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## Buffalo Area Mason Elected Grand Commander



At the 184th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York, Sir Knight Ronald S. Januszkiewicz was elected and installed to the highest post in New York, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

A Reception and Banquet will be held in his honor on November 1st at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott Hotel.

SK Januszkiewicz was raised a Master Mason in Charles W. Cushman Lodge No. 879 in 1966 and affiliated with Buffalo Lodge No. 846 in 1970. He served as Worshipful Master of Buffalo Lodge in 1981 and Charles W. Cushman Lodge in 1985, 1990 and 1994. He is a Life Member of the Past Masters Association of Erie County serving on the Board of Directors from 1990 to present.

He was High Priest of Buffalo Keystone Chapter No. 71 RAM in 1982 and served as Treasurer in 1983-'85; AGL 31st Capitular District in 1983; DDGHP in 1985 and '86; appointed a Custodian of the Work Grand Chapter, 1992 to present. SK Januszkiewicz was Illustrious Master of Hamburg Council No. 91 in 1993, appointed Chairman of the Leadership Training Program, 9th Cryptic District, 1995-'96.

SK Januszkiewicz was Commander of Lake Erie Commandery No. 20 in 1984-'85, General Trustee 1987 - present. He is an Honorary Member of Hugh dePayens Commandery No. 30, Past Grand Representative of MA

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and RI and was elected Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery of New York in 1987.

He is also a member of Sylvanus F. Nye Council No. 37, Allied Masonic Degrees Past Sovereign Master; Past Governor, Niagara Frontier York Rite College No. 77; Order of the Purple Cross; Sentinel, St. Mark's Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; Empire State Priority No. 48 KYCH and is the Past Sovereign Prince, Palamoni Council of Princes of Jerusalem in the Valley of Buffalo, A.A.S.R.

SK Ronald S. Januszkiewicz was born in Buffalo, NY where he received his formal education. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve and active duty during the Korean Conflict. After his honorable discharge from active duty, he gained employment in the power engineering field, was employed as the Power House Supervisor for Buffalo Color Corp. He retired on September 30, 1997.

SK Januszkiewicz and his wife, Rose Marie, have made their home in Cheektowaga for the past 32 years, have been married for 43 years and have four sons and two daughters and are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren.

## Dues are Due!

How many times have you heard that? Well, it's that time again when all the Lodge Secretaries are sending out those little reminders to the Brethren. With decreasing membership and less coming in, it is getting harder for Lodges to pay their bills. A Lodge which only realizes 50% of its projected income by midyear cannot survive long. Those who keep procrastinating about paying their dues will be up for suspension before they know it. That only makes catching up harder and puts the extra burden on the Lodge to pay Per Capita with no income to cover it.

### A way out

If you are up for suspension, you only have to come up with one year's dues to ward off the inevitable NPD suspension. So, play it smart, pay off one year and then work out a payment plan that will bring your obligation up to current status. Even dues of \$75 per year is only \$.20 a day! Let's get with it!

## Grand Master's Town Meeting to be Held at Rochester Downtown Temple



M. W. Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, will be ready to give you the answers to everything you wanted to know about Masonry, that you were brave enough to ask (9:00 a.m.). Come early (8:00 a.m.) to enjoy an eye opener (coffee) and submit your questions.

## Hear Ye ! Hear Ye !

Monroe Districts  
Wayne District  
Livingston District

## The Grand Master's Town Meeting

Saturday, October 25th  
Rochester Masonic Temple  
875 Main Street East  
Coffee and Sign In 8:00 AM  
Town Meeting 9:00 AM - 12:00

Have your pictures taken with the  
Grand Master

Dress Casual

## Damascus Tribute to Ill.: Charles R. Frear

November 15, 1997

At The Mosque

Cash Bar 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.  
Ladies and Guests Invited



Reservations a Must  
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Fruit Cup - Salad  
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Potato - Vegetable  
Dessert & Coffee  
\$15.00 per person

## Grand Lodge Has a Home for Your Mouse

Show your pride in Freemasonry at home or in your office through the use of a Masonic mouse pad! The Livingston Masonic Library is offering computer mouse pads ornamented with an eighteenth-century Masonic engraving. Originally published in London in 1754 as the frontispiece to "The Pocket Companion and History of Freemasons", this elegant illustration depicts King Solomon, Hiram Abiff, and Hiram, King of Tyre, at the legendary founding of the Fraternity. This art work is one of many important historic engravings in the collections of the Library. The image is reproduced in slate blue ink on a high quality white pad measuring 7 1/2" by 7 3/4" (Design on page 20).

Sale of these mouse pads supports the many programs of the Livingston Masonic Library, a state chartered non-profit center for the collection, study, and preservation of the Masonic heritage. The Library maintains collections of international importance, including items from seven continents and four centuries.

These pads make nice gifts for your favorite Masonic computer enthusiast and can also be used to generate interest in the Fraternity among your co-workers.

Pads are available for \$7.00 each. Include \$2.00 shipping and handling with each order. Within New York State, include the proper sales tax. Make your check payable to the Livingston Masonic Library, and mail it to: Livingston Masonic Library, Mouse Pads, 71 West 23rd St., New York, NY 10010-4171.

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# Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger  
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## Editor's Award

Some of you may ask, "just what does it take to get the Editor's Award?". Well that's simple. The basic requirements are those listed in last month's column. Namely; typed, double spaced, mixed case and identified. The other criteria are: well written with a minimum of editing needed. That means that the author has already proofed it. Sometimes these two are outweighed by content or literary style. In other words, interesting and easy to read.

The idea was to encourage good writing by recognizing examples of such. Yes, you can get it more than once and in the same issue. Nuff said!

## Charity Golf

Last year I plugged the Lakeside Foundation's "Last Round of Golf". I was only able to get two more over the 1996 total of four out for this event. This year Wakan/Hubbard Lodge is piggybacking on the event for their Annual Golf Tournament. Perhaps other Lodges would like to give us a little competition.

## Downtown Temple

Many people have been pleasantly surprised at the appearance of the back Dining Room on the Third Floor. It does look bright and shiny.

## Masonic Learning Center

The new resident at the Downtown Temple, "The Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Children's Learning Center, Inc.", is settling in. Mrs. Alice Rossi, Director, has arrived and the Center is open for business. If you are downtown stop in and take a look.

Mrs. Rossi, at present, will be the only instructor. She will be quite busy with students. Volunteers will be needed to man the phones and do Office work for the Center. See the ad on the front page of this issue for details.

## Deadline

I have been very accommodating with respect to the deadline, as you can see from the late dates listed in the "No Copy Received at Press Time" report card on the back page. I think it's important to get the Master's message out to the members and we do all we can to accomplish this. There is, however, a limit. Please get your copy in on the deadline (October 10th) or it may not be printed.

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### Direct gifts

The amount we will be receiving over the next 9 months from donor allocated funds of the United Way Campaign are down from last year. Only your direct gifts can overcome this shortage.

### Good year!

With the coming of Fall, we can look back on a very successful year at Camp DeMolay. It was used nearly every weekend and for a couple of full weeks, also. Every user has said how much they enjoyed the campsite and commended us on the substantial improvements, especially to Anderson Lodge.

### Thanks

The Service Bureau is very appreciative for all the help from the volunteers to keep the grounds and buildings in good condition. A special thanks to Larry Miller, who has put in hundreds of hours working at the Camp all Summer long. Bill Hook also deserves a special thanks for tirelessly managing the maintenance and repair of the Camp. While the tasks and functions of managing the Service Bureau are many, volunteers like Bill and Larry, have made my job easy.

### Loan repayments

Of the 14 organizations who received loan repayments from the TCC, 5 have already made donations of or committed funds to Camp DeMolay. They are: Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969; Lalla Rookh Grotto; Cyrene/Monroe Commandery; Valley of Rochester, AASR (the full amount of the repayment); and Monroe Chapter No. 57, OES.

## The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc. Loan Closet

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

Equip. Type	On loan
Bathtub equip.	69
Bed (Acces.)	3
Canes	100
Commodes	92
Crutches	205
Walkers	174
Wheelchairs	117
Miscellaneous	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>771</b>

"I have many flowers," he said, "but the children are the most beautiful flowers of all."  
(Oscar Wilde)

## MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin


I have been extremely busy this Spring and Summer with personal, business and Masonic affairs. After a few months of inactivity, a number of service opportunities arose as described in the last issue of the Times.

Mary Wright, my wife, Sylvia, and I represented the Masonic Service Bureau at the Webster Homerama.

### Al Sigi Walk-a-Thon

The manager of Special Events for the Al Sigi Center has requested us to provide volunteers of magicians and clowns for their Annual Walk-a-Thon. This event will take place on Sunday, November 2nd at Market Place Mall.

## Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



R. W. THOMAS M. PAGLIA  
REPRESENTATIVE & UPSTATE COORDINATOR

### VA Centers outlook

The Grand Lodge Veteran's Seminar in Tarrytown, NY, on September 5th-7th, saw Grand Lodge Veteran's Representatives from all over New York State attending a Seminar concerning the veterans who are in the VA Medical Centers in New York State. In attendance were: R. W. Moses Hyman, Chairman Veterans Services; R. W. Gus Strutz, Vice Chairman; R. W. Thomas Paglia, Upstate Veterans Coordinator; R. W. Charles Mendell, Past Commander General, Masonic War Veterans; R. W. Ray Alvarez, State Director, Masonic War Veterans; Curtis Horne, VA Chief Volunteer Services, Bronx, NY; Judge Raymond LaScala, 1st Lt. Commander, Masonic War Veterans, and 23 other Representatives and Deputies from 15 different VA Medical Centers in NY State.

Each Representative gave a summary of what is happening in their locations. The outlook for the VA Medical Centers is not very healthy. As I explained in the September issue of the *Masonic Times*, the VAMC's are becoming out patient clinics only. The downsizing is happening at a very fast pace. Each Representative forecasted a gloomy outlook for the care of veterans. The main theme was, "A promise made is a promise not kept". The veterans are getting the short end of the stick.

### Care

In the future, if any veteran will need care on an in and out basis, it will be on a Means Basis. This means that he will be paying according to what he can afford. A large group of veterans will feel this pinch, especially those who are on a fixed income and it will create financial hardships. The government is shifting the medical care burden to the veterans and their families.

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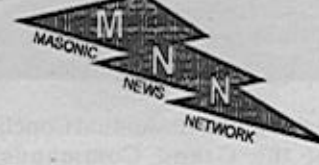
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If you get hurt on a job where you work, you can collect compensation depending on your disability, even 100%. Go off to war to "protect your country", and you get the run-around. Something is really wrong, when people from other countries living here, who are not citizens, can get free medical and social care, but the veterans who have earned the right to medical care are left behind.

In the 1995 application form for medical benefits it states, "if your household income exceeds the established threshold, you will be considered "discretionary".


Such veterans must pay a co-payment if they are determined to be a "discretionary" veteran. I looked up the word "discretionary" in the dictionary, and it reads, "the freedom to make decisions". Is this a freedom to make a choice when you have to pay for something you earned and have a right to?

**Help**  
We need your help in keeping the VA Medical Centers open. There are 2 Senators and all Congressmen you can call at this number, 1-800-962-3524. The battle cry is "remember the veterans". Won't you do your part? What we need is Honorable Frank Horton back in Congress. He worked hard for the veterans.

**Shriners**  
Children of Vietnam veterans who suffer from spina bifida will benefit from a new partnership between the V.A. and the Shriners Hospital for Children. Recent law authorizes the VA to care for children whose spina bifida may have been caused by a parent's exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. Under agreement, signed March 28th, the Shriners, at no charge to the children or the VA, will care for children under 18 identified by the agency.

**Your Legal Rights FYI**

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.



There have been recent tax law changes which will benefit many of us.

**Sale of home**

For sales of a principal home prior to May 7, 1997, the old rules apply. Basically, a homeowner is entitled to a one time capital gains exclusion of up to \$125,000. This exemption could only be claimed once in a lifetime, and only if the homeowner was 55 years old at the time of the sale. If these conditions cannot be met upon the sale of a home, then the proceeds have to be rolled over into another home within two years.

For sales of a principal home after August 5, 1997, home-owners will now be entitled to exclude up to \$500,000 from taxation on the sale of their principal home. This \$500,000 is allowable if the homeowner claims joint filing status on their tax return. For any other tax filing status, a gain of up to \$250,000 may be excluded. This exclusion cannot be used more often than every two years. The age limitation has been discontinued.

**Estate taxes**

Under current Federal Tax Law, upon your death you can leave up to \$600,000 free of federal estate and gift tax to another person other than your spouse. Property passing to a spouse is not subject to this tax.

For the estates of those dying after 1997, this exemption amount will be modified upward as follows: 1998-\$625,000; 1999-\$650,000; 2000-\$675,000; 2002-\$700,000; 2004-\$850,000; 2005-\$950,000 and 2006-\$1,000,000.

Beginning in 1998, the annual exclusion from gift tax will be indexed for inflation. This will permit individuals to give ever increasing amounts to others, without having to reduce their lifetime estate tax exemption.

**Deductibility of student loan interest**

Beginning in tax year 1998, student loan interest will be deductible from income tax. This deduction; will only be allowed for interest accruing on a loan in its first 60 months (5 years) of payments. For example, if you started paying your student loan back in February, 1994, then the last payment that would qualify for a deduction would be January, 1999.

The deduction for 1998 is limited to \$1,000, increasing \$500 per year until it reaches its maximum of \$2,500 in 2001 and beyond.

**Financial Planning Solutions**

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

[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].

Probably almost every investor thinks he or she is an expert on Stock Market timing.

Investing is a mind game, and every Market investor plays the game in accordance with his or her own emotional state.

According to Mark Dern, of Dern Capital Management Corporation, for some people, money represents security. For others, it is a means of keeping score. There are investors who like the excitement of taking risks, while others dread the smallest dip in the value of their account.

He believes that the secret to successful investing is to look for meaningful trend changes, and doing this requires knowledge of the Market, time and effort. It is very easy to tell that the Stock Market has returned an average ten percent annually, but when the Market declines by larger amounts, many investors want out, fearing that they will lose their money.

Research has shown that most stocks follow the Market's direction, so timing, properly applied, can give the investor some reasonable parameters to make buy or sell decisions.

Mr. Dern offers four tips to successful investing using a Market timing approach.

1. Do not let greed keep you in the Market or fear keep you out.
2. Do not let your emotions rule the decision making.
3. Do not make your moves based solely upon stories in the media.
4. Avoid timing the Market without first reading published information on technical and fundamental analysis and Market timing and thoroughly testing your system.



R.W. Harold Bollotin and R.W. Kenneth Pollard, DDGM Cayuga/Tompkins & Masonic Float, Memorial Day Parade, Bath.

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By V.W. John E. Zabel

**The Masters and Wardens**

It was just after Labor Day when George received an interesting letter in the mail. The letter was from a Past Master he knew from another Lodge in the District. It was an invitation to an organizational meeting of the new Junior Wardens of the Lodges in the District. The letter also mentioned the Masters and Wardens Association. Now George had heard mention of this group, but didn't know much about it. George was curious and was free the evening of the meeting, so he planned to attend.

George arrived at the meeting. Looking around, he did not see many familiar faces. George noted to himself, "I have to visit more Lodges." He found a seat and sat down. He introduced himself to the Brother next to him. "Hi, I'm George."

The Brother answered, "I'm Harry."

They talked for a while until another Brother stood up.

"Welcome Brethren," said Dan. "I'm Dan Fielding, Past Master of Hiram Lodge. I've been asked to help you, the new Junior Wardens, organize yourselves into a group. Two years from now,

if all goes well, you will be installed as Worshipful Master of your Lodge. At that time you will be considered a leader of the Craft. It is my job to assist your formation of a group and help you work with each other over the next three years. You are all now members of the Masters and Wardens Association and will be the group running the organization during your year as Master."

"Why do we need to form a group and what are we to do?" asked one of the Junior Wardens.

"There are several reasons," replied Dan. "First, the Association as a whole assists the District Deputy and Grand Lodge Officers in the District to carry out the Grand Master's Programs. Second, as a group you can share ideas on how to improve your individual Lodges, develop programs, and build new friendships within the Craft. Another benefit is to make your trip to Grand Lodge, at the end of your term as Master, a most enjoyable adventure. As we go along, I will supply guidance and help when needed."

"The first order of business is to nominate and elect officers. Let's start with Treasurer. Are there any nominations?" asked Dan.

A Treasurer and then a Secretary were nominated and elected. Then nominations opened for Vice-President. Suddenly Henry's hand went up. "I nominate George." After a pause, and no other nominations, George found himself elected Vice-President.

Not to be outdone, George said, "I nominate Henry as President." Henry gave George an "I'm not sure I like this look, but graciously took the position of President."

In the last issue I again briefly mentioned the drastic changes that are occurring because of the Federal Budget downsizing at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center. The same is true for the VAMC's at Bath and Batavia.

In this respect, I refer you to the complete and detailed report written by Tom Paglia in the last issue, for the full story and consequences.



Donald Strait, Grand Lodge Rep. from Bath, NY, Tom Paglia & Harold Bollotin. Sylvia Bollotin and Cora Paglia (seated).



R.W. Tom Paglia-Grand Lodge Coordinator, Western Region, R.W. Harold Hagar- DDGM Steuben District, R.W. Harold Bollotin-GR of GL Israel. (All pictures courtesy Harold Bollotin)



Robert Wilcox-DAW Post #17, Victor Ford-Comm. Post #45, Alice Ford & Kadeen Karem, New York State Director, M.W.V.

The remainder of the evening consisted of Dan explaining some of the functions of the Masters and Wardens Association, when it met, and some of the duties of the newly elected officers.

During refreshments, George started to get to know Dan and Henry better. George felt good on his way home. He knew that his involvement in the Masters and Wardens Association and the Junior Warden's group would be fun.

**What's happening?**

We regret the passing of our Vice-President, W. Marcel Goldenberg. We extend our sympathy to his family and to the members of Fairport Lodge. Marcel was truly an interesting Mason and friend.

