That flexibility would be lost under the budget plan.

With House and Senate approval of the budget resolution, Congressional Committees have begun work on legislation to fund veterans' programs and implement changes mapped out in the balanced budget plan.

As this issue of "DAV" magazine went to press, Congressional leaders planned to complete work on VA appropriations legislation by early July.

"DAV members across the country have been urging their Senators and Representatives to fend off the drastic cuts called for in the budget blueprint," said Washington Headquarters Executive Director, David W. Gorman. "These cuts would mean hundreds of thousands of disabled and needy Veterans would be denied health care. Veterans' hospitals and clinics would have to eliminate medical and nursing staff positions and cut back on health care services."

To help make up for the cuts in appropriation, the budget proposes new legislation authorizing the VA to retain third-party reimbursements collected from veterans who have private insurance. That is similar to legislation proposed in President Clinton's budget request. (See the May/June "DAV" magazine.)

The major concern is that even if legislation is enacted allowing the VA to retain third-party payments, those collections might fall far short of what's needed.

"While the DAV supports allowing the VA to retain third-party reimbursements, the reality is that no one knows whether collecting those insurance payments will generate enough money to offset the anticipated shortfall," said Mr. Gorman. "This new funding stream should be used to enhance appropriated dollars, not be a substitute for appropriations."

Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Spector during debate on the budget resolution also noted his reservations about the plan. He called it "even worse than the President's initial proposal" to cut appropriations for the VA medical care and maintain that reduced level of appropriations for five years.

"Historically, the VA has needed an increase of almost \$500 million a year just to pay for employee pay raises and rising costs of medical supplies and equipment," noted Mr. Gorman. "The appropriation level in the budget agreement leaves the VA at least \$1 billion short of what it needs just to keep pace with inflation in fiscal year 1998. That gap will continue to get wider over the next five years," he said. "We did not risk our lives and health for America only to find that, in our day of need, the health care we have earned is threatened," Mr. Wilson said.

"I find it absolutely outrageous that the President and our elected Representatives would even consider funding new programs before they have lived up to this nation's sacred obligation to veterans. Congress has an obligation to provide sufficient federal funding each year to cover the cost of health care for our nation's sick and disabled veterans."

Since I wrote the last article, the 800 number which would reach our Congressmen and Representatives has been disconnected. Representative Louis Slaughter won't speak to us, she tells us to call Senator D'Amato. Isn't there anyone out there who will help the veterans???

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District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
27th Capitular District



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

Bicentennial, 1798 - 1998

The time for planning is about gone. The time of action is here. Does your Chapter Bicentennial Committee have a plan for presenting to the general public the story of Royal Arch Masonry?

It is one of the desires of the Grand Chapter that each Chapter display in a prominent public place, the history and involvement of RAM in the community

Hiram Chapter



No. 62



2nd &
4th

Thursdays

E. Thomas Paglia, High Priest
227-2048

Richard J. Oliver, Secretary
594-2380

875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

The Most Excellent Master Degree went very well. Seven Companions received the Degree. Four were from Hiram, one from Dansville and two from Livonia. One of the new Hiram Chapter candidates did not attend and he will receive that Degree later. All in all, the cast did a great Degree. I thank V.E. William Zufall as Director and all of his cast for the wonderful performance. I hope the new Companions received some valuable insight on Royal Arch Masonry.

Our next Degree, the Holy Royal Arch Degree, was on October 25th, at which time Orient Chapter joined Hiram Chapter, host for the weekend. I am sure all who participated enjoyed the weekend. For those who could not attend for one reason or other, I am sorry for you because you missed a great time.

over the past 200 years. This is only one facet of the Anniversary Celebration of our Royal Craft. Much more is to come. If there is no activity in this area in your Chapter; start some.

Annual Conclave

It is not too soon to be thinking about the Annual Conclave in Albany. It will be at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road again. This is the Bicentennial year and a great celebration is planned. The Thursday night Grand High Priest's Dinner will be open to all Companions and their ladies. As usual our Hospitality suite will be capably handled by Bob & Linda Zahn. So, get your reservation in early. A good time is guaranteed.

Scholarship Fund

The Western New York Scholarship Fund Dinner is set. This coming year's Dinner will be in a hall with a capacity of three hundred. It will also be on one level. The date is Saturday, April 25, 1998 at Ripa's Restaurant on Walden Avenue in Lancaster, New York. Mark down the date so that we can top the Central New York Companions this time.

PHP Meeting

The next PHP meeting will be at the Candle Light Restaurant in Batavia, January 28th. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.

In 1998 we will be going to Canada, but in 1999, our own R.E. Arnold Palmer will be Grand High Priest of the State of New York and our reunion with Orient Chapter will be in Rochester. This means we will have a double celebration that year!

200 Anniversary

In 1998 Royal Arch Masons in the state will be celebrating their 200th Anniversary. Hiram Chapter will take part and the officers of Hiram hope all will take an active role. The activities for that time will be formulated by the new High Priest of Hiram Chapter. If, and when, he does get everything in motion, let us all help him make it a success. The Grand High Priest will be checking all of the Chapters to see what they are doing. Our own DDGHP, R.E. Donald Brugger, is working very hard in getting things in motion for that celebration.

