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Etolian Lodge Participates in Spencerport Community Project



Clyde Carter Memorial Gazebo on the Canal in Spencerport along with the flagpole which Etolian Lodge helped fund. Bricks in the walk surrounding the pole were purchased by individual Brothers. (pg. 7)

Grand Master's Town Meeting

Meet and talk with the Grand Master

By V. W. John Zabel

The Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, M. W. Earle J. Hino, Jr., will be holding a Town Meeting for the Brethren of Area 15 on Saturday, October 25th. Area 15 consists of the 1st and 2nd Monroe, Wayne and Livingston Districts.

All Brethren of these and adjoining Districts are cordially invited to attend this event. It will be held in Cathedral Hall in the Downtown Masonic Temple, 875 Main St. E., Rochester. The Town Meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. with refreshments and sign-in. This will be followed by the opening of the Town Meeting at 9:00 a.m. It will end by noon. There will be breaks and time has been set aside for the Brethren to have their picture taken with the Grand Master. This Meeting is not formal, dress casual and be comfortable.

Why is the Grand Master holding Town Meetings? It is one of

the methods used by him to discover the feeling and attitudes of the Brethren across the State. You will be able to put questions to the Grand Master on most any subject concerning Freemasonry in the State. Cards will be available for you to write your questions down before the Meeting starts. The Meeting is intended to allow for a free exchange of comments, questions and ideas between the Brethren, the Grand Master and the Grand Line. □

R. W. James Powell Appointed



By R. W. F. Jay McCullough
A letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York announced the appointment of James J. Powell as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Canada, near the Grand Lodge of New York, effective May 15, 1997.

His Certificate was presented by R. W. Cyrus Kloner, District Deputy of the 1st Monroe District on June 16th. An Apron Presentation Ceremony will be announced by W. Brian P. Keery, Master of Etolian Lodge No. 479 in Spencerport, to be held during September.

Masonic history

James was raised in Etolian Lodge No. 479, Spencerport, NY, on March 14, 1960, where he has maintained continuous and very active membership through the present time. He was Master there in 1973, after serving in several appointive and elective offices and on various committees. He continues to be the primary "facilities care" person for the Temple building in Village of Spencerport. He tends to maintenance items on behalf of the Trustees and Lodge officers. "If it's broke, he can be counted on to fix it" or get it fixed.

Royal Arch

Jim became a Royal Arch Companion in LeRoy Chapter No. 183, LeRoy, NY. There he served a term as Excellent High Priest, after holding several other appointive and elective offices.

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Monroes Grand Lecturer's Convention



M. W. Calvin G. Bond will again be visiting the Monroes for his "Grand Lecturer's Convention" on Thursday, September 18th, at the Damascus Shrine Mosque, Bay Road, Webster. The event will be preceded by a dinner. For more information, see Page 6. □

Masonic Service Bureau Grants \$10,000 in Scholarships to Area Students



(front) Darlyne A. Stefanko-Greece Odyssey HS, Jennifer Morris-Greece Olympia HS, Emily Gisleson-Red Jacket HS, Sara Ann Born-Honeoye Falls/Lima HS, Jessica Jean Metzger-Hilton Central HS, (back) John C. Raab-Gates/Chili HS, Brian P. Hegeman-Newark Central HS, Nicholas Giagios-Gates/Chili HS, Elizabeth Fredericks-Seton Home Study/Marshall HS, Michael James Richards-Webster HS and Lynn Ann Arthur-Fairport HS. See page 4. (Photos courtesy Linda Zahn)

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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What else is new?

Well, I guess all are agreed that this past Summer was a good one, that it is over and that everyone had a good time. At least that's the way 90% of all the articles this month opened. If only we were as agreeable about other matters.

Which leads me to a discussion of the annual outbreak of "the New Master's lost the suggested format for submission of articles to the *Masonic Times*", syndrome. Remember: typed, double spaced, name of organization and phone number at the top; -30- at the end. I wish that I had some catchy mnemonic device for remembering that. Perhaps an acronym like TYPDUBSPANOPAT, which spells: tip-dub-spanopat would help? Well, anyway, just remember.

Good writing

I call your attention to the article written by the Beloved Queen of Fidelity Triangle. Not only is it well written, but, it has a message for all of us.

Reminers

The Service Bureau still needs volunteers to clean wheelchairs and home loan equipment. The library still needs volunteers in order to open in the evening. If you have a refrigerator in working order, we need a couple of those too!

Thanks

I hope those organizations who received loan repayments will consider my appeal for the DeMolay Camp. Many thanks to Cyrene/Monroe Commandery and Craftsman/Robertson Lodge who have already contributed a good portion of the amount they received.

Help needed

Camp DeMolay has been very active this year with church groups, DeMolay, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Constellation, Eastern Star, OES campers, family reunions and fishermen using the Camp.