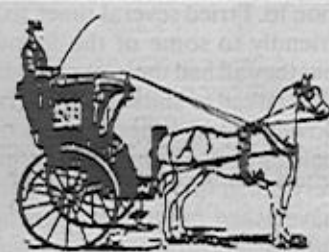
The Bureau of Masonic Education is beginning to study its role in the Masonic Community of the Monroe Districts. In this vein, the Bureau will be contacting all of the Lodges in the Monroe Districts to send a representative to a meeting of the Bureau. The purpose of the meeting will be defining the role of the Bureau and the make-up of the Board of Directors. The time and place of the meeting has not yet been set, but each Lodge will receive timely notification.

Don't forget the Grand Master's Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 25th in Cathedral Hall in the Downtown Masonic Temple. The activities start at 8:00 a.m. with sign-in and refreshments. The Town Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. and will end by noon. There will be an opportunity for every attendee to have his picture taken with the Grand Master. See the Master of your Lodge for more details.

**Future Ward visits**

The reduction of the Center's staff and the declining patient population has resulted in the reduction of activities that the volunteers can provide. Consequently, our future ward visits are in doubt. For the time being, however, our next visit is scheduled for Sunday, October 9th.

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## District Deputy Grand Master

Genesee/Wyoming  
District



R.-W. Robert F. Dagen

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I am very enthused to see many events being planned for the upcoming months (i.e., Degree work, award presentations and recognitions, Brother-Bring-a-Friend Nights, community events, etc.). This is truly indicative of the verbal plans of this past Spring expressed by the incoming and now installed officers of the Lodges throughout the District. I am sure there will be other events planned which I am not aware of. Copies of "Coming Events" will be distributed at each Lodge during my visits. Keep abreast of these events, I think you will be pleasantly rewarded.

I am asking each of you to assure that those who we are preparing to introduce into Masonry and those who were recently brought into our Lodges, are getting what they 'paid for', and expect from us. I think this can be summed up very nicely in the following article.

### I'm the guy

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

I'm the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid attention to. I tried several times to be friendly to some of the fellows, but they all had their own buddies they talked to and sat next to. I sat down several times, but no one paid any attention to me. I hoped very much that somebody would have asked me to take part in a fundraising project or something, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't be there. No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to the others whether I was there or not. The next meeting I decided to stay home and watch TV. The following meeting I attended, no one asked me where I was when the last meeting was held.

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

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

It amuses me not to think that they spent so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. All they needed to do was make me feel needed, wanted and welcome! *Author Unknown*

This article was included in the "Mentoring Program" put out by Grand Lodge. Think about it, my Brethren, I trust that if this is

a prevailing condition within your Lodge, steps are underway to correct the same.

### Message

I want to recognize and thank those of you who came to your respective Lodge Official Visit to hear the Grand Master's Message. For those who may have been unable to attend your Lodge Visit, you may still attend and hear the Message at one of the remaining visits as follows:

October 1-Attica Lodge No. 462-Attica

October 2-Hesperus Lodge No. 837-Bergen

October 2-AGL Visit-Constellation Lodge No. 404-Perry

October 6-AGL Visit-West Star Lodge No. 413-Varysburg

October 7-Warsaw Lodge No. 549-Warsaw

October 7-AGL Visit-Oakland Lodge No. 379-Castile

October 8-Triluminar Lodge No. 543-Pike

October 11-Pumpkin Judging Contest-West Star Lodge No. 413-Varysburg

October 13-Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263-Java Village

October 13-Official Visit to the 29th Capitular District-Arcade Chapter, Pike

October 14-AGL Visit-Batavia Lodge No. 475-Batavia

October 14-Longevity Awards-Arcade Lodge No. 419

October 15-AGL Visit-Olive Branch Lodge No. 39-LeRoy

October 16-Constellation Lodge No. 404-Perry

October 21-AGL Visit-Warsaw Lodge No. 549-Warsaw

October 22-Brother-Bring-a-Friend Night-Triluminar Lodge No. 543 @ 7:30 p.m.

October 25-Grand Master's Town Meeting-Rochester

October 28-Batavia Lodge No. 475-Batavia

October 28-AGL Visit-Arcade Lodge No. 419-Arcade

### Selection Committee

Special emphasis is underway to find those special individuals who will carry on the work of Grand Lodge here in the Genesee/Wyoming District and throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, the Selection Committee is anxiously looking for a candidate for the 'new' District Deputy and Staff Officer. Main requirements for these offices are that you be a Past Master and willing to serve the Grand Master and support his endeavors. If you qualify, make sure you step forward and make yourself known to your Brethren.

One final personal note, I have mentioned on numerous occasions the use of the Internet. I recognize that not all have access to this medium, but for those who do, please check into the Grand Lodge Web Page at: (<http://www.nymasons.org>), or you may e-mail me at ([rdagen@eznet.net](mailto:rdagen@eznet.net)). I usually check my mail daily and will respond immediately to any and all queries or suggestions you may have.

May God Bless you all. □

## BROTHERHOOD

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## MINIMUM

## Grand Sword Bearer

Genesee/Wyoming District



R.-W. Richard C. Anderson

Brethren, it has been a pleasure to visit your Lodge while accompanying the DDGM on his Official Visits. We appreciate the welcome that we received while bringing you the Grand Master's Message and wishes.

### Grand Master's Message

We have rekindled the spark of life of many Lodges through education and commitment. Their actions have assisted in getting a better understanding of our Fraternity. Your commitment to duty is necessary to promote and implement the programs and projects of Grand Lodge.

### Masters and Wardens

I am asking for your help and participation in assisting with the educational programs, such as "The Road to the East" and the "LDC Course". Membership Development and Retention are issues that require your utmost attention.

Scheduling a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night in your Lodge may bring the attention and needed involvement to help these issues. Public Awareness is another important aspect that needs your commitment. Child ID Programs in our District have done much to give our Fraternity much needed exposure.

### Coming events

The District Fish Fry will be held on October 10th.

The Official Visit, of the DDGHP of the 29th Capitular District, Arcade Chapter No. 322 in Pike is on October 13th.

A Brother Bring-a-Friend Night will be held at Triluminar Lodge in Pike on October 22nd.

October 25th is the date of the Grand Master's Town Meeting in Rochester.

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

## PI & A



Drug and  
Alcohol  
Abuse  
Prevention  
Chairman

W.- Robert D. Mix 798-0335



### Brethren

According to President Bush's drug czar, William Bennett, in a study done from 1985 to 1992, cocaine use was down 78%. Well, guess what? In 1997 cocaine use is up again.

### Shocking statistics

Recent studies show that 56% of school kids, 8th grade and above, know someone who is

hooked on hard drugs. When we talk about kids on drugs we are no longer talking about marijuana. Cocaine and heroin are the favorites. Marijuana is a small stepping stone.

A recent survey shows that more kids are abusing drugs and alcohol at an earlier age than ever before. Drug use and abuse are up. Everyone knows about it but no one is doing anything about it.

Kids are drinking at an earlier age. Most 11 year olds say they have been drunk at least once just to try it. Drinkers usually advance to drugs. Marijuana users are 85% more likely to go on to cocaine.

### What is being done?

We keep hearing and reading about drug busts, about dealers being arrested. We hear about the drugs and money that is confiscated. Where does this money go? Why isn't it being used to fight drug abuse?

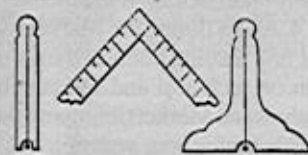
We talk about stopping drug and alcohol abuse, but what is really being done? We put one dealer out of business and another immediately takes his place. What have we gained? Nothing!

As long as people want drugs there will be someone out there to supply them. As long as there are kids who want to drink alcohol, there will be someone to get it for them.

### Working together

We have to work on our kids. We have to come up with something of interest for them that will make them not want drugs and alcohol.

Let's get together and see what we can come up with. I'm available for programs and open to suggestions. □



## Masters & Wardens Association

GENESEE-WYOMING  
DISTRICT  
President  
W.- Dennis M. Turton, Sr.  
591-1179  
Secretary/Treasurer  
R.- W.- Richard C. Anderson  
493-2203

### Election of Officers

Summer is gone and it's time to get back to the Trestleboard. I thank everyone for re-electing me as President of this Association. This took place at our Annual Picnic on August 28th at Warsaw Village Park. Also elected were: W.- William Swyers, Vice President, and R.- W.- Richard Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer. If you missed it, you missed a great time.

### Degree Assistance Team

I thank all the principal officers and other interested Brothers for completing and returning the Degree Assistance Team forms. This is quickly becoming a prime concern for this organization. We are the source for all Lodges in the District to turn to for help with their Degree work. Any Master or Warden who has not

completed this form, please contact me. Of course, any and all interested Brothers can submit a form and get involved with promoting the Craft in this District. Thank you all for your interest. □

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



W.- David  
Beardsley,  
Master  
493-2426

1st and 3rd  
Tuesdays  
(Jan/Feb/Mar:  
1st Tues only)

W.- Richard L. Smith, Secretary

493-5408

134 SOUTH MAIN ST.  
CASTILE, N.Y. 14427

### Greetings Brothers

As Fall approaches it brings us to the start of a busy and exciting year at Oakland Lodge. Your new officers are:

Master	W.- Henry Robinson
SW	W.- David Beardsley
JW	W.- Tom Scott
Treasurer	Fred Hance
Secretary	W.- Richard Smith
Chaplain	Layton Vogel
SD	Ken Smith
JD	Dan Hamilton
SMC	Jeff Marcy
JMC	Bruce Carpenter
Marshal	W.- Robin Bowles
Tiler	Ray Wood

### Goals

My slogan for the new year is: "Renewing Our Lodge". We presently have three Entered Apprentices who will take their 2nd Degree on November 4th. My goal for the year is to at least double our number of candidates. October 7th will be the Official Visit by our new AGL. Be sure to attend. You won't want to miss out on his direction, much help will be needed in preparing for Degree work.

### Join us

October 21st will be an open meeting honoring our Past Masters. We will also have a guest speaker, a stockbroker from Buffalo. Bring your ladies and join us for a fun evening. There will be refreshments following, so eat a light dinner.

### Brotherhood Fund

Our Brotherhood Fund Chairman for the year is W.- D.J. Beardsley. Be sure to donate as liberally as you can to this worthwhile cause.

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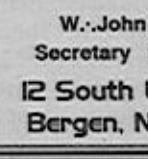
When you look at the Grand Lodge Masonic Calendar, notice how many of our beautiful Temples were erected around the turn of the Century. The work was not done by one, or a few. It was accomplished by a very strong following of Brothers. There is tremendous strength in numbers. Much success can be achieved if we all work together. Mark your calendars and join us for an exciting and prosperous year. God Bless. □

**HESPERUS**  
**Lodge No. 837**



W.: Joseph M. Chimino, Master  
(716) 494-2422

**1st and 3rd Thursday**



W.: John Specht, Secretary  
548-2694

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

It sure was good to see my Brothers back in Lodge again, after a very enjoyable Summer recess. Now I look forward to the challenges that I will encounter in the ensuing year, for I know in the end, I will become a better man and Mason. May the Blessing of God be with you all.

**Sickness and distress**

We are thankful Hesperus has been blessed with good health among our Brothers.

**Official Visit**

On October 2nd, R.:W.: Robert F. Dagen, DDGM, will make his Official Visit to Hesperus Lodge. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. by the OES. For dinner reservations, please contact R.:W.: Robert Seils at 494-1723. Prior to dinner all members of Hesperus are invited to meet at the Gillam Grant Community Center on West Bergen Road with the District Deputy for pictures and Re-Dedication of the Grant Gillam Memorial. Hope to see you there!

**Child ID date confirmed**

The Hesperus Child ID Program will take place over two days, due to the number of children scheduled to participate. The dates for the photo shoot are Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 23 respectively, at the Bergen Fire Hall on Hunter Street.

**2nd Degree**

Hesperus conferred a 2nd Degree on September 18th, preceded by a delicious dinner served by the OES. Thanks to all the Brothers and officers for a job well done. The 3rd Degree will be conferred October 16th with W.: Joseph Chimino in the East. Please make reservations to R.:W.: Robert Seils at 494-1723.

**20-20 Party**

On November 8th, Hesperus will hold its annual 20-20 Party at the Bergen Fire Hall. Tickets are now available from W.: John Cooper at 494-1559. This is Hesperus' largest fundraiser of the year. Show your support. This party is always a good time for all.

**Future events**

The following significant events will take place on the dates listed:

Thursday, October 2-DDGM Official Visit; dinner at 6:30 p.m.


by OES. Reservations to R.:W.: Bob Seils at 494-1723. Formal attire.

Friday, October 10-District Fish Fry, Attica Lodge No. 462, Attica.

Thursday, October 16-3rd Degree; dinner at 6:30 p.m. by OES. Reservations to R.:W.: Bob Seils.

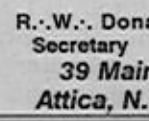
Saturday, October 25-Grand Master's Town Meeting in the Downtown Masonic Temple in Rochester. □

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



W.: Robert Strang, Master  
(718) 591-2888

**1st and 3rd Wednesday  
(Jan-Feb-Mar 3rd Wed Only)**



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

By R.:W.: Donald N. VanSon, Sec.

**The Dog Days of Summer**

The Dog Days of Summer have been here and gone. I was having so much fun, I forgot all about writing an article for the *Masonic Times* for the September issue. I apologize for that, my Brothers, and it won't happen again unless I start having fun again!

**Congratulations**

I am honored to report that our Master, W.: Robert W. Strang, Jr., was appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer (AGL) of the Genesee/Wyoming Masonic District for the ensuing year. His first Visit is on October 2nd at Perry Lodge and his last Visit of the Fall is at Attica Lodge on November 19th. I know Bob would appreciate members of our Lodge to join him on these Visits and especially his Homecoming on November 19th. Bob is a very good ritualist and will prove that when he makes all 12 Visits this Fall.

R.:W.: Jerry Brade, our new Jr. Warden, was recently honored with the Order of the Purple Cross. Jerry is a member of Western Star Chapter No. 35. The OPC was presented by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in Denver, Colorado in July of this year. Bob and Jerry are a credit to Attica Lodge and Masonry.

**Appointed Officers**

In the June issue of the *Masonic Times* I reported the elected officers for 1997-98 and promised that I would report the appointed officers in the Fall issue. They are as follows: Jr. Deacon-Bruce Anderson; Sr. Deacon-Charles Lapp; Jr. Master of Ceremonies-Frank Rechlin; Sr. Master of Ceremonies-W.: Robert Haynes; Jr. Steward-Robert Kelsey; Sr. Steward-W.: Dan Kelsey; Marshal-R.:W.: Don Wagner and Tiler-W.: Selden T. Williams.

The above officers are dedicated to your Lodge and will do a good job. They need your help. Will you give it when called upon?

**Lodge dues**

In a very few weeks I will be sending out the Lodge Dues Notices for 1998. As in the past, we appreciate your early response. There are six members who are one year and some are two years

in arrears on their dues. Please make an extra effort to pay these soon.

**Condolences**

On behalf of all the Brethren of Attica Lodge, our deepest sympathy is extended to R.:W.: Norm Godfrey and his brother, W.: Louis Godfrey, on the passing of their sister in September.

**Coming events**

October 1st will be the DDGM's Official Visit to Attica Lodge.

On October 21st, Thorpe Chapter, OES will sponsor a Master Masons Night at 8:00 p.m. It is an open meeting, so bring your friends, neighbors and relatives. The entertainment will be a birthday party for all and a fun Pie Auction.

Starting soon-our monthly Pancake Breakfast.

**Brotherhood Fund**


By W.: Dennis M. Turton, Sr., Lodge Chairman

Brethren, I'd like to give you the final report of the 1996-97 "Challenge for Charity" Campaign. Statewide, there was \$1,014,466.10 raised from 20,563 contributors. Genesee/Wyoming District raised \$3,705.50 from 222 members at 21.5 percent contributing.

Most importantly, Attica Lodge raised \$668.00, most dollars raised in the District! We had 31 contributors, third in the District, for a membership percentage of 34.6%, third best for Genesee/Wyoming District.

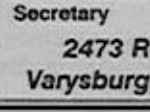
I am extremely pleased with these figures. At the start of the year, I set our goal to beat last year's numbers, never expecting to shatter them! Thanks to the Worshipful Master, I was again appointed Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund Committee for this year. Again, I'll set my goal to beat last year's numbers. You've shown me that you can do it. I hope we can do it again. Thank you for contributing. □

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



W.: William Geltner, Master  
535-7874

**1st & 3rd Mondays**



R.:W.: Kenneth E. Kohlhagen, Secretary  
591-9598

**2473 Route 20A  
Varysburg, N.Y. 14167**

**Dear Brethren**

Summer is over and it's time to get back to work. The next thing on the calendar is the Pumpkin Growing Contest on October 11th in the Vince Almeter Memorial Park. It would be nice to have a good turnout to support the kids in town. Half of the proceeds will go to the Park.

**Thanks**

I thank everyone who helped with the Roast Pork Dinner, Chicken Bar-B-Que and the Family Picnic. All three events were successful.


**Scholarships**

The Gordon M. Brown Memorial Scholarship winners were Sarah Kelly of Varysburg, Kristin Shumaker of Warsaw, and Aimee Strathearn of Wyoming. Good luck to them in college.

**October**

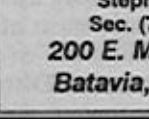
Our next meeting is October 6th. See you then and we will plan events for the coming year. □

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



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

**2nd & 4th Tuesdays**




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



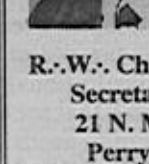
W.: Stephen Licht - Sec., with R.:W.: Vernon Rupert and R.:W.: Jerry Brade, presenting 40 yr. Service Award to Bro. Frank Childs.

**CONSTELLATION**  
**Lodge No. 404**



W.: Paul Stickley, Master  
(716) 237-3442

**1st & 3rd Thursdays**



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

**Volunteers needed**

An application has been received and acted upon favorably. At the next meeting on October 2nd a date for the 1st Degree will be set and participants identified. The Trestleboard will be updated weekly to keep everyone up-to-date on progress in the Degree work. Check it on the Temple bulletin board before each meeting.

**Open Lodge**

Ladies of the OES, as well as ladies of members of Constellation Lodge, are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, October 2nd at 8:00 p.m. This will provide an opportunity for them to see us in action. Cake and ice cream will be served afterwards.