Dinner

The next dinner on November 13th is Swiss Steak with all of the trimmings. The social hour is 6:00 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 per person. At the last two dinners we had an average attendance of 31 Companions. There are two dinners remaining this year, so let's see if we can have an average of 40 Companions. Hope to see you there.

Care to attend? Call me at 227-2046. If there is no answer, leave your name and phone number on the answering machine. A reservation made is one a reservation paid.

Sorry about that. If you make a reservation and don't show, the cost will be charged back to either Hiram Chapter or myself, and neither one of us can readily afford it, simply because we do not have trees that grow money! If we did, we would be happy to invite the whole Chapter to dinner. What a grand one it would be to see 200 Companions and their ladies present! Who knows, if I hit the lottery then it will happen, but that has as much chance of happening as my becoming President of the United States!

Health

Companion Gerald Glaser is up and around after surgery, and doing as well as can be expected, but needs a cane for support.

Companion John Dudley's mother fell and was seriously hurt. She is 91 years young, and at last report she was in the hospital. She is a real fighter and I am sure she will be out soon.

R.E. Raymond Beardsley's wife is doing well after surgery.

E. Robert Pettit's wife, Belva, is doing well, but also needs support with a cane. Remember to call or send them a card.

High Priest Installation

The Installation of the new Hiram Chapter High Priest will be held Thursday, January 8, 1998, 7:30 p.m. in Cathedral Hall, 4th floor, Downtown Temple. This is open to all, so bring your family, friends and associates. There will be refreshments after the Installation.

Remember

This is your Chapter, without your assistance it will not go anywhere. Don't let a few do all of the work. Compare it to whom you work for, if you default your part, the company will falter.

Thanks for listening to your almost has been Hiram Chapter High Priest!

District Deputy Grand

High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District



R.E. Daniel N. Evans

Companions

Having finally returned from an enjoyable vacation in the Midwest, where I visited several Lodges and Chapters with my son, I found that those Lodges are having the same problems as we are in New York State. The attraction of younger members and how to maintain their interest in the Craft concerns us all.

Degrees

It is time again for us to check the Trestleboard and resume our

labors. The first item which appears is the Royal Arch Degrees. The Mark Master Degree will be conferred by Western Star Chapter No. 35. The Past Masters Degree will follow, given by Wyoming Chapter No. 181. These Degrees will be in the Batavia Temple at 7:30 p.m. on the 20th of November. The Most Excellent Masters Degree will be conferred by Arcade Chapter No. 322 at Triluminal Temple at 8:00 p.m. on the 8th of December. The Holy Royal Arch Degree will take place December 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Batavia Temple. The cast for the conferral of this Degree will consist of members from all five Chapters.

Fervency and Zeal

The second item on the Trestleboard is the planning of a Fervency and Zeal Program to be given at several Blue Lodges in the Genesee/Wyoming District. A group from Wyoming Chapter has already visited Constellation Lodge No. 404 on Sept. 18th to present this program. It was well received by the members.

Western Star Chapter No. 35 RAM

1st & 3rd Thursdays

V.E. Stephen A. Licht, HP
343-1517

Franklin P. Lund, Sec.
343-3630

200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

To plan for the future of the Chapter, discussions while at refreshment have provided solutions to our Officer line. Our Secretary, Meritorious Companion Lund announced that he would be resuming the lifestyle of the rich and retired during the Winter months and would recommend a more permanently rooted Companion to serve in that capacity. Companion Paul McCullough has stepped forth.

After serving two terms as High Priest, I would like to fill a different Chair. R.E. Jerry Brade has offered to step up to fill the station, AGAIN. This will allow time for our newer Companions to fill roles that will better prepare them for advancement in Royal Arch Masonry. Our work must be savored to be enjoyed, not rushed through in giant leaps.

Future

Long range plans MUST be entered into in earnest. What do we want the future to be for Royal Arch Masonry in our Chapter as well as in our District? If we sit back and wait, doing little or nothing, the answer is inescapable. The conferral of Degrees at present requires assistance from other Chapters. The required number of Companions to open Chapter is frequently arrived at with the assistance of Companions other than members. The expression "the handwriting is on the wall", seems to fit the situation.

Masonic Times

It is with some regret that I have considered this decision: currently we are subscribing to the *Masonic Times*, at an approxi-

mate cost of \$84.00. So that we may determine the usefulness of continued participation, I am asking every Companion of the Chapter who is currently reading this column and found it of interest, and would like to see it continued, to contact me by any means you choose and make your feelings known prior to the Annual Convocation in December. If a mere 25% of our members wish to continue, this will be considered as a very positive response.

Convocations

On November 6th, Chapter will open at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a final rehearsal of the Mark Master Degree. All participants are requested most strenuously to be present so we may be well prepared to confer the Degree. The possibility of additional petitions being presented has been mentioned. Refreshments to follow.

On November 20th, Chapter will open at 7:00 p.m. and we will confer the Mark Master Degree with R.E. David Barwell, DDGHP of the 31st District, as Right Worshipful Master. This will be the premier performance of Robert Strang as Senior Deacon, Paul McCullough as Junior Deacon, Dennis Turton as Junior Overseer, and Fred Bowman as Craftsman. New life has been infused into our Degree Cast. Admission is open to all Royal Arch Masons in good standing and the best seats are reserved for you.