We still need help in fixing up and maintaining the Camp. Continuous tree and brush removal is a problem. We would like to have Lodges adopt one of our 4 smaller buildings and provide the care and upkeep for their adopted sleeping quarters or restrooms. Can your Lodge help?

Loan equipment

We need volunteers to clean and repair medical equipment at the Downtown Temple.

By the way, have you seen our new dining room?

"Beware of the half truth. You may have gotten hold of the wrong half".

Spikes Hike

On Saturday, May 24th, the Monroe County Special Olympics Walk-a-thon Spikes Hike was held at Frontier Field. It was a great success. A large number of volunteers, walkers, and Special Olympic athletes, participated.

Children's Festival

On Friday, May 30th, the Annual School Children's Festival was held at School 17 and at the request of Dave Clarke, Vice-Principal, I repeated the magic show of last year. Judging by the response and laughter of the children, the performances were enthusiastically received. A fellow magician, "Prof. Rem", and two Shrine Clowns, joined me.

Special Olympics

The Monroe County Special Olympics Track and Field Events were held at the U of R Athletic Field on Saturday, May 31st. Brother Don Walzer, of Etolian Lodge, was one of the Officials.

Walk for Cure

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation held its Walk for Cure on Sunday, June 8th, at Highland Park Bowl. A huge throng of volunteers, walkers and Special Olympic athletes participated. It was a festive sight, with many tents spread over the field. A number of signs with the names of the many contributors were posted on the field. There was one bearing the name of the "Masons".

Homearama

In July, the Webster Homearama, for the financial benefit of the Al Sigl Center, was held. Mary Wright, from the Masonic Service Bureau, my wife and I attended.

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

After a few months of a drought of community service events, I became inundated with opportunities. The following were participated in on behalf of the Masons.



Harold Bollotin and magician, "Prof. Rem", in action at the Juvenile Diabetes Walk. (Photos courtesy Harold Bollotin)



Monroe County Special Olympics "Spikes Hike" at Frontier Field. (front) Two Special Athletes; (back) Harold Bollotin and two unidentified volunteers.



Special Athletes at Monroe County Special Olympics Track & Field Events at University of Rochester.

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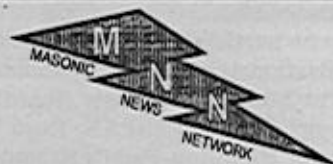
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Canes	100
Commodes	92
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Miscellaneous	11
Total	770



Harold Bollotin and Kim Stubbs, Chairperson, at the Juvenile Diabetes Walk.

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James J. Powell

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He became a dual Chapter member in the Royal Arch when he became a charter member of 3X3 Chapter No. 333, Spencerport, NY. His active involvement led to appointment as Right Excellent Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of NY on December 27, 1994. A proud moment during his tenure was when he was charged to escort the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania for honors at the 1995 Grand Chapter of NY Convocation in Albany.

Other involvement

Powell is a member of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar and holds membership in Genesee York Rite College No. 25.

He has been an active participant in many programs of the Scottish Rite. He is a Past Most Wise Master of Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix.

Jim also has been an active participant in many programs of AAONMS, Damascus Temple, Rochester. He was Commander of the Legion of Honor in 1993; Chairman of the Shrine Golf Tournament in 1994 and is regularly involved in annual circus chores.

More recently, Jim was President (1996) of the Past Master's Supper Club of the Monroes, and he is often to be seen at monthly meetings of this amiable group.

Jim participated as a volunteer for maintenance service at the Monroe Masonic Service Bureau's Camp DeMolay on Lake Ontario during the Summer of 1996. He was one of those who helped refurbish the newly acquired camp site for use by non-profit, community and church volunteer groups as well as the Masonic groups in general.

Jim is past President and a continuing active member of the NYS Masonic Golf Association.

On the distaff side, he is a member of Etolian Chapter No. 308, Order of the Eastern Star. He has served as Associate Patron and Patron on multiple occasions. He became a Right Worthy when he was appointed Monroe District Grand Lecturer. He was an advisor in the Monroe District Grand Officer's Association.

A Fraternal family

Jim's wife, Chickie, was Matron of Etolian Chapter No. 308, OES on multiple occasions. She is the Past Grand Representative of Florida, near the Grand Chapter of NY.

Their daughter, Diana, is a Past Matron of Etolian Chapter, OES. Her husband, W. Brian P. Keery, is a multi-year Past Patron of Etolian Chapter, OES, and is reigning Master of Etolian Lodge No. 179 in Spencerport.

A church family

All family members are communicants in the Methodist Church in Spencerport, performing a variety of volunteer activities associated with church and community.