**Renovations needed**

The water damaged dining room wall has been replastered and painted. That problem was caused by precipitation from the roof draining into breaks in the roofing. The dampness in the basement needs to be eliminated, but no simple solution is at hand. Basically, the Temple sits low in its geographical position and ground water drains down to the basement from the higher elevations. The evidence for this is the wetness of the ground all along the sidewalk on the block. Even in a dry spell the ground above the upper driveway is damp.

**Sadness revisited**

The Brothers offer their condolences to Brother Frederick



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By Stephen Licht, Secretary  
Brother Frank Childs of Batavia Lodge No. 475, recently relocated from Florida to the Masonic Home in Utica. In August he was presented a 40 Year Pin by officers of the Lodge. Our Brother was awaiting the arrival of his luggage, which was detained during the recent UPS strike.

Brother Frank is an avid amateur radio operator, enjoying talking to the world with Morse Code, as well as voice, and has already started setting up his station at Wiley Hall. At age 84 he says, "I have to have my toys." □

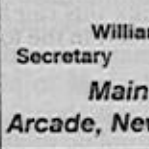
Yaughzy on the recent death of his wife, Charlotte. □

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



W.: Craig Reitmeier, Master  
(716) 496-5326

**2nd & 4th Tuesdays**



William Erick, Secretary  
492-4426

**Main Street  
Arcade, New York 14009**

The program for the October 14th meeting will be a 50 Year Recognition for Brothers Fay Howlett and William Erick. This will be an open meeting so bring your friends. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations for dinner are required; contact me, the Secretary or call 492-1813. We will be recording this on a video tape to be sent to Brother Clifton Jones who resides in California. Try to be there.

October 28 will be the Official Visit of our AGL, V.:W.: Robert Strang. Plan on attending to lend your support.

**Dates to remember**

We will be conferring the 2nd Degree on November 11, and our second meeting that month will be Bring-a-Brother Night. This will provide you an opportunity to bring a non-Mason to show him some of the history and meaning of Freemasonry.

**Can you help**

As an extra curricular activity and fundraiser we will be selling hot dogs at Curriers Train Station. We are also looking into obtaining a prospective candidate for Camp Turk and will be visiting the Veteran's Hospital in Canandaigua. Call me or Dave if you can help. □

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## District Deputy Grand Masters

Monroe Districts



**R.W. Cyrus Kloner**  
1st Monroe  
436-8216



**R.W. David W. Jones**  
2nd Monroe  
(H) 647-9896 (W) 454-3290

By R.W. Cyrus Kloner

The Fall Masonic season is now upon us and all of the planning and preparation of the 1997 Masters will be put to the test. In preparing the Senior Wardens for their task, the Grand Lodge Officers of the Monroe Districts put on the "Road to the East". This Program gives them insight into the programs, materials and personnel available, how to plan a well balanced Trestleboard, Masonic protocol, public relations, etc. While the Master of your Lodge has accepted the unknown challenges of tomorrow and received the baton of leadership knowing full well their serious import and awesome responsibility, it is incumbent upon each

and every Mason to aid, support and assist him and the officers of their Lodge to make it vital, active and interesting. The least we can do as Masons is to attend the meetings and functions of our Lodge.

One of the important thrusts of the "Road to the East" Program is that each prospective Master is given an overview of his Masonic Community in the Monroes. Although most of the officers and members of the Lodges in the Monroe Districts have an affinity toward and an interest in their own Lodge, we must endeavor to inculcate in them that they are all members of a larger entity, the Masonic community of the Monroes. There are activities and/or functions on the District level too numerous to list, but there are a few for which we strongly encourage your attendance and support. They are as follows:

A. The Grand Master's Town Meeting to be held on October 25, 1997 at the Downtown Masonic Temple, 875 Main Street East at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will give you the opportunity to have any questions regarding Masonry answered.

B. The Masonic Grand Ball to be held on March 28, 1998, at the Rochester Convention Center.

C. The Widows Luncheon to be held on April 25, 1998, at Logan's Party House.

Remember, the most important member of this Fraternity is **YOU** and, therefore, we recommend and urge that you become visible/active and attend these activities and those of your Lodge. As we all know, Freemasonry is one of the oldest and most renowned institutions in the world. To maintain that pre-eminence the Fraternity needs your individual leadership, talent, skill, ability, your creative ideas and positive exertions. Never forget that our success will thrive in direct proportion to our effort.

Although the following has been utilized before, I feel its message is worth reiterating.

### Do You Just Belong?

Are you an active member  
The kind that would be missed?

Or are you just contented  
that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings  
and mingle with the crowd?  
Or do you stay at home  
and crab both long and loud?

Do you take an active part  
To help the work along?  
Or are you satisfied to be  
the kind to "just belong"?

Do you ever go to visit  
A member who is sick?  
Or leave the work for just a few  
and talk about the clique?

There is quite a program sched-  
uled  
That means success, if done  
And it can be accomplished  
With the help of everyone.

So attend the meetings regularly  
And help with hand and heart.  
Don't be just a member  
But take an active part.

Think this over, Brother,  
Are we right or wrong?  
Are you and active member???  
Or...do you "just belong"?

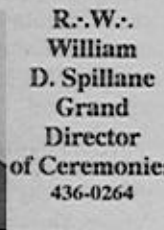
## Grand Lodge Staff Officers

of the  
Monroes

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



**R.W. William  
D. Spillane**  
Grand  
Director  
of Ceremonies  
436-0264



By R.W. William D. Spillane

Our Official Visits to all the Lodges have begun. Unlike last year, I plan to make all of the Visits, and then some. (Barring any fallen rocks!). Gene and I plan to talk about the Shepherding Program, Membership Retention and "The Road to the East".

### Shepherding Program

The Shepherding Program is aimed at educating a new Brother by assigning a knowledgeable Brother to act as his mentor, educator, and companion for one year. This will help in creating an active, educated and working Brother.

The main focus is to teach the new Brother the basics of Masonry, and allow him to be comfortable with open Lodge procedures. It also helps by providing him with someone whom he can relate to and turn to for the answers to any questions he may have.

There are four phases to the Shepherding Program:

Phase I is formal training with the candidate, the shepherd and the Educating Team.

Phase II is a meeting to be held as a part of a Lodge program or as a Shepherd and Brother Program.

Phase III provides for continuing Masonic education as part of a Lodge communication.

Phase IV may be used as a brief educational segment for every Lodge communication.

In the Monroes, many of us know the Shepherding Program is already in use in some form. We, as Staff Officers, will be in

touch to ascertain the degree of success we are having. For any Lodge not using the Program, we are available to provide assistance in its implementation.

### Education

In general education, and Masonic education in particular, is not to be feared, but to be revered. The principles of our Craft must be understood in order to be fully appreciated and it is through the education process that the Brethren will thrive and grow in spirit and in numbers.

### Membership Retention

The primary objective of the Membership Retention Umbrella is to provide your Lodge with tools which will assist you in retaining members as active Masons. We feel that by increasing each Brother's Masonic education, bringing brotherly love to all Brothers, and by providing interesting programs, we will be able to keep our members from becoming inactive.

The committees contained within this Umbrella are:

1. Masonic Education
2. Leadership Services
3. NPD and Demit Reduction Task Force
4. Sick and Shut-in Visitation
5. Widows Program

We would like to see all the Lodges give out Recognition Awards or Awards for Years of Service. These could take the form of "Mason of the Year", "Most Improved Ritualist", or some similar Award.

### Future dates

Dates for this year's "Road to the East" Program are: December 13th, January 10th and February 7th. These are all Saturdays. Each class will be 3-4 hours long and will start at 8:00 a.m. sharp. We ask that the Junior and Senior Wardens attend.

Gene and I will be talking more about these programs in the coming weeks. In the mean time, take care and we'll see you in Lodge.

## ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS



**R.W. D. Scott Seltzer**  
2nd Monroe  
District

**V.W. John  
Zabel**  
1st Monroe  
District



By V.W. John E. Zabel  
The Grand Lecturer's  
Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention was held on Thursday, September 18th at the Damascus Temple in Webster. Scott and I thank all the attendees and all the Brethren who volunteered to exemplify the work. We hope that everyone learned at least one thing about the Ritual. We congratulate all the Lodges that qualified for the Howard Potts Award.

### The Ritual

The Empire State Mason prints a column by the Grand Lecturer where questions are asked by the Brethren on Ritualistic matters and answers given. I hope that you read this column.

I have noticed during Degree conferrals and at other times that

the Standard Work and Lectures of Ancient Craft Masonry (the code book) is open in some Lodges. This book is strictly an aid to the memory and should never be present in Open Lodge or used as a prompting aid at any time. I realize that some Brethren feel the need to have the book close at hand. If you feel the need for a prompter, call on a knowledgeable member of your Lodge to prompt. If a prompter cannot be found in your Lodge, call either Scott or me. We will be more than happy to prompt, given some notice.

Our Ritual is rich in symbolism and meaning. The Ritual should be presented such that the candidate, and all the Brethren present, can begin to understand the teachings of the Symbols and Allegory. How do you do this? First, learn the words. Second, study the words to discover their meaning for you. Then take the words, your understanding of them, and use your voice to convey both words and meaning to the listener. Sound familiar. "The attentive ear receives the sound of the instructive tongue." Lastly, you will only become proficient in Ritual work through practice.

I have placed much emphasis on Ritual. This is not to say that Ritual is the most important part of the Craft. There are many other equally important parts, but the Ritual is the foundation. Our Ritual is unique and is one of the reasons I find Freemasonry so interesting and exciting.

## Editor's Award for Non-Lodge Articles

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

## Masters and Wardens

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1st & 2nd  
MONROE DISTRICTS

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By W.: Bob McBride

Our next meeting will be at Fame Temple in Irondequoit on October 25th. Masters are reminded to make reservations for their respective Lodges no later than October 20th by contacting JW Pat Mulrooney at 670-0178.

### Deadlines

I may be speaking out of turn, but publication deadlines require me to write the October article before our September meeting. I expect that we will have a report from a committee recommending that we accept or reject a proposed amendment to our By-Laws requiring the Junior and Senior Wardens to run a fundraiser each year (JWs in the Fall and SWs in the Spring). A preliminary report will be given by our "Have-a-Heart" Chairperson.

### Unity

In keeping with our theme of "Unity", the programs for the October and November meetings will be "The Concordant Bodies and Blue Lodge" and "Prince Hall Masonry". Dates are still being confirmed with our speakers for these topics and the actual dates

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and speakers will be announced and included in the minutes for September.

**Grand Ball**

Planning for the Grand Ball continues apace. Depending upon the results of voting at the October meeting, tickets may be \$35.00 with a discount of \$5.00 for tickets purchased before January 1st. Lodges and individuals are encouraged to order and pay for tickets as soon as possible.

Our deposits for the Convention Center and entertainment, together with our commitments to the Boy Scouts and Camp Turk, leave us in what is at best a precarious financial situation. There was a time in the not too distant past when all officers attended the Grand Ball. We are trying to encourage that sense of commitment by discounting tickets purchased early with the expectation that our officers and spouses will provide us with the core of the guaranteed attendees we need to make this year's event a true celebration of Masonry by the entire County.

**Silent Auction**

W.: Mike Batz of Valley/Simes Lodge is coordinating the Silent Auction fundraiser for the Ball. He requests that anyone who wishes to donate articles, tickets, hotel accommodations, trips, etc. contact him at 889-3071. We will publish a monthly update of items to be auctioned and donors (unless anonymity is requested), starting in December and continuing until the Grand Ball on March 18th.

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

**Suspensions**

As the end of the year approaches, Lodges in the Monroe Districts will be faced with Brothers being dropped for nonpayment of dues. First of all, I sincerely believe that NPDs can be avoided in most situations by using the tools of membership retention such as the "24 Inch Gauge", the "LSOME" book and tape and the "Shepherding Manual" beginning when the Brother turns his petition in to the Lodge and through the Brother's Masonic life. The relationship of a Brother with his Lodge should be ongoing from the start and the key to that relationship is communication.

**Be compassionate**

Unfortunately, we sometimes fail in this relationship. We find ourselves dropping Brothers from our membership without trying to get them back or finding out why they are dropping so we can avoid repeating our errors. We send what I call "nasty grams" to our possible NPDs which are nothing but a short and nasty paragraph saying that a member will be dropped from membership if dues are not paid by a certain date. An excellent example of poor and negative communication.

What we should be doing is sending a concerned letter to these members asking why they have not paid their dues, is there a financial problem, are they ill, are they dissatisfied with something, do they have any suggestions for improvement. A week or so after this letter is mailed,

personal contact should be made. Make a phone call, regardless of where the Brother lives, and personally talk to him.

We may not get them all back, but it will astound you as to what you may learn about our communication methods. A Brother, in most cases, will not call and tell you he has a financial problem and is not aware that dues can be remitted. He may not call and say that he or someone in his family have been ill. You must make the contact to find out why he is dropping.

**Support needed**

It is the Master's job to prevent membership loss. However, he needs your support to accomplish this task. Every Lodge should have a Membership Retention Team. Part of this Team's responsibility is to help the Master and the Lodge halt membership loss by communicating (there is that word again) to possible NPDs to find out why they are dropping and if it can be avoided.

**Samples available**

I have a sample letter that can be sent to your possible NPDs. I have been passing out this sample to your Masters and Wardens at every opportunity. If your Lodge wants this letter or needs any other assistance, all you have to do is call. You will find my number and others who will help in the Hot Line section on page 2 of this paper.

I will be seeing you on the line. ☐

**2nd Monroe District**

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

**First night**

Lodge was well attended for our sojourners. Brother Art Loomis of Towpath Lodge walked the farthest to Lodge and was rewarded with a cigar (which he declined) for his efforts. Hon. Brother Donald F. Tubman would have walked the farthest, but because of his honorary status with the Lodge, and for health considerations, he declined his prize. Father Tubman hails from St. Andrew's Lodge No. 39, Riverside, Rhode Island. Both Brothers have lived within the shadow of the Lodge for years.

**Cigar production**

All in attendance agreed that the program following the meeting was excellent. John Sacva, of Cash Premium Cigars, gave an interesting and informative program on cigar production, procurement, and pure enjoyment. John not only provided samples, but he dispelled many of the myths associated with cigars for the Brethren. John runs his company from Scottsville and keeps hours by appointment. Call him at 889-3345.

**DeWitt Clinton Award**

On September 24th, Jay and Jackie Coates of the Scottsville Ambulance Corps, affiliated with

the Scottsville Fire Department and Henrietta's Medic 51, were to be honored and awarded for their selfless efforts and dedicated service to the Wheatland-Henrietta-Chili-Rush area. This husband and wife team not only hold down full time careers, but have both put in over 20 years of dedicated service and countless hours of training and as trainers.

I thank Billy Robinson of Oatka Chapter and her Sisters for the dinner and reception which followed the Coate's Award Ceremony.

**What's different?**

I hate the past tense, but by the time you've read this, the old chimney will have been removed and modified on our Lodge roof. I thank all who helped.

**Looking ahead**

Additional maintenance is planned.

Our 1st Degree is planned for October 8th, with a dinner in advance. W.: Kevin Fisher will be in the East, and hopefully, you will be on the sidelines! A short business meeting before the Degree is needed to discuss some By-Law changes.

Our DDGM, R.:W.: David Jones, is making his Official Visit on October 22nd. Please make an effort to attend and hear his message. A dinner is being planned. "As I dare to be different"....this will be a short evening. Call Gary Trescott at 889-5434 or me at 889-4725 for dinner reservations for both events. We look forward to seeing all of you in October.

**Please tell us**

We would like to hear from those Brothers who have not attended Lodge as to what we can do to make you comfortable and allow you to attend. We have discussed changing the day we meet and the frequency.

**Sign of the times**

I thank the Maintenance Committee (translate W.: Terry Wright) for the sign over the Master's chair. Come to Lodge and see if I got the message. ☐

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

Our first meeting and dinner went well with 21 Brothers in attendance. R.:W.: David Jones delivered the Grand Master's Message; R.:W.: William Spillane talked about the Road to the East Program and R.:W.: Joe Privitera gave some good advice for Member Retention.

**Congratulations!**

R.:W.: Everett Vail and W.: Hank Aradine received their 40 and 50 Year Recognition Awards, respectively. Congratulations, Brothers!

W.: Hank Aradine received his Award, then surprised Churchville Lodge with a gift of a candle lantern that he hand-crafted. The lantern will be on display in the Lodge room, so check it out, Brothers.

**1st Degree**

Our 1st Degree will be held at our October 8th meeting. We

hope to have four candidates, and as many of our Churchville Brothers as possible, to welcome them into the Craft. Remember, Brothers, how important these Degrees are. I look forward to seeing you there. Dinner is at 6:00

p.m., following our social time. For reservations, call George Pfleger at 426-0603.

Don't forget our social time starts at 5:00 p.m. every meeting. The pool table will be back together and ready to try out! ☐



W.: Henry Aradine receiving his 50Yr. Service Award from R.:W.: David Jones DDGM and W.: George Burke-Master.



R.:W.: Earl Steffen presenting 40 Year Service Award to R.:W.: Everett Vail with the assistance of R.:W.: Bill Spillane-GDC, R.:W.: David Jones-DDGM and W.: George Burke-Master.

**NORTHFIELD Lodge No. 426**  
 Instituted March 1857  
 1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:30 P.M.  
 W.: Randall S. Griswold, Master  
 787-3357  
 R.:W.: D. Scott Seltzer, Secretary  
 247-0334  
 17 Church Street  
 Pittsford, N.Y. 14534

**Off and running**

Our first meeting was held on September 4th for the purpose of presenting Service Awards, as well as, a few to show our gratitude to some individuals for their dedication to Northfield and the Craft.

The evening began with a delicious Spaghetti Dinner prepared by JW Jim Weick. It was served up in fine fashion by the girls of Fidelity Triangle No. 4 and the boys of Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay. The event was well attended with over 30 members and guests, including R.:W.: David W. Jones, DDGM, 2nd

Monroe District. His appearance really made the evening special. After dinner we went upstairs for the Awards Ceremony. R.:W.: Dave and I had the pleasure of presenting to W.: Herbert Hirsch, W.: Robert Ledson, and R.:W.: Robert Zahn, their 25 Year Pins and Certificates. Brother Walter Weick, DSA, and W.: Paul Vangellow received their 40 Year Awards and the 50 Year Honorees are W.: George Bradshaw and W.: L. Russell VanDeGriff.