Immediately following, Wyoming Chapter No. 181 will commence with the conferral of the Past Master Degree, under the direction of R.E. Ken Kohlhagen. Unique to Royal Arch Masonry in the United States and not conferred in Canada, this Degree will, in accordance with ancient regulations, prohibit a breach in your Masonic obligations. Refreshments will follow.

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



2nd Tue.
7:30 p.m.

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

You asked for it!

The deciding and favorable vote on adjusting convocations FROM the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays TO the 2nd Tuesday of each month was made last month. We expect our attendance to increase of course, and remember Companions, we only have November 11th and December 9th convocations before the Chapter year closes. Are each of these dates on your calendars?

Repairs made and occurring

E. Norm Rollo is on the mend after shoulder surgery the 2nd week of September. R.E. James Powell is also up and about since

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his hernia operation. He has in fact driven to Florida to attend to emergency family matters there and seems to have weathered the journey in fine fashion.

We now have our embattled and undaunted Secretary, E. Karl-Heinz, recovering from hip replacement surgery. He's not out of commission though, because he has his telephone, fax, E-mail and computer communications systems at home to keep him occupied and in touch with his Masonic world.

A Royal Arch welcome!

Our newest Companion is on the rolls of the Chapter. Thanks to Hiram Chapter Companions and their Fall Degree Programs, we were able to have Chapter membership consummated by Don Darrohn. Come and greet him at the November convocation.

District Apron Fund

We support the District Apron Fund (which helps offset the cost of Aprons for the DDGHP and AGL) through the purchase of candy bars. The candy is of excellent quality, by the way. I'm sure there are those family members who would be pleased with your thoughtfulness when you present your purchases to them. Contact me or R. E. Ruel Lovett to place your orders.

District activities

Masonic Seniors daytime bowling resumed in October at the Spencerport Lanes. You are welcome to join with your Brothers and Companions on any Tuesday at about 12:30 p.m. and show them your expertise on the lanes. Contact Ruel Lovett (494-2546) or John Specht (548-2694) to let them know of your interest. They'd like a good group to schedule into Spring Masonic Tournaments in the region or even the State. You can be home (even to Pike) by 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. We don't believe in late hours on the roads in Winter.

Check the date in the Western Star Chapter column to be certain, and plan to attend the Mark Master Degree there this month. It was tentatively scheduled for the 20th. Also, review the DDGHP column for general 29th District events in November. We should plan to be in attendance at District functions as one of the five Chapters stretching from Spencerport Southward to Pike. See you on the 11th!

Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92

4th Monday

Ill. Vernon G. Rupert
Master
343-8429
Ill. Ruel R. Lovett
Recorder
494-2546
West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14482

Congratulations

At the session of the Grand Council held in September, R. I. Stephen A. Licht was elected to the Office of Grand Steward. Our congratulations to Steve on being chosen for this. He has been very busy traveling while making several of his visits at the other end of the State.

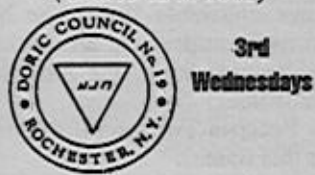
Worthy goal

Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council was again presented a Certificate for averaging contributions of better than \$5.00 per member to the Grand Council Charity Fund. Thanks to R. I. Layton Vogel

for all his efforts in again achieving this goal.

R. I. Douglas J. Swan, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, will honor us with a visit at the Assembly to be held on November 24th. We will also confer the Degree of Select Master on the candidates who received the Degree of Royal Master at our October assembly. It would be nice to have a good attendance that night to honor our visitor and welcome our new members.

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



Charles M. Roberts, Ill. Master
621-3796
L. Edward Walker, Recorder
647-2382
875 Main St. East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

My Companions, the Council has resumed its labors after a restful Summer. I thoroughly enjoyed receiving the Thrice Illustrious Degree at Grand Council this past September. I look forward to serving you as your Illustrious Master this year in the East. I ask for your support for the coming year and most importantly your attendance at meetings. Our September meeting was an organizational meeting concerning Council matters. Our Trestleboard is full and we have begun to implement it.

Official Visit

The Assembly meeting of October 15th was preceded by a Chicken Dinner in the 3rd Floor Dining Room at the Downtown Masonic Temple. The business of the evening was the Official Visit of the DDGM for the 8th Cryptic District, R. I. Douglas S. Poole. We congratulate him, one of our own, on his Appointment. He laid out before us the designs for the year of our Grand Master, M. I. John P. Nosal, Jr. Now my Companions it is up to us to assist our Grand Master in making his vision a reality throughout this great State. Remember, Teamwork and Commitment to Duty are watchwords for positive results. Therefore, a positive attitude plus a little work, equates to positive accomplishment.

November's assembly will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and is the scheduled Official Visit of R. I. Douglas J. Swan, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of the State of N.Y. My Companions, I hope many of you will be able to be at this Visit too, and extend a hearty welcome to R. I. Swan.

Our charitable work

Companions, we have been called to pick up our working tools and to complete our tasks. Doric Council's Charity Chairman, Companion Donald J. Brugger, will be notifying you shortly, asking for your financial support to the Charity Fund. I hope you can give generously. Let each of us together work to eradicate Parkinson's Disease.