Professionally speaking

James retired from the position as Senior Electric Engineer at Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester in 1991 after 35 years of service, allowing even greater amounts of time to be spent on his favorite avocation, the Fraternity of Masonry. □

**Grand Lodge
Veterans Service
Committee**

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

It is a sad occurrence which is taking place at the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua. Slowly but surely, the Center is closing; all in the name of austerity. Three years ago the Medical Center had over 700 Veterans in their care. On May 7th I was at a VAVS Executive Board meeting and heard that there are a little over 400 veterans remaining. It seems that the VA will be dismissing more veterans to their homes and into the care of their families, to a middle care house, or to nursing homes. A statement was made at a large gathering of veterans just recently that in about 11 years all VA Medical Centers will be closed. Our veterans were promised medical care for their unselfish sacrifice in the wars. What is happening is that the government is turning their backs on the them. What will take place is that the veterans whose families cannot take care of them will be put into nursing homes, like Building 9 (which was one of our visiting wards and is now empty) at the VA Medical Center and taken over by a private, not for profit organization.

The cost of operating this building will be put onto the veterans, because their social security, retirement checks and other income will pay for this care.

What a way to treat veterans, by making them pay for disabilities or illness that they received in the service of their country. So basically, the VA will be out of the business of taking care of the veterans.

Speaking for myself, who served in two wars, missing going to Viet Nam by sheer numbers, and wore the uniform for 40 years, it really hurts. When we visit the veterans, all I can see is that but for the grace of God, there go I.

Visitations

Our visitations start on October 12th and we will meet in Building 7 at 12:45 p.m. to be up in the ward by 1:30 p.m. There are about 40 or 45 veterans there, but some of them cannot partake of the refreshments for various reasons. Your presence to talk to them will do much to bolster their spirits.

Veteran's Service

On September 5, 6, and 7th, Grand Lodge Veterans Representatives, Grand Lodge Veterans Deputies and I will be meeting in Tarrytown, NY for a seminar on Veterans Affairs. Here I hope to find out more about what may happen to the VA and in the care of the veterans. Any information I receive I will pass onto you. In the mean time, write to your Congressmen or Congresswomen and let them know you are against the closing of the Medical Centers. Veterans-you never know, you may need their help sometime.

Take care and God be with you. □

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By V. W. John Zabel

The New Year

George spent the Summer going over the Junior Warden's work. Being the newly elected and installed Junior Warden, he felt that it was his responsibility to be fully prepared for the year. In going over the work, he realized that as Junior Warden he was ultimately responsible for refreshments. He had heard the words, but never really listened to them. Knowing that one of the Stewards was a new officer, George took things in hand.

"Hello, Frank? This is George. I'm calling to see if I can get together with you and Dan and talk about Lodge refreshments for the year."

"I'll be on vacation starting Wednesday," replied Frank. "I'll be back by next Tuesday."

"Why don't we get together at my house a week from Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.?" asked George.

"OK," said Frank.

Next George called Dan. "Dan, this is George. I'd like to get together with you and Frank to discuss Lodge refreshments for the year. I've already talked to Frank and he's free a week from Wednesday. Are you free then?"

"Let me check," answered Dan. "Yes, I'm free. Where and when will we meet?"

"At my house at 7:30 p.m."

Wednesday came. Frank and Dan arrived on time. George started the meeting. "I think what we should do is look over the Trestleboard and make preliminary plans for the refreshments for each evening. This will make it easier for you guys."

"Why are we doing this?" asked Dan.

"Well, in going over the Junior Warden's duties in the Ritual, I realized that I am responsible for superintending the Brethren during refreshment. Also, since, as Stewards you sit by my station, I should help you. I may be able to help with the preferences of the Brethren. Planning is the key to doing my job efficiently."

"Sounds good to me," replied both Dan and Frank.

They spent the next hour looking at each meeting and deciding what would be appropriate for the evening's refreshments. They tried not to have desserts on dinner nights since the dinner usually included a dessert. They tried to meet the tastes of the Brethren. At the end of the session, they all felt good.

"Frank, why don't we talk in a couple of weeks, before the first meeting in September, to work out who will get what," said Dan.

"OK, we'll do that," replied Frank.

After Frank and Dan left, George was feeling good about his first accomplishment as Junior Warden.

Important events

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is on September 18th at the Shrine Mosque and the Grand Master's Town Meeting on Saturday, October 25th, at the Downtown Masonic Temple. Plan to attend both of these events. □

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

There is a topic that most stock brokers do not like to talk about to their clients. What I am about to divulge could drastically affect their commissions in a negative way.

The reason that I do this is that my modus operandi is to get the best possible profit out of my clients investments, which may not be too popular with a lot of brokers. The reason that I offer this approach is that although I may not make as much in commissions, my clients benefit, and in the long run, I do, because my clients know that I am looking out for their best interests, so I still get the rest of their investment dollars.