The night was made even more special when W.: George Lusk

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came to the East to receive his Pin and Certificate for 65 years of service to Northfield Lodge. W. George was very honored to accept his Award and even choked back a few tears while expressing his gratitude. Everyone applauded and followed it up with Grand Honors. Thank you, George, for coming out that night and for serving the Craft for so many years.

**Personal Awards**

We also gave out some Personal Awards made up by the officers which included the "Most devoted couple for the future of Northfield". R. W. Bob and Mrs. Linda Zahn won this Award hands down. "Ritualist of the Year" went to W. Don Smith and "Most Supportive Past Master of the Year" is, of course, R. W. Jack Thibaut.

Another new Award was invented for those people who are always there in the background doing things and aren't always recognized for what they do. We have a plaque with about a dozen spaces for names. This year's "Mason of the Year" Award was given to Brother Albert Miller. Hearty congratulations to Brother Al and to all the other recipients of the evening.

Pictures were taken of everyone receiving Awards and everyone enjoyed the refreshments and fellowship afterward. A very special thanks to W. Dan Walker for taking the pictures.

**Scottish Rite Awards Night**

On October 2nd, the night of the Scottish Rite Awards, we'll be opening Lodge at 6:30 p.m. We will promptly go from labor to refreshment, carpool downtown for the Ceremony, then return to Northfield for a brief business meeting and closing.

**Garage Sale**

On October 11th will have our Garage Sale at the Lodge. This will be a one day event and we ask that you donate any usable goods that are in working condition. We regret that no articles of clothing will be accepted for sale. Set-up will be on Friday evening. If you have any large items or require assistance in transporting items to the Lodge, please contact Brother Jim Weick at 425-7563 or me at 787-3357 one week prior to the event.

**1st Degree**

Our 1st Degree will be on October 16th. We have candidates and SW Bill Fraser will be in the East. We'll open at 6:00 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the Degree will commence at 7:30 p.m. sharp. To make a reservation, please contact Brother Jim Weick. Speaking of Brother Bill Fraser, we wish him well on his recovery. He has been ill lately, but is feeling better.

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R. W. Bill Spillane and Brother Jim Weick with W. George Lusk-65 Yr Service Award, Brother Walter Weick-D.S.A. and W. Don Smith "Ritualist of the Year". (All photos courtesy Dan Walker)



W. Randy Griswold and R. W. David Jones presenting Service Awards to W. Russell Van DeGriff-50 Yrs., W. George Bradshaw-50 Yrs. and W. Paul Vangellow-40 Yrs.



W. Randy Griswold and R. W. David Jones presenting 25 Year Service Awards to R. W. Bob Zahn, W. Bob Ledsome and W. Herb Hirsch.



W. Griswold and R. W. Jones with Northfield's "Couple of the Year", Bob and Linda Zahn.

**Town Meeting**

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, October 25th at the Grand Master's Town Meeting. It will be at the Downtown Masonic Temple. Coffee and sign-in is at 8:00 a.m. There will be refreshments and M. W. Earle J. Hino, Jr. will be answering questions you have about Masonry.

**Brotherhood Fund**

This year's Brotherhood Fund Chairman is Brother Pierre Dube. Letters will be going out soon. We are looking for at least 55% participation. With your help, it will be no problem. It is not so much the amount of the donation, but the support of our Brothers that counts.

**Reaching me**

If you are unable to reach me at home, my pager no. is 936-2562. After the message and tone, enter in your phone number (from a touch-tone phone only) and hang up. I'll get back to you ASAP.

In closing, I leave you with this thought. If we all brought in just one new member, we could double our membership. Just one!!! Take care and we'll see you in Lodge. □

**FAME**

**Lodge No. 945**

**CHARTERED 1917**

W. Glen S. Campbell, Master  
865-5395  
2nd & 4th  
Tuesdays  
7:30 P.M.



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

**Thank you**

Over the Summer we learned that Culver Chapter will no longer provide the dinners before our meetings. Over the years Culver Chapter prepared and served some of the finest meals that any Lodge could have hoped for. All the members of Fame Lodge say thank you to the ladies of Culver Chapter.

**Space available for rent**

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

**Mark your calendars**

The 2nd Degree will be conferred on October 28th and the 3rd Degree on November 25th. Our meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. □



**Northfield "Mason of the Year"**

W. Randy Griswold and Brother Jim Weick presenting Brother Albert Miller his Certificate.

**Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969**

W. William R. Hook, Master  
(h) 671-6452

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



Thomas W. Kendig  
Secretary 265-2624  
875 Main Street East  
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

By Robert Ogden, Sec.

**Brotherhood Fund**

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign for 1997-98 is now underway. Please give an amount you feel comfortable with, making checks payable to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund and mail to me at 6 Circle Wood Road, Rochester, NY 14625-2170. My heartfelt thanks again for your continued support. Last year was a good one-let's make this one better.

**Bermuda Bound**

R. W. Paul Robertson and his lady, Doris, are taking their 3rd cruise to Bermuda on The Song of America. I heard via the 'grapevine' that on one of these occasions Doris bit the bullet in entering the Talent Show belting out the song, "Getting to Know You". I'm sure it was a hit.

**Lodge Picnic**

The Lodge Picnic at the Shrine Mosque was well attended by approximately 45 Masons and their ladies. As usual, Bill and Helen Hook prepared a fine meal with Brother Pat McWhinney doing an excellent job flipping the hamburgs and hots. Everyone was pleasantly surprised to see Brother Cochrane. Brother Ed Walker graciously picked him up.

**Awards Presentation Night**

October 7th will be a catered affair with wives invited at 6:30 p.m., followed by an open meeting. R. W. Vern Goodrich will present 50, 55 and 65 Year Membership Certificates and Pins to 15 members. Let's have a super turnout for this memorable evening.

**Save the date**

Our Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 14th at 2:00 p.m. at the Downtown Temple. More on this later.

**October meetings**

In addition to the dinner and Awards Night on October 7th, there will be a Fellowcraft meeting on October 14th.

On October 21st we will have a regular meeting.

**Birthdays**

Greetings to the following Brothers whose birthdays fall in October: Vic Anderson, Phil Cissell, Anthony Cox, Kevin Hook, Roy Japp, Dick Kilton, Ed King, Conrad May, Ed McKee, Henry Michaloski, Tom O'Reilly, Joe Roe, Chuck Rupert, Dick Smith and Earl Vincent. □

**Editor's Award for Lodge News Articles**

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

**GERMANIA**

**Lodge No. 722**

W. Robert G. McBride, Master  
315-343-2610

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Secretary  
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**Gearing up**

October is our month for "gearing up". On the 7th we will have our Official Visit and on the 21st we will confer a 1st Degree. There will be a Pot Luck Supper before both meetings and officers are reminded that we will open early so that we can start business promptly at 7:30 p.m. Rehearsal for the 1st Degree will at the Lodge on Sunday, October 19th at 1:00 p.m.

**Clean-up**

On the afternoon of November 2nd the Lodge will be assisting the School of the Holy Childhood in cleaning up after their Fundraising Sale. Contact SW Andy McBride at 224-9479 for details.

**Steak Roast**

October 12th is our Annual Steak Roast at Ellison Park. JW Pat Mulrooney is working on the final details of that event as this article is written. The cost will be \$10.00 and reservations can be phoned to Pat at 670-0178. Pat tells me that his wife, Corbie, and her mother, Isabel Hayes, deserve all the credit for our feast last August. When you phone in your reservation, Pat suggests checking with Corbie if you are interested in helping out with the Steak Roast.

**Lastly**

I have moved and am living and working in Oswego. This was not anticipated when the Directory went to print. I can be reached at (315) 343-2610. I apologize for any inconvenience this relocation has caused anyone and for the disruption in communications. □





**Charlotte/Corinthian**

**Lodge No. 1088**

W. Michael Gorall  
Master  
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(w) 588-9901



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Tuesdays  
7:30 P.M.

C. William Flemming, Secretary  
723-0083  
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Rochester, New York 14612

The children have returned to school and we have returned to our Labors.

On September 2nd we had our first meeting with Crazy Sport Shirt Night. Our Junior Warden was the clear winner. I have to apologize for the wrong date listed in the *Masonic Times*. It was my fault. There will be someone else proof reading my copy before I turn it in to be printed.

Thanks to all the Brothers who attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention.

**October meetings**

We will have our 1st Degree on October 7th. Thanks to W. Clifford Short for sitting in the East. We now have two new Brothers.

On October 21st we will present the 1998-99 Annual Lodge Budget.

**Future events**

One of the future events planned is our Annual Christmas Party. We will have Paul Stillman returning this time to do a different person, possibly Teddy Roosevelt.

Oh, yes. How could I forget the Chilly Chili Contest. We do have a title to defend.

We are also looking into the possibility of doing the Masonic Child ID Videos at the same time.

**Thanks**

It is a great honor sitting in the East, and there is a lot that I have learned and still need to. I am not as out-going as others, but I will try to improve on this. There are a lot of Brothers in Lodge who have encouraged me and I am very grateful for that.

Until next time, good-bye for now.

**Union Star  
Lodge No. 320**

W. Lloyd A. Wood,  
Master  
334-5429



2nd Monday  
7:30 P.M.

W. Joseph Cotteleur, Sec.  
(h) 624-1365 (w) 624-1881  
3 North Main St.  
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

**Greetings Brothers**

Our Masonic year has started and I hope all of you have weathered the Summer well. Winter is fast approaching and the Summer months always seem to go by so quickly. Well, back to work.

**Lodge news**

At our meeting on September 8th, the Lodge voted in principle to spend the required money to get the Lodge and hallway dry walled and painted. We still have to get permission from the Temple Association to complete the work, as they manage the building. I don't foresee any problem with this.

However, we are only waiting for this approval before getting on the contractor's schedule.

At this meeting we awarded 50 Year Pins to Brothers Ralph Kennedy and Howard Menz. Congratulations Brothers! R. W. Robert Sanford was elected as Trustee to replace SD W. Richard Bull. Finally, W. Joseph Cotteleur reported that we had a very successful Village Days back in June. This endeavor brings in much needed funds to the Lodge treasury. Many thanks to all who participated.

**Sickness and distress**

We have two Brothers in this category. W. James Hart has been quite ill. I hear that he is on the mend, which is very good news indeed. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

It saddens me to report the passing of my father, Lloyd Wood, Sr., on September 2nd. He celebrated his 80th birthday last April 13th and went quite suddenly and without any pain. He survived almost a year of combat in WWII as a tank commander, including D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge.

He was raised a 3rd Degree Mason on October 21, 1941 and was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163 for almost 56 years. Dad was my inspiration for joining Masonry and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Good-bye, Dad.

**Next meeting**

Our next meeting is on October 13th at 7:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing all the Brothers there. Until then, keep safe.

**Towpath  
Lodge No. 163**



W. Thomas A. LeBeau,  
Master  
482-3936



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

R. W. Terry Wihlen, Secretary  
(h) 461-1368 (w) 458-1880  
152 Commercial St. West  
E. Rochester, NY 14445

**Enthusiasm builds**

Our Soap Box Derby Project is building momentum! Give one of the officers (especially Brother Phil Hurwitz) a call to volunteer. There's lots to do between now and the Derby, held in early June.

**Food Drive**

Starting with our September 16th meeting and continuing through November 18th, we'll collect non-perishable food items with each meeting to bolster one of the East Rochester Food Programs. So, remember to bring those canned and boxed food items to Lodge as we remember those in need. Thanks to Brother Joe Bogmis for heading up this effort!

**Shepherding**

A call has gone out to our seasoned Brothers to help with the Shepherding Program. Your wisdom and experience in the Craft is valued and needed. Give me a call to volunteer at 482-3936.

**Unexpected Blessing**

Your Lodge received repayment for a loan given long ago to a fellow Masonic Body. At our first meeting in September, the Lodge voted to give half (over \$2000) of that which was repaid

to our local Masonic Youth Camp (Camp DeMolay). You may inquire of R. W. Ron Mertens or R. W. Terry Wihlen for the details. We are grateful for the faithfulness in repayment, and for the generosity to keep youth programs alive and facilities functional!

**Official Visit**

Just a quick reminder to review your trestleboard for this Fall's activities. Special note: October 21st is the date of the Official Visit and Service Awards Presentations. Don't miss it!

**1st Monroe  
District**

**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

**Short Cabletow**

Apologies are in order for my failing to submit a September article. Imagine, your cabletow wrapped twice around your throat and then attached between your legs by a large hook, and you will have a feel for what I've been dealing with these past few months. My stress level is at an all time high and I'm having a hard time tempering my emotions. I find myself venting a lot, which I'm told is healthy, but it's not so great for those around me! Rather than subject you to my wrath, I chose to skip the September article.

**Summer recess**

My thanks to Neil Laundry, Mel Doverspike, and George Brege for the great job they have done on the inside of the Lodge this Summer. All of the floors and the stairs have been polyurethaned. The walls along the stairs have also been repainted. As always, our greatest thanks go to Jerry Werner, who has been hard at work coordinating the more major repairs. We have had to do some rather extensive plumbing and have recently had to invest over \$18K in repairing the brick work on the side of the building.

**Warning**

With the advancing years of our structures, we as Masons, need to think "operative" and look up a little more often. "The life you save may be your own!"

**Bicycle Parade**

Once again we owe a debt of gratitude and a lot more support to Ron Magargee for his efforts in organizing and running our Bicycle Parade this Summer. He collected donations from area merchants and pretty much single handedly made a lot of kids very happy. The top prize for best of show was a gift certificate for \$125.00 to Wal-Mart donated on our behalf from the proceeds of the pop machine. We need to support this project next year and make sure we advertise it! With all the kids in Brockport, we should be able to turn this into a big event! We need the exposure!

**Canal Days**

I didn't see a large contingent of you out there cheering for our Masonic ducks! Those who were there know we didn't win. It was amazing to me to see hundreds of adults lining the sides of the Canal to cheer on a bunch of plastic ducks. But they did! Even the ducks seemed to be having fun, especially the ones that got away! I think the lesson is that we all need to lighten up and try a new direction every once in awhile.

**Attention is a good thing!**

I was told that the reason our numbers are dwindling and there is a general lack of interest in our Masonic activities was because "the times and people's attitudes have changed". That, "with all of the other choices available we (Masonry) didn't offer what people wanted anymore. I agree! Masonry does not offer what most people want. Whose fault is that? As a rule, we don't promote our charitable involvement, let alone our Fraternal benefits. Oh, we have what people want, but we don't promote it. Doing things "the way we always have" has all but destroyed our Fraternity! We need to update our image by promoting ourselves or we'll die!

Attention is a good thing. Until we embrace this idea, and seek the recognition we deserve, we will never "offer people what they want. People want to be part of something successful. Successful organizations tell people they are successful! Successful organizations advertise, they promote themselves and their activities.

**Upcoming events**

Don't forget only one business meeting a month on the 2nd Tuesdays and one social event to be announced.

On October 14th is "Who Knows Best"-Masonic knowledge at Monroe Lodge, 7:30 p.m. Landmarks, Customs and Concordant Bodies. Tiled Meeting.

October 28th is "Our Best Foot Forward". Dress casual, plan to work. Monroe Lodge at 7:30 p.m. Pool and cards to follow.

**FAIRPORT  
Lodge No. 476**



R. W. Gerald K. Becker,  
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2nd & 4th  
Mondays  
7:30 P.M.

W. George R. Bracht, Secretary  
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87 South Main St.  
Fairport, N.Y. 14450

**My Brethren**

As I write this, my thoughts wander back to our meeting the other night. I looked out from the East and it was wonderful to see so many in the room. But the greatest amount present were women. Don't get me wrong, I appreciate all who were there, but I would like to see more Brothers in attendance.

**Great evening**

County Court Judge Pat Marks gave a very interesting talk. She spoke not only about her cases in court, but the procedures in the sentencing. Before the meeting we all enjoyed a wonderful supper. The Lodge supplied the meat and beverage and the ladies brought dishes to pass. No one went away hungry.

**DeWitt Clinton Awards**

On Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., let's fill the Lodge room to show our support to the recipients of the DeWitt Clinton Awards. We will be honoring the Fairport Police Department and Deputy Sheriff, Ed Ramsberger. A pleasant way to spend an afternoon. Light refreshments will follow.

**Cancellation**

Our Go to Church Sunday will be held at a later date due to a scheduling conflict.

**October meetings**

We are planning to have a 1st Degree on Monday, October 13th.

October 20th we will have a Memorial Night to honor the widows. We open at 7:00 p.m.

**Sickness and distress**

Please remember, if you are in sickness or distress to call me. Brother Dick Budgeon lost part of a toe (lawn mower). Brother Mike Johnson came down with Legionaire's Disease while traveling.

The mother of Joanne Landgren, wife of W. Mike, passed away in Olean.

God Bless all.

**Wakan/Hubbard  
Lodge No. 154**



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

W. Theodore J. Snyder,  
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**Two weeks off**

We just returned from a vacation at Disney World in Orlando, FL. What a great time we had. It always seems to amaze me how much bigger Disney gets each time we visit. There is always something new to see and do. We

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drove down and returned eight days later. The trip home was scheduled to take two days, however, the longer I drove the more apparent it seemed that we would not stop. 27 hours later we were home. I was glad that we came home sooner.

**Sad news**

The 1st message on our answering machine was concerning the passing of W.: Joseph J. Dimino, DSA. What a shock. Joe had just visited us at our Fellowship Steak Roast. The Service was the same night of my return. It's good to have a strong line of officers. The calls had been made and the arrangements had been done for Joe's Masonic Service. The place was packed with friends, Brothers, Eastern Star members and family. What a testimony to a fine man and Mason. The Eastern Star also had a Service for him. Ramona was deeply touched by the outpouring of love for Joe. He will be missed by all and our prayers and support are for you, Ramona.

**Moved**

W.: John Lawrence, DSA, is now a resident of Wesley-On-East, 630 East Ave., Rochester, 14606. His phone number is 473-1970. Let us show our support for John and Nessie, give her a call and surprise her with a visit.