I hope you are enjoying the Fall season and beauty which is upon us. Why not enjoy the fellowship of your fellow Companions. I look forward to seeing you at our next assembly! May the Blessings of Almighty God be upon each of you.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar State of New York

GRAND COMMANDER
Ronald S. Januszkewicz
GRAND RECORDER
Ronald J. Bertie
ZONE 11 Comdr.
Charles Roberts
621-3796

By SK Charles Roberts

Sir Knights, the Annual Conclave of September is over and a new Templar year has begun. The following were elected or appointed as our Grand Line Officers:

- Right Eminent Grand Commander - SK Ronald S. Januszkewicz
- Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander - SK Robert J. Cave
- Eminent Grand Generalissimo - David D. Goodwin
- Eminent Grand Captain General - SK Charles Mendell
- Eminent Grand Senior Warden - SK Kenneth Perry
- Eminent Grand Junior Warden - SK Eugene Ellis
- Right Eminent Grand Recorder - PGC, SK Ronald Bertie
- Right Eminent Grand Treasurer - PGC, SK Steven L. Wing
- Eminent Grand Standard Bearer - SK Paul Barrera, Jr.
- Eminent Grand Sword Bearer - SK George J. Knorr
- Eminent Grand Warden - SK Rev. Donald Markham
- Eminent Grand Sentinel - SK Robert Smith

General Order No. 1 Templar Plan, 1997-98 is available for any Sir Knight who would like one by requesting it from your local Commandery Recorder or from the Grand Recorder, Ronald Bertie. This year's theme is: "Work for the Future of Templary". Our Grand Commander in his General Order No. 1 makes commitments to us and asks us to support and be involved in working to build Templary in our great State. Our Grand Commander asks us, "Can He Count On Us?" Sir Knights of Zone 11, let us answer his question with a resounding and active Yes Sir!

The Grand Commandery has established a new Re-Zoning Committee for conducting a feasibility study to determine the benefits of relocating zone boundaries throughout the entire State of New York. Their report and recommendations will be presented at the 185th Annual Conclave. The Committee members are SK Ronald Edwards, PC of Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17; SK Eugene Ellis, Eminent Grand Senior Warden; and Chairperson, SK Rev. Charles Roberts, PC of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12 and Zone Commander of Zone 11. We, your servants, request your sincere prayers and advice for our work this coming year.

Zone news

Due to the fact there are no candidates for the Orders which were scheduled for November 8th at the Rochester Masonic Temple, I as Zone Commander, with the approval of the Zone Officers' Association cancelled them! The Zone Officers' Association and I have plans to reschedule them for Spring in Rochester. Sir Knights let us actively invite those who are not Templars to join us in the Spring, let us once again have a large Class.

School of Instruction

The School of Instruction for Zone 11 was held at Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12's conclave meeting on October 6th. After a delightful meal at a local restaurant with the School's Instructor, SK Charles Mendell and his Lady, Frances, Sir Knights of the Zone gathered at the Asylum to experience and learn about the Order of Red Cross. Though attendance was low this year, due to Masonic conflicts for many Sir Knights, those who were present enjoyed the work of the evening and SK Charles Mendell's presence. After the meeting we gathered in the dining hall to review a video that our Grand Captain General brought with him entitled, "Shadows of the Knights Templar". This tape was aired on the Historical Channel of Cable Television and was found to be quite fascinating by those who were able to stay to review it. I thought it shed some interesting tidbits of information about our ancestors in Templary.

Commanderies

I stand ready to assist you in perfecting the Opening and Closing Standard Work for your Commanderies. I extend my best wishes to the Commanders and Officers of Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17 and Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12 on their election and look forward to another productive year ahead for each Commandery respectively.

Let us get down to work, and build Templary for the 21st Century! May the Blessings of Almighty God be upon you all.

Batavia Commandery No. 34 Knights Templar

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SK Keith C. Denton,
Commander
SK Allen L. Capwell
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Officers to your posts!

We need all Officers of Batavia Commandery No. 34 to attend our conclaves. Our Annual Inspection will be here before we know it! As a minimum we must have all of our Officers in atten-

dance so we can properly prepare. Please make arrangements to be present and be prepared for our only conclave in November, the 13th.

Thanksgiving Dinner

On November 13th at 7:00 p.m. we will have our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Batavia Lodge. As always your families and friends are invited. We will have a very short Opening and Closing conclave immediately following. Later we will rejoin our families and discuss plans for the Christmas Toast.

Toast

Our Annual Christmas Toast will be on December 11th at 7:00 p.m. at Attica Lodge, 9 Main St., Attica. We had great success with this location last year and look forward to a record turnout this year! Be sure to invite all of your Blue Lodge and Royal Arch members. This is one of the most important times of the year for the Knight Templar and the more people we can include, the greater our joy will be.

Knights of the Road Table

Since we normally do not have dinners with the ladies in January or February, I am planning on a Knight Templar version of a Table Lodge for the 2nd conclave on January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Borrowing from King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, SK Norm Austin and I hope to create a unique version of this now familiar event. Please pass the word and plan to attend. All of the York Rite Bodies are welcome. Stay tuned for more details!

Upcoming events

The Grand Commander's Reception in Buffalo is on November 1st. An Honor Guard is needed.