**Events**

Thank you to Brother Gordon Ball for a fine Clambake which was held at the Damascus Temple Mosque on Bay Rd. in Webster. As always, R.: W.: A. John Tijou set up the Bake and V.: W.: John Zabel, and Steven Xander and his wife helped cook. R.: W.: Chuck Spiegel helped with the clean-up. There were approximately 40 people there.

**Save the date**

The Master's Ball will be held at Eagle Vale C.C on November 1st. For more information call Angelo DiCataldo at 461-5253.

**Cruise**

On October 11th we will be taking a lunch cruise on the Colonial Belle. We are hoping that the Fall foliage will be at its peak. The cruise will last 2 1/2 hours starting at noon.

**Food Drive**

We still plan to have a Food Drive for the Town of Penfield. Whatever we collect will be given to the local food bank. Let's do it.

**Congratulations**

Our heart-felt congratulations to Brother Joe Fredricks and Debbie, (daughter of Brother Les Andrews) on their marriage.

**Fun**

On September 8th the Lodge was opened in due form. Aftersickness and distress we moved from labor to refreshment and continued the meeting. It was a lot of fun. The business was completed while enjoying some wine, cheese and bread. Thanks to Steve Maynard for preparing the snacks.

We discussed the painting of our building. This will begin after Penfield holds its "Penfield Days" and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the month. Thank you Angelo and Ray for coordinating the work.

**In closing**

We are looking forward to a great year. We have many events scheduled that will be fun for all. We all need to diversify our programs to bring about membership participation. Communication is an important part of this process. Together we can bring about "Unity" for all of us.

**Car Tour**

R.: W.: Wayne Slack and his wife, Margaret, drove their 1950

Buick on the Annual 1000 Mile Tour sponsored by the Genesee Valley Antique Car Society. There were 19 other antique cars on the Tour ranging from 1929 Model A Fords, Packards, La-Salle, Lincoln, Zephyr, and the newest was a 1970 Chevrolet Convertible.

Highlights of places visited included Mystic Seaport, CT, the Farm in Newport (the childhood Summer home of Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy), Green Animals Topiary Gardens in Portsmouth, RI, Heritage Plantation in Sandwich, MA, and Battleship Cove in Fall River, MA. The Tour was eight days and covered 1250 miles. □

**Golf Up-Date**

By Don Brugger

The mailing for the Tourney was made Sept. 15. All interested parties were included. If you did not receive a letter and would like to participate, please give me a call ASAP, there still might be time to be included.

As outlined in the previous issue, we will be piggy-backing on the Lakeside Foundations "Final Round of Golf" to be held at the Brockport C.C. on Columbus Day, Oct. 13th, \$5 registration fee and \$30 in pledges or equivalent (i.e. \$35 total). This entitles you to play the 18 hole Wakan/Hubbard Tournament and as many additional holes as you can stand. Greens fees, cart and lunch are included in the fee.

At this writing we have 3 foursomes from the Lodge, I hope that we will pick up another three by the deadline, Oct. 3rd. The major prizes will be distributed at the dinner preceding the DDGM's Official Visit that evening. If you are planning to attend that dinner, don't forget to make your reservation.

It appears that we will be getting some competition from Etolian Lodge. They will have two foursomes out that day. □

**Scottish Rite Symbolic Award**

On October 2nd we will again travel and not open a formal meeting, this time to the Downtown Masonic Temple. This year Webster Lodge's own Brother Wes Beard will be receiving the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. Brother Wes has been part of all or any activity going on in Webster Lodge. Please arrive early and be seated in our balcony corner by 8:00 p.m., to give Brother Wes our support in the normal manner. If directions are needed to the Downtown Temple, or you wish to carpool from Webster Lodge, please contact me or one of the officers.

**Official Visit**

On October 16th R.: W.: Cyrus Kloner, DDGM for the 1st Monroe, will visit us to present the Grand Master's Message. A dinner by Webster Chapter, OES, will precede the meeting. Please make your reservation for the dinner with the JW, Bernie Russell at 872-1353.

**1st Degree**

On November 6th we will confer the 1st Degree for our Fall Class. Officers, please start to review the Degree if you have a speaking part.

**Public Safety Speaker**

On November 20th we will have a speaker on Public Safety. The program will be of interest to the family, and visitors and family are welcome to attend this presentation.

**Spaghetti Dinners**

Please remember our Lodge will be having the first Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, October 3rd. Your help will again be needed as Webster Lodge and Webster OES work together to put on the dinners. The more hands we have, the easier it will be for everybody. Helping to set up, serve, or clean up all helps. If helping out is not in your time frame, come on out and have spaghetti for supper the first Friday of each month.

**Closing**

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WEBSTER, N.Y. 14580

**Greetings**

September went very fast and now that the cooler weather is arriving, it will be easier to get into attending meetings again.

**Corn and Sausage Roast**

The first meeting for the new officers on September 4th, went very well. Many members enjoyed the Corn and Sausage Roast that our JW, Bernie Russell, and several helpful members, worked very hard to put on. There were enough hot dogs and sausage left over from the Summer events to provide a meal without asking for a donation. Thanks, Bernie.

**Grand Lecturer's Convention**

Our September 18th meeting was the Grand Lecturer's Convention. This was the first opportunity we had to omit having a closed meeting and we traveled and met at the Damascus Temple. The officers and members in attendance enjoyed the evening where the Ritual of Opening and Closing the Lodge was reviewed.

**ETOLIAN  
Lodge No. 479**



W.: Brian P. Keery, Master  
352-6292

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

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

**Recent events**

We held our first ever Table Lodge at Etolian on September 8th to start the year. Attendance was very good with approximately 50 Brothers participating. I received a lot of positive feedback from the Brothers and several requests that we hold additional Table Lodges during the remainder of the year and in years to come.

On September 22nd Michael Schwartz conferred the 1st Degree on three new candidates. Two of these newly made Brothers resulted from our most recent Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Please continue to send names to me of men whom you believe would make good Masons. Our next Brother Bring-a-Friend Program will be in January.

**Congratulations**

We are pleased to congratulate Brother Robert M. Spencer, who has been selected as our candidate for the Symbolic Lodge Award from the AASR, Valley of Rochester. Please join us at 8:00 p.m. on October 2nd at Cathedral Hall to recognize Bob and this special occasion.

**Sports**

Etolian Lodge has fielded two foursomes for the Lakeside Memorial Hospital "Last Round of Golf" Tournament funding Lakeside Memorial Hospital on Columbus Day, October 13th. Others are welcome. Please contact R.: W.: Don Brugger.

**Ogden Farmers Library**

As I indicated in my earlier communications, community service is my primary objective for my year as Master. To that end, on October 13th there will be an open meeting regarding the Ogden Farmer's Library. The program of the evening will start at 8:00 p.m. and is open to friends and family. The presentation will be given by Annette VonDohlen, Director of the Library, who will provide a short history and overview of the Library. Please join us and bring your family where possible to support Annette and this worthy cause.

**More Etolian Purple**

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 the Message of M.: W.: Earle J. Hino, Jr. This night is a very significant one to me in two very special ways. First, R.: W.: James Powell is a member of Etolian Lodge and second, he is my father-in-law. Please make every effort to join us and celebrate this occasion. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. at Etolian Lodge; reservations are to be made with Michael Schwartz by Nov. 3rd. □

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2nd Tuesday  
7:30 P.M.

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

**Official Visit**

R.: W.: Cyrus Kloner recounted the Grand Master's Message in its essence, and R.: W.: Eugene Brendel gave a prelude speech that described his feelings about what Masonry is. Our Lodge was found to be in excellent order, as it should be (given the calibre of your elected officers). Before the opening the officers marched into Lodge, lead by our Marshal, R.: W.: David Clarke, a tradition that will continue until further notice. The Ritual performance went very well, in my opinion, given it was my 1st Lodge meeting! We made a minor change in the mission statement of the Trust Fund investment accounts. Copies are available upon request.

**Trestleboard**

An Officers Meeting will be held at the business offices of SW W.: Glenn Stahl on October 7th. Some business was postponed due to the Official Visit, so we need to do a little catch-up. We have planned other "outside" events for the Fall and hope to fine tune this approach to getting Masons together in a family atmosphere, which if consensus opinion suggests, is necessary to attract new candidates (the main goal).

In October we will have a program during the Lodge meeting. I expect this short talk to be very interesting and enlightening.

**Fellowcraft**

The September meeting of the Fellowcraft Club was held at R.: W.: Herb Spencer's home. The October meeting will be at the home of R.: W.: Dave Clarke. Give Herb Spencer or Dick Giedd a call for more info.

**Deaths**

The Altar was draped in remembrance of our Brothers who passed away this Summer, Claire Drumm, Clair Buzzard, and George Francis. My heartfelt condolences go out to their families. Memorial donations were made to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory or the Masonic Home in Utica.

The family of George Francis thanks everyone for the cards, visits and phone calls. They appreciate all the kindnesses shown to them at a very difficult time.

**Next business meeting**

We will have a Hilde DiJames sit-down dinner with dessert prior to the next meeting. There will be refreshments and fellowship afterwards. The cost is \$5.00 with a reservation by Friday, October 10th. Call Herb Spencer at 271-8577. Come out in support of your Lodge and break bread with us again. There are some new faces that you may not know, including mine.

Hope your Summer was good also, the weather certainly cooperated. Suggested new business for October includes financial aid to Camp DeMolay and Camp Turk. □




Brother Clinton A. Roberts and his wife, Pearl, receiving his 50-Year Membership Certificate. (Photo Courtesy Mat Gingold)



Brother Ralph Crist (left), Mrs. Geraldine Redfern and W.: John C. McNab (right), three retired teachers from the Rochester School District who lost touch with each other for more than 30 years were brought together by Valley/Simes Lodge Hospitaler for Mrs. Redfern's 94th Birthday. (Photo courtesy Mat Gingold)

**CLIO LODGE No. 779**



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**September meeting**

It was good to see the Brothers at our first meeting this Fall. Our speaker, Cpl. John McBride, gave an interesting and informative presentation on the history of the Monroe County Sheriffs Department. We enjoyed hearing about our past Brother and Sheriff, Al Skinner. Thanks to SW Sean Noonan for obtaining this speaker.

**Blood Drive**

Our Blood Drive in July was a success. I thank Brother Roger Judd for chairing this activity. As I mentioned last month, Brother Roger has mowed our lawn for the whole season and is enjoying the riding mower that Brother Ray Boddy donated. Thank you both!

**Events**

The meeting on October 7th will be the Official Visit of DDGM, R.: W.: Cyrus Kloner. This is always an informative meeting and I look forward to seeing a good attendance and a warm welcome for our District Officers.

Past Masters Night will be on October 21st. We have not done this in a number of years. Come out and see what W.: Dave Upham has planned for the evening.

October 25th is the Grand Master's Town Meeting at the Rochester Downtown Masonic

Temple. We will have a carpool for all of you attending that Saturday morning.

**Roster and Trestleboard**

Rosters and Trestleboards are available at the Lodge. If you have not picked them up, ask for a copy at the next meeting. You should be contacted on each of our meetings by our phone committee. If you do not hear from us, let us hear from you!


**Brotherhood Fund**

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**Editor's Award for Lodge News Articles**

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

**Flower City Lodge No. 910**



W.: William Nardone,  
Master  
458-7512

2nd  
Thursday  
7:30 P.M.

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

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

**In Memoriam**

Brothers, it saddens me to inform you that Past Master Gordon T. Dodge was called to his eternal rest on Sunday, September 14th. Worshipful Brother Gordon was a mentor and an inspiration to me. He was a man who always had time to work with the newest members and who never failed to make them feel welcomed and appreciated. I will dedicate this year to his memory.

**Welcome a new Mason**

At our meeting on September 11th we welcomed a new Entered Apprentice. My sincere thanks to the officers and members of the Lodge who turned out on a rainy evening to bring him to Light in Masonry. While I cannot say that the night was entirely free of errors, I am grateful that our rehearsals were so diligently attended. We conferred the 1st Degree with only minor difficulties.

**Opening and Closing**

Our next Fellowcraft Club meeting is Tuesday, September 30th at 7:30 p.m. All the officers are invited to take part as we explore ways to better serve our members. As we have some new members who are just starting out in the line, we will have a special rehearsal of the Opening and Closing for their benefit. Please note that the date is a departure from our usual schedule, because of a conflicting event on Thursday, October 2nd. Future Fellowcraft Club meetings should be held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

**Next meeting dates**


The next regular Lodge communication will be Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting we will hear the Historical Lecture which was omitted from the 1st Degree. A Roast Beef Dinner will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m. It would be greatly appreciated if you would call our Secretary, Phil Averbach, with your reservation by October 3rd.

On Thursday, October 16th at 7:30 p.m. we will hold a special communication to confer the Degree of Fellowcraft on two Brothers. This will be a significant test of our Ritual work. Please come out and support our newest members as they continue along their journey to becoming Master Masons and full members of Flower City Lodge.

**Sincere appreciation**

Attendance at the meetings is improving and the rehearsals for Degree work are going well. I must offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to the officers and members for their efforts, on behalf of the Lodge and the entire membership. Your assistance and your enthusiasm will be needed as we continue to renew our Lodge. Thank you for your continued support! □

**East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943**



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

R.: W.: Richard C. Friedman  
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East Rochester, N.Y. 14445

**Guest speakers**

Our September meetings set a wonderful tone for the year,

thanks to R.: W.: Paul Gleason and R.: W.: Richard Friedman. R.: W.: Gleason discussed how our own spirituality is linked to the Craft. He reinforced how as Masons we can positively influence, communicate with and treat people. The warmth of a touch from a caring person means so very much, yet takes a small effort. The spirit of Masonry can make such a difference in the lives of family, friends, and Brothers. We cannot thank him enough for reinforcing those values!

R.: W.: Friedman helped expand our theme of symbolism by speaking on this aspect of the 3rd Degree. Our desire for more Light in Masonry was expanded on with strength and purpose. What a great way to begin preparing ourselves to bring in new Lodge members!

**Award**

We are proud to select Brother Richard Schmanke as the 1997 recipient of the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. Richard exemplifies a committed and strong worker within the Lodge. The Ceremony in Cathedral Hall will be October 2nd. We are extremely proud of Rich!

**Utica trip**

September 27th was a special day as we traveled to Utica to tour the Masonic Lab., Home and Library. We also visited the widow of a Past Master of our Lodge. For most of us, it was our first, but not our last, trip to Utica.

**Surfing the Web**

ERAC No. 943 has a Web page. Visit us at [HTTP://WWW.FRONTIERNET.NET/~DMZ](http://WWW.FRONTIERNET.NET/~DMZ). Special thanks to Brother David Zegas and daughter, Jessica, for creating the page. Thanks to R.: W.: Rich Friedman for providing the history and content.

**Reminder**

Our Junior Warden is available to take your dinner reservation for any of our meetings. Sean King can be reached at 224-8067. We are trying something different with meals this year utilizing a local caterer to fill our bellies. So far so good! Hope to see you at Lodge or hear from you. Remember, your touch can make a difference! □

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Potentate - Erwin Newell

## From the Potentate



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We at Damascus Temple are gearing up for the next millennium. As of this writing, we are making further commitment to increase our membership as well as the membership at the Blue Lodge level and Concordant Bodies. We have just completed purchasing some high tech equipment for this purpose. This equipment will be our working tool as we put together a traveling program. Our recent purchases consist of a Laptop Computer, an overhead video projector and a VCR. With these tools, we can come to any group and put on a program telling the story of Freemasonry, the Rites, and the greatest philanthropy and a fun organization-The Damascus Shriners.

This equipment will enable us to put on full length videos on a big screen or use some of the new computer programs that R.W. Bruce Chilton and R.W. Rich Friedman have written, as well as programs written by our Public Relations Department in Tampa, Florida. Both the VCR and computer plug into the overhead video. The overhead video projects a big screen image; it's just like being at the movies.

The audio tapes which are about to be distributed have created much excitement by those who have already heard them. They should be another promising tool for our Membership Program.

By now you are wondering why we at Damascus are undertaking such a progressive program on the membership growth of all Bodies. It is plain and simple, my Brothers. Those of you who have been Masons, may have never given much thought to broadening your horizons by joining the Shrine. Those who have not as yet joined a Blue Lodge, might be intrigued when we present these programs at Brother-Bring-a-Friend Nights. A prospective member may see something that might entice him to join a Blue Lodge and eventually join the Shrine. You, as a Blue Lodge member, might decide that you would like to take the Road to the Shrine.

All Shriners are Blue Lodge members and many are active and attend Lodge regularly. For ex-

ample, the Elected Officers of Damascus Temple consist of 3 Right Worshipfuls, 2 Past Masters, and 1 reigning Master. I guess by now you get the picture and know where our roots are. Brothers, we need your help with this great program. We have the working tools, and we are willing to use them with your support.

On October 18th, we will have our Octoberfest under the Chairmanship of Ed Bastian. The Rhythm Makers will be playing for your enjoyment. The Burgermeister will be none other than our own Ill. Oscar Reber. The admission will be \$10.00 per person and includes a real German Buffet. It is open to all Masons and friends. Please hurry to make your reservation, as space is limited. Send your check to Damascus Temple, 979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580.

On Wednesday, October 29th, we will hold a Noble Bring-a-Brother Night at Abigail's on Routes 5 and 20 in Seneca Falls. To the Nobles of Auburn, Geneva, Penn Yan and Canandaigua, we need your support to make this evening a success. You and your lady can have an enjoyable evening at zero cost. All you have to do is bring a potential Noble and his lady. The program for the evening will be an informational presentation of the Shrine, and if you would like to attend, you are cordially invited as a Blue Lodge Mason. All you need do is call our Temple office at (716) 671-7701, for a reservation. You will be our guest.

On Saturday, November 22nd, the Scottish Rite will complete their Fall Reunion. After the Degree, Damascus will have another first. We will do a Cold Sands Ceremonial at the Masonic Temple in Rochester the same evening. Dinner will be provided by Damascus free of charge to all Nobles and candidates. This will be a very exciting day.

In honor of the 75th Anniversary of our Shriners Hospitals for Children, the initiation fee will be \$75.00. This will include your dues for 1998, Fez, Pin, and a special gift from the Potentate. For all Shriners who are planning on attending the Cold Sands, reservations are a must. You will be turned away if you do not have a reservation.