Zone 12 School of Instruction at Lake Erie will be held on November 10th.

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Recorder 594-8033

A School of Instruction was held at our last conclave. I thank SK Charles Mendell, Eminent Grand Captain General, for presenting an interesting program.

Pilgrimage cancelled

The Fall Pilgrimage, scheduled for November 8th, has been cancelled.

Other conclaves

On November 3rd we will continue to work on our Full Form Opening. There will be a Pot Luck Dinner on the 17th and a tape of "A Tour of the Grand Lodge of England" will be shown.

It's not too early to invite a guest for our Christmas Toast on December 15th. This is a chance to show off our Commandery. □

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Ileen Amundson was curious to know what life was like in the prison camp. The class groaned a chorus of "ugh" when they learned that what the soldiers thought were black-eyed peas were actually bugs. Wendy Field asked if he tried to escape. Tunnels were being dug at the camp when he was moved to another camp. The British camp where he first was sent, was the one about which the movie "The Great Escape" was written. Kelly Wirpsa wanted to know how many P.O.W.s were in the camp. The last one had about 100,000, mostly Americans.

At the end of the war in Europe in May, 1945, Rohrbacher shared that the Commanders of the camp had orders from Hitler to kill all prisoners, but the guards at his camp refused to do so. In fact, they arrested the Commanders themselves. Jamaal Boyd asked if he was ever afraid. Rohrbacher shared that he was scared every time he took off in his plane. The students appreciated the candid expressions of fear, as well as, the sorrow Rohrbacher still feels every time he hears "Taps" played. After hearing the presentation, students agreed that the tragedies and triumphs of the turbulent war were more real than before. Such is the treasure of oral history. (Courtesy of the "Suburban News, May 19, 1997) □

Fantasy Float

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them to bed", as the famous nursery rhyme dictated.

The old woman in the nursery rhyme has so many children she didn't know what to do, but the Family of Freemasonry has an answer: "Treat them with love and care".

"That's what Masons strive for, and the float provides us with an opportunity to make the public more aware of the many ways in which we support and care for children. In addition to the Shriners' Hospitals and Burn Centers and the Masonic Homes for young people and the elderly, children are treated at no charge at the Scottish Rite Hospital and learning disorder clinics and the York Rite Hospitals and Foundation.

Further evidence of our concern for children is the Masonic support for public education and training programs to identify children-at-risk in public schools.

Masonry, the world's largest philanthropic organization, will be observing several anniversaries in 1998, including the 100th anniversary of the Masonic Homes of California, the 75th anniversary of the Shriners' Hospitals and the 125th anniversary of the Order of the Eastern Star. The Fraternity contributes nearly \$2 million a day for charitable support, with a large percentage directed towards children. (Courtesy Grand Lodge Masonic News Network) □

til December 31, 1997) and Rt. Wthy. Helen Forbes, Grand Representative of Indiana.

Dinner

A Swiss Steak Dinner sponsored by the Genesee/Wyoming District, OES, will be held at the Perry Masonic Temple on Sunday, November 2nd. The cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children 10 and under. Dinner will begin at 12:30 p.m. □

Order of the Eastern Star HiLights MONROE DISTRICT STATE OF NEW YORK DDGM Rt. Wthy. Mary Hall DGL Rt. Wthy. James Spencer

By Wthy. Barbara Spano

Something to be happy about: hillsides painted gold and crimson.

November "Hellos" from your District leaders.

As you read this article Grand Sessions will have come and gone. The new Grand Line will have been installed and all the reports given. The dinners, parties, shopping and the camaraderie is history. Friendships across the State have been renewed. The year is not ending, it is just beginning. Let us all give our support to our new officers, whether they be Grand Officers or Chapter Officers. They need us and we need them. Together we can keep Monroe District strong.

Reception

November 15th will be the Combined Reception for the new District Leaders. This is being held at Clio Lodge in Hilton and will start at 8:00 p.m. Please let Wthy. Mary Kast know if you plan to attend.

Holiday Party

On December 7th, the 1997 Line Officers will be hosting the District Holiday Party. The place has yet to be decided on, but, we will let you all know. The time is 3:00 p.m.-til. Everyone is being asked to bring their own table settings and a dish to pass that will serve at least 10 people. We will have table games there for your pleasure and family members are welcome to join us.

East/West Luncheon

November 1st will find the Matrons entertaining the Associate Matrons at Keenan's on Ridge Road for the East/West Luncheon. I am sure this will be a most enjoyable time. The Matrons do appreciate all the help we receive from our Associate Matrons.

Peaches Two-no information at this time.

Good ideas

Are you trying to think of a place to put your extra funds? Remember the Masonic Service Bureau, Camp DeMolay and the Scottish Rite Learning Center.

Mason in need?

We have a Mason in our midst who could use a pair of black dress shoes, or maybe what he really needs is a pair of glasses!!! Just funnin' with you!