Our next regular meeting will be October 1st. Due to the fact that this date falls on the eve of the Jewish New Year, our Chief Rabban, Joseph Bourcy, will be in the East. This will be Move Up Night.

## Membership

By Bruce Chilton

### Audio Tapes

By now some of your Lodges have received the wonderful Membership Development Audio Tapes that have been provided for you free of charge, compliments of the Potentate, Erwin M. Newell, and the Nobles of Damascus Temple. The tape is 13.5 minutes long and is designed to be given to someone you think

would make a good Mason. After the gentleman listens to the tape, you will be afforded the opportunity to ask his reaction to the Fraternity and to ascertain whether or not he has a desire to join.

I would like to point out to you, that I have specifically said you are to choose men that you think would make good Masons and not men that you think want to become Masons. The reason that I have put it this way is that it is not fair to decide that a man doesn't want to join the Fraternity without giving HIM the chance to make up his own mind. Besides, what is the worst thing that can happen by listening to the tape? The gentleman will come away with more knowledge and respect for the Fraternity. He may not have an interest in joining us, but the education he will receive will result in a positive image of Freemasonry by him and to anyone whom he may have a conversation with in the future.

We are giving two tapes to each of the 82 Lodges in the geographic area that is covered by Damascus Temple. If you want more tapes, they will be available at cost, which will be under \$3.00 each, by calling the Temple and requesting them. These tapes have been copywritten and cannot legally be copied by anyone other than Damascus Temple.

I would publicly like to thank the silent Nobles and Masons who helped make this tape possible.

Thank you, Rich

The script was provided by R.W. Richard C. Friedman and it has taken almost a year from inception to word the tape in the most positive, effective manner possible. Rich and I read, and reread and changed the script many times. We even had it completely recorded, when Rich noticed a minor error in the way a word was pronounced, and the ages given for requirements at Camp Turk. It had to be redone. If you know Rich, you know why.

Thank you, Doug

The production was done by a very patient professional who owns a company called MultiMagic, Inc., which is a media production group located in Brockport. I was given his name by a Brother at Kodak who told me they have used him. I called Douglas B. Green and told him what I wanted to do and he jumped on the project. I found out that he is a Mason, although inactive at this point, and that he has a strong feeling for the Craft. Doug worked extremely hard on this project and was very patient with us along the way.

Thank you, Paul

The voice is none other than the R.W. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Paul was asked to donate his own time and energy to do the tape of three different occasions. He worked with the producer and took criticisms that many of us would find hard to accept if we were getting paid. Paul did not get paid. He did the absolute best job that he could, because he believes in the tape. He believes in the tape because he believes in the Fraternity. Before I got involved with this project with Paul,

I didn't realize how deeply someone could love the Fraternity. You will feel the love and commitment when you hear the tape. There are not enough accolades that I could give Paul to express how grateful I am to him and how grateful we all should be. Paul is truly a man's Mason and I would like to take this opportunity to say, thank you Paul.

My Brothers, use this tape for what it is intended and hopefully you will enlist good solid citizens to join our wonderful Fraternity and become productive men and Masons.

## Recorder's Message

Our Fraternity by its very nature has ties that bind each and every Brother to one another. Our involvement in Blue Lodge or the Concordant Bodies should have made us knowledgeable of the philanthropic and benevolent activities of our Fraternity and that is important. But what is more important is that we make the community at large aware of these activities.

Each of the Bodies of our great Fraternity are involved in numerous such activities, as follows (same is not a complete listing):

### Grand Lodge

- A. The Medical Research Laboratory - which is prominent in the areas of heart disease, cancer, immunology, hypertension, lupus and rheumatoid arthritis.
- B. Child ID Program.
- C. Scholarship Programs.
- D. The Masonic Home, Utica.
- E. Masonic Youth Foundation.
- F. Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prgm.
- G. Monroe Districts - "Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart" Pgm. for the local Ronald McDonald House.

### Scottish Rite

- A. Masonic Children's Learning Centers-free specialized training and tutoring for children challenged by dyslexia.
- B. Schizophrenia research.
- C. The Scottish Rite Museum of our National Heritage in Lexington.

### York Rite

- A. The Royal Arch Scholarship and Charities of Grand Chapter.
- B. Grand Council Charities.

C. Knights Templar Eye Fnd.

Tall Cedars of Lebanon

A. Research, treatment MD.

Grotto

A. Dentistry for handicapped.  
Shrine

A. Shriners' Hospitals for Children - Twenty-two (22) hospitals for the free treatment of children with orthopedic and burn conditions.

The Shriners' Hospitals for Children is probably the most prominent of the aforementioned to the community at large. But, because you are not a member of the Shrine does not preclude you from being proud of and utilizing the Shriners' Hospitals for Children to entice prospective members to join our great Fraternity. Only by "tooting our own horn" can we make good and upright men want to become Masons. That means that every Lodge and/or Body must endeavor to promote the philanthropic and benevolent activities of our entire Fraternity. All of the Bodies of Freemasonry in the Monroe Districts are endeavoring to produce a unified effort. Now it is each member's responsibility to do his part. Please help!

## Public Involvement

By David Clarke

Shriners kids have fun in the snow

Last Winter, Shriners Hospital kids and their families from our Spokane Unit in the State of Washington, enjoyed a thrilling day of dog-sledding in the State's outdoor paradise. The Spokane Chief-of-Staff, Dr. Edward Lester, donated groomed trails on his 30 acres of land and dog teams and drivers came from all over the state for a fun day with our kids.

"It was awesome! We went shroom, and then on our side, then towards a brook, and the dogs went vroom-fast!" was a quote from Jennifer Boyd, a 10 year old who had lost part of her one foot and all of the other in a fire when she was four. One of the mushers was overheard telling two of his riders not be scared until he told them to be scared. This com-

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO

News

Patrol  
Legion  
Caldron



Jan Lughart, Monarch

## Monarch's Message

### ESGA

The Fall Empire State Grotto Association Meeting was held on September 11, 12 and 13th. Many Lalla Rookh Prophets turned out and enjoyed themselves immensely.

### Picnic

The Patrol and Caldron Picnic at Henrietta Town Park was well attended by the Prophets and Ladies. A great time was had by all.

### Received Caps

The turnout for the Past Monarchs Night was great. Many received their cap with their year on it, 12 to be exact.

### Monarch's Ball

Let's not forget the Monarch's Ball being held at the Radisson Inn on Jefferson Road on November 1st. For details and reservations, please contact Chairman Dick Topel at 663-2547. It is anticipated a fun time will be had by all.

### Support

November 9th is Move Up Night. Let's get out and support our Chief Justice, Dick Topel, while he is in the East for the evening.

### Communicate

I hope everyone has enjoyed the Summer and will consider attending our Fall meetings. If anyone is sick, or if you know of anyone who is, I would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact me at 352-4698.

### Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson  
A tip of the fez to our own Prophet Leon Van Huben on the occasion of his election as Sovereign Prince of the Scottish Rite's Council of Princes of Jerusalem.

### Sickness and distress

Our continued prayers are with the family of Gordy Dodge. Earl DeSmith is undergoing hospital testing at this writing. Our thoughts are with him.

### Change of dates

Our October Dinner Meeting will be the 3rd Monday, October

20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Avenue. I need a head count for the restaurant by October 16th. Call me at 872-2385.

### Master of Ceremonies

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

### Monarch's Ball

The Monarch's Ball will be held on Saturday, November 1st, at the Radisson Inn, 175 Jefferson Road. Cash bar is at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. The menu is Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus, Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, and Parfait.

The music will be provided by the Keith Clark Group at 8:30 p.m.

The tickets are \$28.00 per person, by reservation only. NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR. Please send your check to Richard Topel, 949 Bennington Drive, Rochester, NY 14616-1757, before October 24, 1997.

Rooms are available at special Grotto rates.

### ESGA

Do you belong to the Empire State Grotto Association?

Lalla Rookh Grotto made a good showing at the Fall ESGA meeting in Owego. It was enlightening to see how the Grottoes are growing in the Empire State.

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.

### Information Line

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

## Board of Governors

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors on Monday, October 6th, in the Grotto Office, 7:30 p.m.

## Auditorium Calendar

If there is a show in the Auditorium, get here early to get a good parking place at the Masonic Temple. Tell the attendant you are a Mason and the fee is only \$1.00. Be prepared to show your dues card.

**Dates to Remember**

Thurs., Oct. 2nd - Caldron Patrol at Arlene Topel's home

Fri., Oct. 3rd - Caldron Exec. Council Banquet - Party House

Mon., Oct. 6th - Board of Governors - Grotto Office 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 9th - Caldron Election of Officers - Doric Hall 8:00 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 15th - Grotto Past Monarch's Night Cathedral Hall 8:00 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 20th - Legion of Honor Dutch Mill 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Attend Grotto Meetings  
Enjoy the Fellowship**

## Membership

By Ken Hutchinson  
The Fall Stampede for candidates is underway. The Ceremony is October 15th.

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

We have some petitions outstanding. Please get them in before the Board of Governors meeting on October 6th. Thank you!

## Caldron News

Many Caldron members joined with the Lalla Rookh Grotto Patrol for the "last" Grotto Picnic on September 6th at the Henrietta Park. We had a wonderful Steak Dinner with all the trimmings, plus a wonderful time. Monarch Jan Lughart spoke a few words of welcome and appreciation. The Picnic was under the direction of Chairmen Gordon Dodge and Frank Voegtle. We especially wish to thank them and their wives for all their work in planning and putting on this fun event! A thank you, also, to Mike Bell and his group for their fun song!

### October events

On Thursday, October 2nd, the Patrol will meet at Daughter Arlene Topel's home.

Friday, October 3rd, the Executive Council Banquet will take place at the Party House on Beahan Road.

Saturday, October 4th, the White Fez Luncheon will take place at the Cartwright Inn at 12:30 p.m. The price is \$11.00. Make your reservations and menu choice to Daughter Sue Wilson by October 1st. All Daughters are welcome.

Our October 9th meeting will be Elections of Officers and the Annual Reports. Keep the date of Saturday, October 25th open for our Installation of Officers. It will be a beautiful Ceremony and all are welcome to help us start our 50th year.

The PMCO's will meet on Thurs., October 22nd at Daughter Doris Bell's home.

### Best wishes

Our Daughter Merline Bueg is scheduled for surgery October 6th. We will all be with her in spirit and wish her a speedy recovery.

We hope that Daughter Pat Slack is improving with her therapy. We all miss you very much.

### Thanks

At this time I would like to express my gratitude to all for their help in making this past year a most memorable and fun filled one for me as this will be my last time to write this column. I pass this duty to our next MCO, Ethel Hazzard, along with my wishes for a very successful and enjoyable time for her and her officers on our 50th year.

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## Shrine

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ment provoked the necessary giggles to carry the ride of a lifetime to a successful conclusion.

The Sled Day idea, called "I-Kid-Arod" originated with Cheri Hollenback, R.N.C., Director of Nursing at the Spokane Hospital and it was supported by the local Shrine Club, local businesses and

organizations, and volunteers—many of whom were hospital employees. It is hoped that this event will lead to bigger and better events in the future. Quoting Nurse Hollenback, "It was an opportunity for the children to do something they normally would not get to do, perhaps ever. A lot of these kids have limited mobility because of cerebral palsy, spina bifida or club foot, and this kind of family outing just seemed to be natural for us at this time of year and in this part of the country."

Again quoting Nurse Hollenback, "Shriners Hospitals do more than just treat children physically. The hospital's treatment focuses on a family-centered care environment, which stresses that while medicine might heal the child's body, tending to the child's sense of well-being is equally important in the healing process." The dog-sled outing is just one example of how Shriners Hospitals take care of their patients' emotional needs.

Based on the smiling faces seen all around and the requests of, "Can we go again?" would prove to the organizers that dog-sledding

would be a family-centered activity to be repeated in the future.

All Shriners and Masons should take note that even something as small as a day doing the unusual for some child or someone less fortunate can make a huge difference in what seems as a bleak future. We as Masons have made that pledge to help. How about seeing what you can do? Surprise yourself!

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# York Rite NEWS

York Rite College  
Judas Maccabeus

## District Deputy Grand

### High Priest

Royal Arch Masons  
29th Capitular District



R.E. Daniel N. Evans

#### Greetings, Companions

Things are moving ahead in the 29th Capitular District. To bring you up to date, the Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, R.E. William L. DuPree, will honor us with his Official Visit on October 13th at Triluminar Temple in Pike, NY. The ladies of Stebbins Chapter No. 305, OES, will serve a Ham Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$6.50. The meeting will take place at 8:00 p.m. Reservations for the dinner may be made by calling me at (716) 492-2807. A count of those planning on attending the dinner will be needed by October 6th. Again, I am looking forward to a good turnout from all Chapters.

#### Chapter news

I also plan to accompany our Assistant Grand Lecturer, V.E. Stephen A. Licht, on his visits to the District Chapters and see how things are progressing.

Chapter 3X3 is in the process of changing its By-Laws and meeting nights. The visit to Wyoming Chapter will take place on October 14th; Western Star's on October 16th; and LeRoy Chapter's on October 20th. The Visit to Arcade Chapter will be November 10th. We will be looking at the Ritual for Opening and Closing a Chapter. Assistance will be given as needed.

#### Time off!

I will be visiting my 2 sons, one in Iowa and the other in Missouri, and while there I will be visiting the local Lodges and Chapters, as I have done in the past. Perhaps a little fishing will be in order! I am looking forward to my visits here upon returning.

Never waste your breath asking what others believe - open your eyes and observe their actions, deeds and conduct.

William Arthur Ward

## 3x3 Chapter

NO. 333

### Royal Arch Masons

(Chartered in 1990)



E. Kenneth D. Robinson,  
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Mark the date again!

The Chapter Officers will conduct a 2nd convocation on October 14th at the Temple in Spencerport with the intent of taking the deciding vote on adjusting convocations from the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays to the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Check to be sure that the October meeting is on your calendar. Twelve Companions attended the September convocation to get action underway on the date/frequency decision.

#### Getting repairs

Cards have been sent to E. Companion Norm Rollo who had shoulder surgery the 2nd week of September and R.E. James Powell who had a hernia operation. Both are expected to be up and around in no time.

#### A frequent visitor

Companion Donald Rapp visits the Chapter as often as possible when in the Rochester area. He has a residence in Florida and is an active RAM member there.

#### What else can I do?

R.E. Ruel Lovett has taken on the roles of an officer in the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philalethes Society and Vice-President of the Monroe Past Masters Supper Club. These are in addition to the several positions he already occupies, particularly in the York Rite and in the 29th Capitular District. He is active in all of the Bodies he holds membership in. He doesn't overlook the sports area, either. He's active in many golfing events and associations, as well as being President of the Daytime Senior Bowling League that starts its 2nd year on October 14th.

#### The balance of the year

Should the date/frequency vote be favorable, there will be only 3 convocations remaining in this calendar year. There are several pieces of business that must be conducted, not the least of which is the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year. We have 24 members on the rolls and we hope most have open periods on their calendars that

will permit attending and helping decide the future of the Chapter.

Come to your Chapter convocations. We promise they will not bore you. Call your Secretary if you have any questions.

May the good Lord be watching over you. □

## Western Star Chapter No. 35 RAM

1st & 3rd Thursdays

V.E. Stephen A. Licht, HP  
343-1517  
Franklin P. Lund, Sec.  
343-3630

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#### Degree work

I am pleased to announce that we have a Brother waiting to receive the Mark Master Degree. Adding to this, Arcade Chapter has several candidates and a petition or two outstanding. Couple this news with the fact that a Ferency and Zeal Program has been held mid-September in the Eastern area of our District, it is reasonable to expect that more petitions are forthcoming. Dust off the Red books, brush up on the Ritual and join in the "Work which lies before us".

#### Visits

R.E. Wilder has sojourned to the Grand Chapter of Kentucky in the capacity of Grand Representative and R.E. Brade will be in Rochester to greet our Canadian Companions from Orient Chapter No. 79 on October 24-26.

#### Officers

I have asked Companion Bob Strang to assume the role as Senior Deacon for the Mark Master Degree and have every confidence that his ritualistic abilities will extend from the Symbolic Lodge work through Capitular Degrees as well! Companion Dennis Turton will be filling the role of Junior Overseer and without a doubt, many other roles throughout the Degrees. His experiences in the Craft will be a valuable addition to our Chapter.

#### Apron Fund

Our Chapter was asked to sell 60 candy bars for the District Apron Fund and the first night the subject was mentioned, all 60 bars were spoken for! Your support is gratifying, or more accurately, your appreciation of chocolate is very evident!

#### October meetings

On October 2nd there will be a regular convocation. R.E. Wilder will give us a report on his attendance at the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. I would like to have a 'run through' of the Mark Master Degree with all participants of the Degree Team.

October 16th is a regular convocation and rehearsal of the Mark Master Degree. I would like to open Chapter at 7:30 p.m. R.E. Vern Rupert will preside in the East.

The tentative date of the Mark Master Degree is November 20th. □

## District Deputy Grand

### High Priest

Royal Arch Masons  
27th Capitular District



R.E. Donald J. Brugger  
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## Hiram Chapter

No. 62



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The year is slowly coming to a close and I find it hard to believe all these months have gone by. It is true, that when you are busy and doing the things you like, time flies. It has been a very interesting year, not only for myself, but also for the Chapter.

#### Travels

Your Officers have traveled to various parts of our area and Canada. No one can say Hiram and its Officers have not done their part. We have now solidified our friendship with our counter part in Canada. Our visit there left a lasting impression and I wish to thank those who made it possible.

#### Canadian Visit

Speaking of Canadians, October 24th - 26th is their visit to our Chapter. A few moments ago I was speaking with E. Ian Nichols, First Principal (High Priest) of Orient Chapter and he said about 20 people will be arriving for that weekend. I am really thrilled about it. It will be a wonderful weekend. I know our Chapter will be there in full force to greet them and help them to have a pleasant weekend.

#### A bit of tidbit

On September 9th I was invited to participate with Progress Lodge No. 711, G.R.C. of Toronto, CA, in presenting the first ever for their Lodge, a DDGM Apron to one of their own Lodge members. A Reception followed for R.W. Gordon Wilson. This man stands about 6 ft. 4 in. tall and has the form to go with it. He fit his vocation to a tee. R.W. Wilson worked for the Canadian Police and retired as an Inspector, which is very high in standing in the Police Dept. of Canada. But, the ironic fact is, if you did not see him, but only listened to his voice, you would say it was R.W. Ron Mertens talking. He had a very elegant acceptance speech, with the same type of humor R.W. Mertens has. What a wonderful evening it was.

#### The Lodge

The Lodge room was about the size of Webster Lodge, but they had almost 200 people in attendance. There were 20 Grand Lodge Officers, from the Grand Senior Warden to the other Grand Line Officers; 15 District Deputies, past and present; 15 Masters of Lodges, past and present; families and friends. This Brother is very well liked. If he continues on this path, he will have a bright future in Masonry.

#### A reminder

Please do not forget to attend the Canadian weekend. The dinner is only \$8.00 per person and

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**Hiram Chapter**

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\$1.00 of it will go to the 1999 Grand High Priest Fund for our own R.E.: Arnold Palmer, Jr.

You can also do your part by sending in a donation directly to the 1999 High Priest Fund to me at 84 Grand View Ln, Rochester, NY 14612.

**Scholarship Fund**

If you have not sent in a donation to the Scholarship Fund, why not do it now. Mail it to Vern Goodrich at the Masonic Service Bureau, 875 Main St. E, Rochester, NY 14605. Be sure to designate it is to be used for the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund. Your generous donation will be appreciated and will help some young deserving student.

**Dinners**

This is what is left for the year: October 9th - Degree night; October 25th, Canadian Weekend; November 13th dinner - Fellowship Night and Thanksgiving, December 11th dinner - Election of Officers. All dinners are \$8.00 per person. Call your fellow Companions and come to dinner. We would like to see those who have not been out in a while.

**Information wanted**

I would like to know what it will take to get you all out to a Chapter meeting. Your input is very important! This is your Chapter, what would you like, within reason of course, to happen. Your next High Priest, myself, and the Officers would like to know. Thanks for your cooperation.

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**Royal Master Degree**

At the next Assembly of the Council, to be held on Monday, October 27th, the Degree of Royal Master will be conferred on two candidates. All Companions should make a special effort to be present that evening to welcome them.


**Reports**

Reports of the 174th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York will be given that evening. The Master and Chaplain attended that Assembly at the Fallsview Inn in Ellenville.

**Select Master Degree**

Plans will be made to have the conferral of the Select Master Degree at our November Assembly.

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A BIG thank you to Sir Knight Larry Dunn for writing last month's article.

**Membership**

A Membership and Membership Retention Committee has been formed with SK Don Brugger as Chairman. Our membership roll will be examined and brought up to date. We will be contacting Hiram Chapter members who do not belong to Cyrene/Monroe Commandery.

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Organist William Kuehne

Many thanks to our Sir Knights for taking an office.

**Upcoming Conclaves**

October 6th will be a Full Form Opening at 7:45 p.m., with a lunch to follow.

October 20th the Shicker Club is in charge of a Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 p.m., with a Full Form Opening to follow at 7:45 p.m.

November 8th is the Fall Pilgrimage at 9:00 a.m. More details will be in the November article.

**Officers**

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**Pilgrims traveling from afar**

My thanks to the visiting Sir Knights who fill our ranks and allow us to consistently open our conclaves. We would have a hard time without you! I'm sorry, my schedule is such that it is rare that I can reciprocate. I strongly urge any Sir Knight who is able, to visit other Commanderies. Your presence is always appreciated.

**Plus one!**

We voted favorably on an application for membership. The Orders are scheduled for November 8th at the Rochester Downtown Temple at 9:00 a.m. Please plan to join us so we can make this a truly memorable day for all.

Let's make it our quest for the year to average one new petition each month! Remember, any member of the Royal Arch is eligible. I know there are some good candidates who just need a little coaxing. So, let's get the word out and increase the numbers in our ranks. I've always wanted to command a division.


**Mark your calendars**

Our next conclave is October 9th at Batavia at 8:00 p.m. We will go through the full Opening, including the duties. All officers should be at their stations and prepared. We will hear a report on the Grand Conclave and I will be handing out a calendar of events for the year in hopes of insuring that we're all "on the same page"!

Our first dinner with the Ladies of the Temple will be October 23rd at Batavia at 7:00 p.m. More information will follow.

**Send me a note!**

To all Sir Knights who have e-mail or fax capabilities, I have recently joined the 20th Century. My fax is (716) 637-9453 and e-mail is pegasus@frontiernet.net. Now even a distance greater than 40 miles is no excuse not to come to the aid of a fellow Sir Knight. Please share with me your thoughts and suggestions. I need your input to help strengthen our Commandery!



**FINGER LAKES CHAPTER**


William Lindsay, President  
621-3573

Bill Edwards, Secretary  
872-3993

It is always enjoyable to prepare an article for the *Masonic Times* which I feel is information that will be enlightening to the reader. More often than not, a topic will almost suggest itself to me and the act of preparing an article becomes an exercise in focusing on literary quality. Once a year or so, however, the Muse passes right by my house, and I am left to struggle with assembling an article which may be of interest to readers generally and Philaethes members in particular. You be the judge of this month's offering.

Let me start out with some good news: Chapter member, Ruell Lovett, has agreed to accept an officer role in the Finger Lakes Chapter filling a vacancy that was noted in last month's column. Brother Lovett has a long Masonic history and a reputation for getting things done; the other officers and I welcome him to the ranks. I am confident of his ability to add to our Chapter's strength.

Brother Jay McCullough's article in last month's *Times* updated everyone on the matter of Prince Hall recognition - 24 American Grand Lodges to date.



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He noted that New York has a longstanding Committee on Unity charged with working on this issue. My research into the topic verifies that the committee is longstanding; however, the charge to the committee is not "recognition", rather, it is focused on something akin to "merger". The committee has not met for some time.

"Merge" strikes me as being an unattainable goal, nor a worthy one. Perhaps the dissolution of the "Unity Committee" would be an important first step in the process of developing a positive relationship in New York State with New York Prince Hall Masons.

I have studied enough history to know that the truth of actions taken or avoided will be tallied for or against us by our descendants - the truth will out. I am personally desirous of being pointed to by my grandchildren as someone who stood for doing the right thing when the opportunity was presented to me. I hope they will attribute some of that strength to the fact that I was a Freemason. I hope that that will encourage them to choose to become the same. The failure of Grand Lodge to grant recognition to Prince Hall Masons is a festering ulcer that worsens as each day passes and detracts from the important goal of having

"Freemasonry" grow and prosper, and take its place among the meaningful institutions of the 21st Century.

Before I close this article, I would be remiss if I did not congratulate Brothers Robert Zahn and John Zabel for their recent Honors. I have had the opportunity of working with both men and am pleased that their contributions locally have garnered them recognition on a larger area.

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#### Area I Meeting

In order to coincide with a meeting of the Frank and Bette Paul Children's Learning Center Board of Governors, the Area One Meeting will be held in Rochester on October 4th. The Valley of Buffalo will be the Host. All officers in each of the Bodies should attend and all members are invited. The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m., with lunch served at noon.

#### Bring-a-Brother

We will have a Brother-Bring-A-Brother Night on November 7th at Eagle Vale Country Club. As usual, potential candidates and their ladies will be treated to a free meal. The Membership Committee and Ambassadors are working hard to find new Brothers and they need the help of the rest of us. If you know of a Brother you think would be an asset to our Valley, bring him to the BBB Night or recommend him to your Lodge Ambassador.

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Ill.: John E. Zabel, 33°, who became an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council in Grand Rapids, MI on September 23rd.

#### Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA  
Edward T. Zorn - is having stomach problems.

Edward S. Roman - is in Park Ridge Hospital

Norman H. Selke, 33° - was hospitalized recently for tests.

Fred Seuffert, 33° - was in Rochester General for surgery.

Franklin G. Granata II - we extend our deepest sympathy to him and his wife, Penny, on the death of their infant son. □

#### Brother Bring-A-Brother

On Friday, November 7th the Valley of Rochester will sponsor another Brother-Bring-A-Brother Night at Eagle Vale C C, 4344 Nine Mile Pt. Rd. in Fairport.

This event is open to all members and their ladies. The evening will start out with an attitude adjustment hour from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A Buffet Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. A short program of approximately 45 minutes will be presented after dinner. It will consist of a brief presentation on some of the regalia, a brief history of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and a short talk from a Brother followed by a question and answer period.

Any member bringing a prospective candidate will have his dinner, his ladies dinner, and those of his guest and his lady, free. It is the hope that we may be able to increase our membership as a result of this evening.

Reservations are a must and should be made by calling the Scottish Rite Office at 271-0715 before November 1st. Be sure to give the names of all people who will be attending.

If you do not bring a candidate, the cost of your dinner is \$23.00. This is an opportunity to show and tell our Brothers what Scottish Rite is all about. □



First Annual Family Picnic Remembered



Larry Foster and Eldon White cooking at the Family Picnic in July.



Doris and Roy Dement and Jean and Fritz Friedrich.



Don Rose and Erwin Newell, Potentate of Damascus Temple.

Robert E. Cameron  
MSA Recipient



At the Annual Meeting of the New York State Council of De-Liberation, held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Rochester in July, Brother Robert E. Cameron was elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award. He will receive his Plaque and Pin at their 1998 Meeting in Syracuse, N.Y.

Brother Cameron was raised in Charles River Lodge in Medway, MA. He currently is a member of Fairport Lodge No. 476, served as Worshipful Master in 1979 and was appointed Grand Rep. of the Grand Lodge of Japan. Brother Bob joined the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. in 1989, served as Sovereign Prince, is active on our Membership Committee and is currently chairman of the Ambassador Program. He is a member of Damascus Temple Shrine and Legion of Honor.

Brother Cameron was born in Mt. Vernon, N.Y. After graduating from High School, he attended Colby College in Waterville, ME and Oklahoma State University, receiving a Degree in Industrial Engineering and Management. In 1989 Bob retired after a career of 30 years with the Xerox Corp. He is the father of two sons and three daughters and is married to the former A. Jeanne Williams. The Camerons are members of Webster Presbyterian Church. □

Arthur F. Maupin  
32° MSA  
Class Sponsor



The Valley of Rochester is pleased to announce that Brother Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA, has been named Class Sponsor for the 1997 Fall and 1998 Spring Reunion Classes.

Brother Maupin was raised in Charlotte Lodge No. 1088 in 1962 and received the 32° of the Scottish Rite in 1970. He received his Meritorious Service Award in 1992. Art has been the faithful Tiler of the Valley of Rochester

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Chicken St. Nicholas  
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\$15.00 per Person  
Dance to the music of the George Schiel Trio



**Art Maupin**

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since 1984 and has been an active participant in the 16° and 32°. He has also been active in the Legion of Honor, Greeters and Shrine Lunch Club of Damascus Temple.

Brother Maupin is a veteran of the U.S. Army, discharged in 1945 as a Staff Sergeant. He graduated from RIT with an A.A.S. Degree in Electronics, is a retiree of Eastman Kodak Co. Art is a member of the American Legion and the D.A.V., and recently received the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross.


He and his wife, Elaine, have a son and a daughter. They are active members of the Wesley United Methodist Church where he has served as a Sunday School Teacher, was appointed to the Worship Commission and the Administrative Board and was the Program Director of the Wesley Senior Club. □

**Jacqueline Delgado  
Scholarship  
Recipient**

Jacqueline Delgado, daughter of Brother Ernest L. Swan, Sr., is one of the three students who received the Leon M. Abbott Scholarships for 1997. She is in the Advance Standing Masters of Social Work Program at Syracuse University.

Jacqueline has a concentration in Health Care. Her 1st Internship was at St. Joseph's Villa of Rochester and the 2nd at Rochester General Hospital, working with women and children. She has found her Internships very rewarding and educational.

In a note received from her, she thanked everyone for the generous scholarship. □



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**Picnic**

Thanks to the gracious hospitality of the McDill family we again had a very successful Post picnic. Even though the forecast was for rain, it turned out to be a beautiful day. There is something about fresh air combined with a waterfront and a boat that can totally relax a person. The food was great and the fellowship could not be beat. I look forward to next year's gathering as I am sure the rest of you do.

**Next on the agenda**


The next event on our agenda is the regular dinner-meeting to be held on October 30th. Flyers will be sent with the details.

**Holiday Party**

Our Annual Holiday Party is not too far off and will be discussed at the next meeting. I will keep you posted on coming events and flyers will be sent with the details. □

**Genesee/Wyoming Dis.**  
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**Triluminar Lodge  
No. 543  
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W.: Richard Anderson, Sec.  
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**Greetings, Brethren**

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Summer. We are all resuming our labor, and from what I have heard around the District, everyone has a busy year planned. I wish everyone the best.

**Official Visit**

Our Official Visit of R.:W.: Robert F. Dagen, DDGM, and R.:W.: Richard C. Anderson, Sword Bearer of the Genesee/Wyoming District, will be October 8th at 8:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the program.

**Brother Bring-a-Friend Night**

We will be having a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night soon. All are welcome to attend and bring a prospective candidate.

**District Fish Fry**

The Annual District Fish Fry will be held at Attica Lodge on October 13th, starting at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00.

**Grand Lecturer's Convention**

The Annual Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held November 5th, 8:00 p.m. at Constellation Lodge No. 404, Perry. Let's have a good turn out.

**Euchre Tournaments, 1998**

The following dates have been set for the Round Robin Euchre Tournament:

- Feb. 3-Oakland No. 379
- Feb. 11-Triluminar No. 543
- Feb. 17-Warsaw No. 549
- March 5-Constellation No. 404, Perry.

During my Visits to neighboring Lodges the first part of September, I heard some whispering about a mutiny against W.: Brother Chuck. The one statement I heard was, "He will crow no more". I will keep everyone informed of these developments.

**Molly**

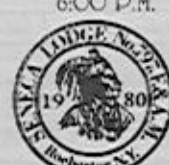
For those of you who haven't heard, Molly, the Traveling Trophy, has resided at Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161 in Bliss since May.

To all Arcade No. 322 RAM members, we will have an Official Visit on October 13th. A dinner, by the OES, will be at 6:00 p.m. Let's have a good turnout. Call R.:E.: Daniel Evans for reservations. □

**1st Monroe District**

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**Seneca Lodge  
No. 797**  
Second Tuesday  
6:00 P.M.



W.: Donald A. Rose, Master  
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Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary  
233-5953  
30 Orchard St.,  
Webster, N.Y. 14580

Brethren, most recently I have felt the sting of death's arrow, with the passing of two Brothers,

W.: Archie Clarke and John Stahlbrodt. These two individuals became known to me in different ways, not unlike the manner each participated in the Craft.

W.: Archie Clarke was a Past Master of our Lodge, and a welcome face on the sidelines each meeting.

Brother John Stahlbrodt became known to me only as a name on the roster. John had been a member of the Lodge for over 30 years and had not been a regular. Two different men, each practicing Masonry in his own manner, yet each displaying to the public the manner of man Masonry calls its own. No finer character has ever been displayed to me.

With this in mind, let us remember that a Mason doesn't have to be at every meeting to be a true practitioner of the Craft, and often our best ambassadors are those we seldom see.

To those of our membership distant from meetings, let us hear from you. Even though you are not present in our sight, you are ever present in our hearts.

On a more joyous note, we at Seneca Lodge welcome all Masons to attend the 3rd Degree as conferred by the Damascus Past Masters' Degree Team on Tuesday October 14th. The time and location are: 7:30 p.m., Webster Lodge. □

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beautiful and looks so grand sitting out there for the world to see. Applause! Applause!

**Happy place**

The Lilac Luncheon was wonderful. There must have been 50-60 of us there. There were 4 Sisters and a gent at my table. Sister Marguerite Sanford said, "I am happy as can be at the Home, considering I can't have my own home". Rt. Wthy. Hilda Brooks lives at Pounder Hall and volunteers over at the Home and she has visited Rochester many times. Sister Mary Eckler said, "I am happy as can be, Oriskany is the most beautiful home in the world", and Sister Margaret Blekas also said, "It's the most beautiful place". The gent at our table was Quincy Doyle, who has worked at the Home for six years. He likes his job and sometimes he chauffeurs the ladies. It was a nice Luncheon and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. They are looking forward to seeing us again in June, 1998.

**Homecomings**

By the time you read this article, the Homecomings for Rt. Wthy. Elaine and Rt. Wthy. Melvin Doverspike will be over and I am sure they were very nice. I certainly hope that their year was all they expected and that they enjoyed it. Best wishes to both of you.

Homecomings yet to happen are Rt. Wthy. Bill Cobb, October 4th at 8:00 p.m. at Fairport Chapter and Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi, October 7th at 7:30 p.m. at Nola Chapter in Churchville.

**All welcome**

Fairport Chapter will be having a Bazaar at their Chapter on November 15th. They have invited other Chapters to join them. For more information, please call Wthy. Lori Lorraine at 223-2924.

The combined Reception for the 1998 Grand Officers will be November 15th, 8:00 p.m. at Leah Chapter in Hilton.

"One of the beautiful things about our friendships is that we share them."

Until next time, I wish you peace.

**Webster Chapter No. 171**  
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It was a rainy trip to Oriskany for the rescheduled Lilac Luncheon at Roselawn with the residents. Our Chapter, with the aid of writer Kay Kuehne; narrator, Joy Woodley, and models, Helen Fordham, Marion Neuert, Ruth Beard and Kay, entertained everyone with an amusing Apron Presentation. A fun day!

Great news from our committee for new officers who have presented a slate for 1998. Kudos to the Past Matrons.

**Dates to remember**

October 7th is Initiation, followed by a reception for our new members.

Grand Chapter will meet in Lake Placid October 16-18.

On October 21st there will be a Tureen Dinner at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow in-

forming us of all the happenings at Lake Placid.

October 29th is the Monroe District Banquet at the Beahan Road Party House. Reservations to Faythe.

We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God.

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By Wthy. Barbara Spano  
 Something to be happy about: leaves in great golden drifts as crisp as beaten gold foil.

It is hard to believe that October is here already. This is a very busy time of the year. The Associate Matron, Wthy. Evy Ann and I will be going to Grand Sessions on October 15th. We are both looking forward to this. On October 9th I will be leaving for Calicoon, NY, to go with Fidelity Triangle for their Convention. If you have a problem, or any questions in regard to Chapter, please call our Associate Matron, Wthy. Evy Ann.