Rt. Wthy. Mary

I would like to tell you a few things about our new District Deputy Grand Matron. Mary has been married for 8 years to Robert, between them they have 2 daughters and 1 son, and 5 grandchildren. Rt. Wthy. Mary has been a member of Stars since 1985, was Matron in 1993. She is currently Conductress of Leah Chapter. She is also a member of Hilton's Lioness Club, for which she has won Lioness of the Year for 2 years, 1995 and 1996. Mary is an avid camper and enjoys horseback riding and bowling. She is a member of the Methodist Church in Hilton and has been on the Worship Committee for 4 years. She is working very hard on plans for 1998 and is looking forward to her year. Her symbol will be the Cactus. Her colors are green (for the cactus), tan (for the sand of the desert) and red (for the sunset). Mary's motto is "Plant a Seed of Faith and Watch It Grow". Her project for the year will be the Center for Youth, whose main office is at 258 Alexander Street.

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
Sec. 594-4449
30 Orchard Street
Webster, New York

Webster Chapter is so happy to welcome two new members as of October 7th. Beth Hinkston and John Clapp, we wish you many good years in Eastern Star and enjoyment in our Fraternal life.

Award

The Monroe District Banquet holds special interest this year with the presentation of a Distinguished Service Award to Sister

Pauline Fuchs, who will be represented by Sister Hilda Horeth. Congratulations!

November events

Our Fall Card Party on November 10th, will again offer a delicious lunch of Chicken and Biscuits. Games and cards can be enjoyed from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with table prizes and door prizes. Tickets (\$5.00) may be reserved with Marion Neuert at 671-2457 or Ruth Beard at 524-3815.

The Craft Sale at Fairport Lodge will be November 15th with tables of goodies and interesting items for sale. It should be a real fun day for all those who love to shop.

Condolences

We were sorry to learn that Sister Lucille VanDeLinder passed away at the Episcopal Home. Our sympathies to her family.

Congratulations

Wthy. Ellen Angold is celebrating 64 years in the Order of the Eastern Star in her Canadian Chapter.

Enjoy this beautiful Fall with all the harvest of the countryside. □

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

Nola Chapter was honored to have M. Wthy. Constance Carter, Grand Matron and M. Wthy. Kenneth Irwin, Grand Patron, visit us on the occasion of Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi's Homecoming. We thank all the present and past Grand Officers, friends and members who also came. It will be an evening to remember for both Rt. Wthy. Judy and Nola Chapter.

Concerns

We send our love and best wishes to those members who can no longer attend our meetings. Some of them being Wthy. Zim Sage, Wthy. Jessie Johnson, Mary Shakeshaft, Wthy. Madeline and Brother Marvin Beattie and Bernie Riley.

Congratulations

Sister Kathleen Skelton has received the Distinguished Service Award from Grand Chapter. She has been a member of Nola for 55 years and has held an office every year. She has been on many committees and has been the Sunshine Chairman for many years. We thank Sister Kathleen for her loyalty to the Order and to her Chapter.

We are also proud of Rt. Wthy. Everett Vail who was elected Chief Comm. of Appeals at Grand Chapter. His mother and father, Past Grands from Nola, are Rt. Wthy. Lois and Rt. Wthy. Norman Vail. They would be proud, too.

Meetings

November 4th and 18th are regular meetings. The Committee for November is Billie and Ken Robinson, Michelle McCarthy, Jean Stewart and Betty Oakley.

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November 15th is the Fairport Bazaar. We will need crafts and baked goods.

December 5th and 6th and 12th and 13th we will again do a church dinner. We hope you can help at least one of those nights.

Happy Thanksgiving

"May God, who has given so much to us, give us one more thing, grateful hearts." □

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

By Wthy. Barbara Spano
 Without true friends, the world is but a wilderness.

Thanks to all who worked so hard for, and at, the Bazaar. It was, as usual, a great success. Mountains of gratitude to Rt. Wthy. Audrey Zufall and Sister Norma Gingold for the many hours that you put into making this such a great Bazaar.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Morgan Story as much as I did. My appreciation to my Dad, Rt. Wthy. Bill Zufall.

Applause!

Master Masons Night was a lot of fun. Thanks to Rt. Wthy. Barbara and Rt. Wthy. Ron for our delicious lunch after the meeting and a round of applause to Wthy. Linda Zahn for the Brown Bag Auction. It was a pleasure to welcome the Junior Warden of Towpath Lodge to our Master Mason celebration. I do hope he enjoyed the evening and that he will join us again sometime.

Congratulations

This year at the District Banquet there will be Distinguished Service Awards presented to Sisters for their dedication to their Chapter. I am happy to announce that Sister Georgianna Coates will be the recipient from our Chapter. Congratulations and thanks for all her endeavors over the years.

We have started our Candy Sale. If anyone is interested in ordering candy, please contact anyone from Chapter.

November

There will be Initiation on November 1st. Please remember, white gowns and gloves. We will be having a Tureen Supper that night, as "Miss Saigon" will be playing at the Auditorium.

On November 9th we will be going to St. Ann's Church on Mt. Hope Avenue to see the Agatha Christie play, "Towards Zero". This is being directed by our own Wthy. Evy Ann Heller. For more information contact Wthy. Evy Ann at 621-5737.

On November 17th the Past Matrons of Rochester Chapter will have their Holiday Party. Please let Wthy. Evy Ann know if you will be attending and she will let you know what to bring.

Best wishes

Chapter congratulations to Rt. Wthy. Ron Mertens for his

being elected to receive the 33rd in September of 1998, at the Annual Meeting of Supreme Council, AASR, Cincinnati, Ohio. Our best wishes to Ron.

Angel hugs to all the Sisters and Brothers who live out of town or who are not able to be with us. I hope you are all doing well.

The Finance Committee will meet at Rt. Wthy. Barbara Merten's on November 17th to set up the new Budget and to close the books. We will start at 7:30 p.m. Those interested may join the Line Officers and the Finance Committee.

To my Chapter friends, please accept my gratitude for the lovely send-off you gave me for Grand Sessions. The gifts were very nice and I will think of you all when I use them. Thank you, thank you.

Until next time, I wish you peace. □

Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay



Charlotte/Corinthian Temple
 4550 Lake Ave.
 1st & 3rd Fridays
Dave Gorall
 Master Councillor
 458-5255
Jeff Wood, Chapter Dad
 342-1947

Hello again, everyone. We apologize for the delay with our articles coming in. We have been extremely busy during the months of July, August and September. We plan to keep everyone informed on what's going on. Thank you for being patient.

In July we had our Annual Convention in Utica. Chapter

Dad Jeff Wood attended his first convention in New York and being an Advisor, we had to make sure that we gave him a good time. Friday night in Utica was filled with a lot of fun. They had a gladiator joust, sumo wrestling, and even a velcro wall. Senior DeMolay Jason Staub took on the new State Master Councillor, Matt Tyree, in the gladiator joust. Those State guys don't have anything on us.

Awards

I was elected to the position of Frontier Region Master Councillor. The Convention was also filled with a lot of awards for Rochester Chapter. I won the Past Master Councillor Meritorious Service Award, only two were given in the State, and the Representative DeMolay Award, only six were given in the State. The Chapter received the Frontier Region Chapter of the Year (COTY) Award. The one Award that we are extremely happy with is the Advisor of the Year Award. We wrote a letter to the Executive Officer, Dad Paul R. Chisholm, regarding our Chapter Dad, Jeff Wood. We thought that there was no one else in the State who really earned it, like Dad Wood did. He was a key part in turning around Rochester Chapter this past year. Got up on stage at the convention for the first time ever. I think we did a pretty good job last year. We look forward to being the best in the region and in the State.

Region event

In August and September we had a region event held at Camp DeMolay. Brother David Gorall and Chapter Dad, Jeff Wood, set everything up during the months before. However, Dad Wood was unable to make it and his wife, Joy, took control and filled his spot very nicely. She did an excellent job. Everyone had a great time with swimming, football,



Rochester Chapter Past Master Councillor, Jason Staub about to knock the State Master Councillor, Matt Tyree, off the pedestal.



State Master Councillor, Matt Tyree, down for the count. (Photos courtesy Mike Staub)

miniature golf, capture-the-flag, and the dance on Saturday night. We also visited Olean Chapter for a Dinner-dance down there.

October

On October 18th, we had the Past International Master Councillor, Ben Johnson, visit our Chapter. We also had a Halloween Dance October 31st at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. There was a \$25.00 prize for the best costume.

November

During November we plan to start a new era with Peter Dubois going in as Master Councillor on November 8th at 2:00 p.m. at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge, 4550 Lake Avenue, Rochester, NY. We have a lot of new faces and we plan to get a lot more. If you know of any young man between the ages of 12 and 21, give us a call: Dad Wood at 342-1947, David Gorall at 458-5255, or Peter Dubois at 637-3276. Please don't hesitate to call. □

Fidelity Triangle No. 4
2nd & 4th Saturdays

Erika Hansen
 Beloved Queen
 637-0811



By the time this issue lands on your doorstep, or ends up in your hands, we will have returned from our Bi-Annual Convention at the Villa Roma. Now, I don't have ESP so I can't tell you exactly what will happen. Hopefully, we will be able to boast about stellar performances in the talent, swap, apron, poster and essay competitions.

Condolences

The Triangle Girls extend their sympathies to the family of Joseph Dimino who passed away last month. Mr. Dimino was a Daddy for our Triangle in the 70's and 80's. His wife, Ramona, was a supervisor and his daughters, Eileen and Cathy, were both Triangle Girls. Just recently at our 70th Birthday Celebration, our Girls had the opportunity to meet him and we hope that being there brought a bit of joy to his heart.

Many thanks!

Thanks are in order for the Brethren of Northfield Lodge for inviting both the Triangle and DeMolay to serve their dinner on September 4th. We appreciate your inclusion of the youth in your activities. (Not to mention that the spaghetti was superb!)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Lynn Arthur, Past Beloved Queen, who recently received a Masonic Service Bureau Scholarship. This Fall she entered MCC as a Freshman and will be a starter for their basketball team. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations also go to Mrs. Wendy Burrows who will be installed as our new Junior Deputy in the weeks to come. It's a tough job, but someone's got to do it. On behalf of the Triangle Girls, I thank her predecessor, Mrs. Nancy Lynch, for taking the position about three years ago. You have brought love and enthusiasm to your interaction with us and we are grateful for all you have done.

Later, alligator

As always, if you know of any girl who would make a fine addition to our group, have her contact Mrs. Wendy Burrows, Junior Deputy, at 637-3276.

Well, my term as Beloved Queen is almost over. I know this is only my second article, but I hope what I wrote has made a lasting impression in the minds of those who read it. Perhaps it will nag you until you get involved. That's a good thing, keep it in mind as the next Beloved Queen assumes the position, as well as those who follow. Be sure to join us on November 8th as Melissa DuBois, Beloved Queen Elect, and her staff of officers are installed.