**Help needed**

Our Bazaar will be October 9-11 at Greece Ridge Center Mall. Rt. Wthy. Audrey and Sister Norma have been very busy planning and making merchandise for the event. I know they need help at the Bazaar, so if anyone out there is able, please call Rt. Wthy. Audrey.

**Big night!**

Our meeting in October will be Master Masons Night. If the Star Points are healthy, we may also have Star Point Night! Rt. Wthy. Barbara and Rt. Wthy. Ron will be taking care of the luncheon for this evening. As far as I know there is nothing going on at the Auditorium on October 4th; parking shouldn't be a problem.

**Sickness**

We have had Sisters and Brothers who have been ill. Sister Sharon King is still nursing her leg; Sister Claudia, also. Wthy. George and Sister Sharon M. were down with colds. Rt. Wthy. Audrey is doing great after her cataract surgery; she is not wearing glasses anymore. Lucky lady. Please remember our Sisters and Brothers with your prayers. Prayer does work.

**District Banquet**

The District Banquet will be here before we know it. It would be so nice to have a good showing from our Chapter. Wthy. Evy Ann will receive her Matron's Pin

and, new this year, will be the presentation of the Dedicated Service Award.

**Thanks**

A great big thank you to Rt. Wthy. Bill Baxter for this wonderful talk on the Heroines of our Order. It was most interesting and educational. Thanks again, Bill.

We are still collecting dental supplies for the homeless. If you would like to contribute to this project, please give me a call.

**All invited**

We will be having Dinner/Theater excursion on November 9th. If you are interested, please call Wthy. Evy Ann or myself for details. A letter will be going out to all Chapters; friends and families are also invited to join us.

Take a few minutes out of your busy day and call a Sister or Brother whom you haven't seen in a long time. It really doesn't take much time and they do appreciate hearing from us. Thanks!

Fall is closing in and Winter is not far behind. To keep really warm, think about the friendships you have made in the Order and the good work you have done to make someone else happy, and you will not have to worry about the long, cold days and nights.

Until next time, I wish you peace.

**NOLA Chapter No. 368**  
*Order of the Eastern Star*  
**1st & 3rd Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.**  
 Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings Matron  
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 20 South Main Street Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Wthy. Avis Theis

**Welcome home!**

Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi, Grand Historian, will be back home October 7th, when Nola Chapter will have her Homecoming at the Chapter room. The event will be an Open Meeting at 7:30 p.m. We are looking forward to distinguished guests from around the State. We invite our friends, neighbors and members to join us. We are very proud of Rt. Wthy. Judy, as we have been of all our Past Grands and members.

**Illness**

We send our best to Wthy. Susan Drake's husband who has had surgery.

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Grand Sessions are coming up very soon and everyone is busy getting ready for it. October 15-18 will find about 50-60 members at Lake Placid.

After we return from Grand Sessions, we will have the District Banquet on October 29th at the Party House on Beahan Road at 6:30 p.m. Your Chapter Secretary will be receiving a letter with all the information very soon. There will be entertainment and for the first time, we will be presenting Dedicated Service Awards.

The next Line Officers Study Club will be meeting October 4th at 10:00 a.m. at the Penfield Temple. At that time the Baby Banks must be turned in so the monies can be counted and banked for the presentation at the District Banquet. Thanks to everybody for all your efforts for the babies.

**Applause!**

My apologies to Henrietta Chapter for not reporting the wonderful gift that they gave to the Home at Oriskany. It was announced at Pilgrimage that a new sign for the Home was donated by Henrietta Chapter. It is very

By Wthy. Barbara Spano  
 Something to be happy about: the cidery tang of windfall apples in the country air.

**Greetings from the 1997 Grand Officers**

Due to a misunderstanding, I am back. You have to put up with my writing for another year. I will try not to bore you and will try very hard to bring you all the information I can.

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**Nola Chapter**

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**Meetings**

As stated before, October 7th is Rt. Wthy. Judy's Homecoming at 7:30 p.m.

October 16th-18th is Grand Chapter at Lake Placid.

October 21st is Nola's Backward Night. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Make reservations with Sister Kathleen at 293-2052. Wear something backwards! The Committee for October is: Wthy. Anita Drake, Wthy. Sara Stephens, Wthy. Sherre Albright, Sister Diane Drake and Wthy. Sheila McDonald.

**Projects**

On November 15th we will have a booth at the Fairport Bazaar. If you can make something, including baked goods, it will help.

Don't forget the Campbell labels and TOPS tapes. Thanks to all who have saved these for us.

Our Brothers took some time from their Summer to do some redecorating in our Chapter rooms. It looks very nice and we do appreciate all they have done.

These close, endearing friendships

Withstand the test of time  
And draw us closer year by year

Like diamonds, they're a prize!

ers of their District. The youngest person at each table won a gift. John French then presented each District Deputy Grand Matron an American Flag for being in charge of dinner reservations in their District. The evening ended with Star Bingo and a raffle lead by Rt. Wthy. L. Janet Lee and myself. A great time was had by those attending.

Pilgrimage Day was July 25th. The day dawned bright and cheery as we all headed off to shop and greet friends at the OES Home in Oriskany. The Genesee/Wyoming District Maple Syrup Booth under the direction of Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss, and myself, was so busy we were sold out by noon. A big thanks to the Chapters for their support of this worthwhile project. At 3:00 p.m. the present Grand Officers filed onto the grounds of the Home for a Memorial Service.

The District Go-to-Church Sunday was August 3rd. Thirty-one members of the District gathered at the Masonic Temple in Pike, NY, for breakfast before going across the street to the Pike Community Church for worship. The members of the Genesee/Wyoming District, OES, thank the members of the Pike Community Church for allowing us to worship with them and for the warm welcome extended to us.

The Gathering of States was held in Bristol, Connecticut on August 16th. Two members of Genesee/Wyoming District joined 128 Sisters and Brothers from New York State and 120 from Connecticut and Massachusetts. Daytime activities included a Clock Museum, a Carousel Museum and/or relaxing pool side at the hotel. Of course many found the nearby malls for shopping. Following dinner, each of the three Grand Matrons informally introduced their Grand Officers. The entertainment of the evening was a local Fiddle Band. All enjoyed their music and some even danced. Each State Delegation presented a short program and the evening closed with the lighting of Friendship Candles. A great time was had by all.

**Homecoming**

The following Grand Officers were honored by their Chapters with a dinner and reception at the United Methodist Church in Lewiston, Batavia, NY on September 18th: Rt. Wthy. Newton Shaw, Associate Grand Sentinel; Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss, District Grand Lecturer; Rt. Wthy. Louise Fox, Grand Representative of Delaware and myself. Each of us thank the members of our Chapters and the District for the support received during our term

of office. The Grand Officers of 1997 wish the Grand Officers of 1998 a wonderful year of good health, safe journeys, and many great memories. A Reception for the incoming Grand Officers will be held at 8:00 p.m. on October 23rd at the Perry Masonic Temple, 21 Main Street, Perry, NY. Contact Mrs. Florence McBride, 28 Watrous Street, Perry, NY 14530 for details and to make reservations.

**Dinner**

Swiss Steak Dinner-November 2nd, sponsored by the Genesee/Wyoming District. OES at the Perry Masonic Temple, Perry, NY. The cost is \$6.75 for adults and \$4.00 for children 10 and under. Dinner will begin at 12:30 p.m.

**Grand Chapter**

Grand Chapter of the OES of the State of New York will be held at the Lake Placid Convention Center from October 16th-18th. Members of the District who have not made arrangements for rooms need to contact Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss as soon as possible.

**In Memoriam**

**June**

**Flint, Asher V.**  
Asher was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 and passed away June 21st in Florida.

**July**

**Buzard, Clair M.**  
A 1972 Master of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109, Clair died July 15th in Florida.

**August**

**Thompson, John**  
East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 lost a member with the death of John on August 17th.

**Weller, Paul H.**  
August 20th was the date that Paul was called Home. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and is survived by his 2 sons.

**Dimino, Joseph J.**  
Joseph joined the Great Architect above on August 24th. He was Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in 1970; Past Thrice Potent Master, Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R.; Past Grand Tall Cedar, Rochester Forest No. 133; Past Patron of Irondequoit Chapter No. 572, OES; Past Grand Representative to the State of North Dakota and Past Daddy of Fidelity Triangle No. 4. Joseph is survived by his wife, Ramona, 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

**Davidson, David**  
A resident of the Masonic Home in Utica, David died August 25th. He was a member of Fairport Lodge No. 476 Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Joyce, and 3 children.

**Pluta, John**  
August 25th was the date that John entered eternal rest. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. He is survived by his wife, Bernice, 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**Gibbs, Bruce R.**  
Bruce was a member of East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943, Doric Council, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, Hiram Chapter, Royal Arch and was currently Associate Patron in Fairport Chapter No. 444 when he passed away August 28th. He is survived by his sister and nieces and nephews.

**Clarke, Archie C.**  
A member of Seneca Lodge No. 797 and Rochester Consistory, Archie died August 29th. He is survived by his children.

**September**

**Burt, William E.**  
Constellation Lodge No. 404 and Rochester Consistory lost a member with the passing of Bill. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, children and one grandchild.

**Wood, Lloyd A., Sr.**  
Lloyd was at Alexandria Bay when he died September 2nd. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163 and is survived by his wife, Lillian, children and 4 grandchildren.

**Fisher, Robert W.**  
September 3rd was the date that Robert entered eternal rest. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and is survived by his wife, Evelyn, children and 4 grandchildren.

**Crumb, Duane R.**  
Duane was 84 years old when he passed away on September 8th. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, Webster Lodge No. 538, Rochester Consistory and Lalla Rookh Grotto. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie, children and one grandson.

**Popowich, Stephen**  
Clio Lodge No. 779 lost a member with the sudden death of Stephen on September 9th at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, children and 10 grandchildren.

**Davis, Dallas D.**  
Dallas was called Home on September 13th. He was a member of Oatka Lodge No. 759 and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include his wife, Patricia, and children.

**Foster, Robert W.**  
Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 lost a member with the passing of Robert on September 13th at the age of 81 years. He is survived by his wife, Josephine, children, 9 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

**Dodge, Gordon T.**  
After a long illness, Gordon joined the Great Architect above on September 14th. He was a member and Past Master of Flower City Lodge No. 910, Past Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto and a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie, daughters and many other family members.

The following death was reported to us with no specific information.

**Wishman, Harold R.**  
Harold was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163 and Rochester Consistory. He passed away September 9th.

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Rt. Wthy. June Lee presenting check to Frank Conrad (Center). Also attending Wyoming County Sheriff Allen Capwell (left), Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss and Undersheriff Donald Ely (extreme right).



Sis. Leona Kolberg (left) presenting Dedicated Service Award to Rt. Wthy. Thelma Shaw.



Wthy. Norman Steinbaugh - Patron, Sis. Rhea Werner - Life Member, Rt. Wthy. Thelma Shaw - Matron and Wthy. Carrie Beaumont - 50 Year Pin and Life Membership. (Photo courtesy Thorpe Chapter)

By Rt. Wthy. June Lee  
Wyoming District presented a \$500.00 check to Frank Conrad, who found the body of Samantha Zaldivar. The Award Money was donated by Eastern Star Chapters, Eastern Star members and Masonic Lodges of Genesee/Wyoming and Allegany Districts. Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss, District Grand Lecturer of the Genesee/Wyoming District was the Chairman of the Award Committee. Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss and I thank all who helped by making donations to the fund, being a member of a search party and/or offered prayers for Samantha Zaldivar and her family.

**Summer activities**

Summer has been a busy time for Eastern Star in Genesee/Wyoming District.

First came the District Picnic on July 13th. It was a beautiful day filled with great weather and fellowship. Following lunch and a short meeting participants had a choice of a walk to Rushford Lake and/or playing Euchre or Star Bingo. We thank Newt and Thelma Shaw for opening their home and all the great cooks for their yummy dishes.

Next came the Quintet Dinner on July 25th. Members from Columbia/Dutchess/Putnam, Cattaraugus, Allegany, Greene Ulster and Genesee/Wyoming Districts gathered at Twin Ponds in New York Mills for a buffet dinner that was sooooo good. We all ate tooo muchhh. The Grand leaders of each District greeted the group and introduced the present and future Grand Offic-

# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

- 1997**
- Oct. 2 Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night
  - Oct. 13 The Last Round of Golf (Lakeside Foundation)
  - Oct. 25 Grand Master's Town Meeting, Area 15  
Downtown Temple, Rochester
  - Nov. 6 Annual Scottish Rite Family Life Week Program
  - Nov. 8 Knights Templar Orders, Zone 11, Rochester
  - Nov. 20 & 22 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion/Shrine Ceremonial,  
Downtown Temple
- 1998**
- Apr. 25 Widows Luncheon, Logan's Party House
  - Apr. 29 Annual Feast, Finger Lakes Chapter, Philalethes
  - Mar. 28 Monroe Masonic Grand Ball

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  - Eagle Valley No. 1161 3X
  - Etolian No. 479 9/15
  - Flower City No. 910 9/15
  - Germania No. 722 9/15
  - M & Wardens, Mon. 9/15
  - Olive Branch 39 2X
  - Seneca No. 797 9/19
  - Triluminar No. 543 9/18
  - Warsaw No. 549 5X

The Deadline for the November issue is: **October 10, 1997**

## Program Speakers

- Donald Brugger**  
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Vernon Goodrich  
"The Masonic Service Bureau"  
"Financial Planning"  
(h) 377-0367, (w) 473-4351  
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Various Masonic Subjects  
288-5513  
William Lindsay  
Various Masonic Topics  
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**Dan Morgan**  
"The Morgan Affair"  
(h) 872-3616, (w) 461-8045  
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"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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### Memorial Day Celebration

As mentioned in the previous issue, Tom Paglia and I, accompanied by our spouses, traveled to Bath on May 26th to participate in their Memorial Day Parade. It was a festive and exciting event. There was a large crowd from the Bath area and marching in the parade were units from Fraternal, Civic, Military and Veteran organizations. Of special interest was the Masonic participation; the Masonic War Veterans and Knights Templar.

### Dignitaries

While there we had the privilege of meeting some of the dignitaries: R. W. Harold Hager-DDGM Cayuga/Steuben, R. W. Kenneth Pollard-DDGM Cayuga Tomkins, Bro. Victor Ford-Commander, M.W.V. Bro. Kadeen Karem-Dir. M.W.V., who was one

of the Parade Division Marshals and Bro. Donald Stait-New York Grand Lodge Representative to the Bath VMAC. Tom and I rode in a car bearing the sign of the Grand Lodge of New York. The day was culminated with a picnic supper at Steuben Lodge #112. We were warmly welcomed and enjoyed fellowship of the Lodge Brothers; a very enjoyable day. □

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December

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**Annie**

## Scottish Rite Brother-Bring-A-Brother Night

Friday, November 7, 1997

**Eagle Vale C.C.**  
7:00 p.m.

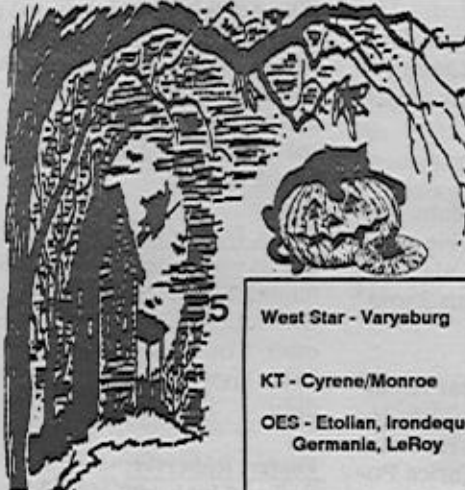


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October Gem - Opal  
October Flower - Calendula

# Calendar October 1997

○ Deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1997 SEPTEMBER 1997 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1 Attica  Damascus Shrine Move-up Night	2 Constellation - Perry - 1* Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster  Scottish Rite - Symbolic Lodge Awards Night  RAM - Western Star  OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.  Rosh Hoshanah	3 Spaghetti Dinner Etolian  	4 Scottish Rite Area #1 Meeting Downtown Masonic Temple  OES - Rochester Chapter  DeMolay
	5 West Star - Varysburg  KT - Cyrene/Monroe  OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy  Shrine Lunch Club	6 Charlotte/Corinthian - 1* Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw  OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	7 Service Bureau Luncheon  Churchville - 1* Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike  OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia  Shrine Legion of Honor	8 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City  RAM - Hiram, MEM Degree  KT - Batavia  Lalla Rookh Caldron  Shrine Greeters	9 District Fish Fry Attica G/W  Yom Kippur - Sundown	10 Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile - Fairport  Yom Kippur ends- Sundown
12 National Children's Day	13 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield, Golf Tourney-A.M. RAM - Arcade OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes  Shrine Lunch Club Columbus Day	14 Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes  RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming  Shrine Ladies Luncheon	15 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy  Grotto, Ceremonial  RSM - Doric Council  RAM - 3X3  Shrine Patrol Luncheon	16 Constellation - Perry Flower City - 2* Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster  RAM - Western Star  OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.  Shrine - Wayne Co., Canandaigua	17 United Nations Day  Shrine - Penn Yan	18 Shrine Octoberfest
19	20 West Star - Varysburg  KT - Cyrene/Monroe  OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy  Shrine Lunch Club	21 Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton Germania - Irondequoit - 1* Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw  OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster  Shrine - Wheelers	22 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike  OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia  Shrine - Directors Staff	23 Eagle Valley - Bliss  RAM - Hiram  KT - Batavia  Shrine - Perry Horse Patrol, Color Guard	24 Scottish Rite Ladies Night	25 Grand Master's Town Meeting, Downtown Temple  Royal Arch Canadian Visit HRA Degree Dinner 6:30  Lalla Rookh Caldron Installation
26 Daylight Savings Ends	27 ERAC E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport - 2* Fairport  RAM - Arcade - LeRoy RSM - Nun-Da-Wa-Oa Council - LeRoy  OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	28 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit - 2* Monroe - Brockport  Geneva Shrine Club	29 Shrine - Noble-Bring-A Brother Night-Abigail's	30	31 HALLOWEEN  	1997 NOVEMBER 1997 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29