Words to live by...

"Coming together is a beginning,
 Staying together is progress,
 Working together is success."
Henry Ford

In Memoriam

September

Vermeulen, Cornelius
 Cornelius was a member of Fame Lodge, No. 945, and passed away September 18th at the age of 88. He is survived by his children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Goetzman, George I.
 Death claimed George, a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, on September 23rd. Survivors include his wife, Ruth, and many other family members.

Spicer, Arthur W.
 Arthur entered into eternal rest on September 26th. He was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 and leaves his wife, Norma, 4 children, 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

October

Japp, Roy S.
 Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine all lost a member with the passing of Roy on October 7th. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

Schlacter, Jack B.
 Jack died peacefully at his Florida home on October 7th. He was a member of Flower City Lodge No. 910 and is survived by his 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

Kellmanson, Charles L.
 A member of Flower City Lodge No. 910 and Rochester Consistory, Charles joined the Great Architect above on October 13th. He is survived by his wife, Hazel, children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Lazerson, Irving
 Flower City Lodge No. 910 lost their third member in six days with the death of Irving. He is survived by his son and other family members.

The following deaths were reported with no specific information.

Bollman, Raymond A.
 Raymond was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 when he passed away while living in Michigan.

Connelly, Wilbur S.
 A member of Damascus Temple Shrine, Wilbur died May 25th.

Morton, James H.
 Rochester Consistory lost a member with the death of James. □

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

- 1997
- Dec. 13 "Road to the East", Downtown Masonic Temple
 - Dec. 11 Batavia Commandery Christmas Toast
 - Dec. 15 Cyrene/Monroe Commandery Christmas Toast
- 1998
- Jan. 10 "Road to the East", Downtown Masonic Temple
 - Feb. 7 "Road to the East", Downtown Masonic Temple
 - Apr. 25 Widows Luncheon, Logan's Party House
 - Apr. 29 Annual Feast, Finger Lakes Chapter, Philalethes
 - Mar. 26 Monroe Masonic Grand Ball

Learning Center

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Early intervention for students with dyslexia is a key to academic success. Early diagnosis and remediation help students keep up with the normal pace of schoolwork and everyday academic demands. Intervention also builds positive self-esteem and helps prevent the negative feelings of frustration and failure. Children with learning disabilities can feel good about themselves and begin to build a positive future with the opportunity to reach his/her full potential. With early intervention parents can feel more confident that their child will be provided the opportunity to feel good about school and be successful academically.

Freemasonry, by providing this service free, hopes to help children who are challenged with dyslexia by serving their needs and offering enormous potential to benefit them, their families and their communities. All interested individuals are encouraged to call for information. Parents must call the office at (716) 442-7290 to request an application for possible placement of their child and for a telephone conference to discuss eligibility. The Center is operating on a part-time basis at present and the office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Program Speakers

- Vernon Goodrich**
"The Masonic Service Bureau"
"Financial Planning"
(h) 377-0367, (w) 473-4351
Sion (Ted) Honea III
Various Masonic Subjects
288-5513
- William Lindsay**
Various Masonic Topics
621-3573
- Dan Morgan**
"The Morgan Affair"
(h) 872-3616, (w) 461-8045
- Grant Romer**
"Solomon's Temple"
"Masonic aspects of the Great Pyramid"
(h) 242-0619, (w) 271-3361
- William Schencke**
"55 Alive Program"
254-0729
- William Zufall**
"The Morgan Affair"
271-0795

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Seneca No. 797	
Union Star	
Valley/Simes No. 109	10/14

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

Family Bar-B-Que

Members and their Families invited as guests of the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R.

Sunday November 9th

Shrine Mosque
979 Bay Road, Webster

Socializing begins at 1:00 p.m.
Meal served at 2:00 p.m.

Chicken, Hots, Potato & Macaroni Salads
Beverages

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9 Remember Our Veterans	10 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport - 2* Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Arcade OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	11 Arcade Batavia - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah Veteran's Day	12 Service Bureau Luncheon Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7:00 p.m. OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia Shrine - Legion	13 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Laila Rookh Caldron Shrine - Greeters	14 Shrine - Penn Yan	15 Shrine - Tribute C. Frear	
16 Breakfast at Warsaw Lodge 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	17 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germanla, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Clowns	18 Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton Germanla - Irondequoit Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster Shrine - Wheelers	19 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Grotto RSM - Doric Council Shrine - Directors Staff	20 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen-3* Northfield - Pittsford Webster A.A.S.R. - Reunion - Lodge of Perfection Degrees RAM - Western Star-MM & PM Degrees, Batavia - MM & PM Degrees OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.	21	22 A.A.S.R. - Reunion beginning at 8:30 a.m. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. Degrees 12:30 p.m. - until? Dinner by the Shrine Damascus Temple Shrine Degrees All above events at Downtown Temple Rochester	
23/30	24 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport - Table Lodge RAM - Arcade - LeRoy RSM - Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council - LeRoy OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	25 Arcade - BAF Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport OES - Leah	26 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia	27 Thanksgiving Day	28 Past Master's Supper Club	29	