This idea is called a Dividend Reinvestment Plan or DRP.

Dividend Reinvestment Plans are programs set up by public companies so that their dividends may be automatically invested in additional shares of stock, free of brokerage commissions, instead of being paid to the shareholder in cash.

Most companies that offer DRPs also offer "optional cash purchase plans" (OCP) that permit the shareholder to purchase additional shares of stock directly from the company at zero commission, and sometimes, may even offer the shares at a modest discount.

This is sort of like a Mutual Fund, but this program gives the investor the control over the decisions that have to be made.

Mutual Funds are excellent investment choices for most investors, but DRPs offer optional alternatives that are not available in the Mutual Funds.

There are many comparisons that can be made, but not here. If more information is desired, there are several books on the subject. I have some copies that are available for borrowing, and an association that sends out monthly data and information for the persons who are interested in this subject.

Please give me a call for additional information. □

**Your Legal
Rights
FYI**

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

**Health Insurance and job
changes**

An important new law went into effect on July 1, 1997. The Health Insurance Portability Act now requires insurers to provide you with health insurance when you change jobs. To be eligible, your last employer must also have provided you with health insurance. What it means is that, subject to qualifying conditions, you immediately qualify for health care coverage on your new job, without the necessity of a waiting period.

This new law also limits the length of time insurers can refuse insurance for pre-existing condi-

tions. Sometimes 12 months will be the maximum waiting period. The law also prohibits employers, including health insurers themselves, from dropping people from coverage because they are sick.

Portability

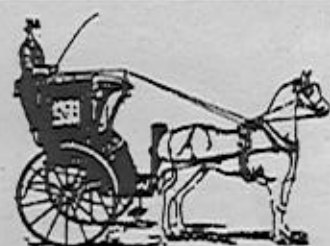
Health insurance portability does not mean you can transfer your current health care coverage from one job to the other. Portability means that if you change jobs, your new employer will have to give you credit for prior health care coverage.

To receive this credit, your previous employer is required to give you documentation stating how long you were covered while working at that job. You then must give this documentation to your new employer. If you were covered for 12 months or more by your prior employer's health insurance plan without a gap in coverage of more than 63 days, then you are eligible for immediate health insurance coverage from your new employer (assuming it's made available). This holds true regardless if you had a pre-existing health condition.

If offered, you're eligible

Even if you were covered for less than 12 months under your previous employer's health insurance plan, you can still receive credit. For example, if you were covered for only 6 months by a previous employer, then your subsequent health plan could only impose a 6 month pre-existing condition exclusion. If you were previously covered for only 4 months by a previous employer, then your subsequent health plan could only impose an 8 month pre-existing condition exclusion.

While the law does not require that employers offer health care coverage to its employees and their families, if your employer chooses to do so, then it must offer it to all of its employees, regardless of that particular employee's health status. Nor can the employer who offers health insurance coverage, charge higher individual premiums than other, healthier employees. Once insured, and as long as premiums are paid, your coverage cannot be subsequently cancelled if you later get sick (e.g. stroke, aids, cancer). □

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County Scholarships



Nicholas B. Giagios - Gates Chili HS, SUNY Fredonia - Elementary Teaching.



Darlyne A. Stefanko - Greece Odyssey HS, Wells College - Creative Arts Therapy.



Andrew Montgomery - Penfield HS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Computer Science/Company Owner.



Elizabeth Ann Fredericks - Seton Home Study/Marshall HS, Franciscan University - Secondary School Teaching/English.



Gail Clarke, Scholarship Awards Chairperson and presenter, Gary Burke, Bureau President, and Dave Clarke, Scholarships Committeeman, at a free moment during the Presentation festivities.



Sara Ann Born - Honeoye Falls/Lima HS, Binghamton University - Nursing.



Lynn Ann Arthur - Fairport HS, Monroe Community College - Physical Education/Teacher.



Brian P. Hegeman - Newark HS, SUNY Oswego - Computer Science.



Emily B. Gisleson - Red Jacket HS, Hope College - Music Education.



Jennifer Morris - Greece Olympia HS, Nazareth College - Physical Therapy.



Camila Papini Sibata - Our Lady of Mercy HS, Boston University - Biology.



Jessica Jean Metzger - Hilton Central HS, University of Rochester - Financial Analyst.

Masonic Scholarships



Michael J. Richards - Webster HS, Rochester Institute of Technology - Engineering.



John C. Raab - Gates Chili HS, Rochester Institute of Technology - Physician's Assistant.

Masonic Service Bureau Scholarship Award Recipients

By David C. Clarke

It is appropriate that we applaud our 1997-1998 Community and Masonic Scholarship winners. The Awards and Academic Certificates were presented on June 18th at a Reception honoring them at the Downtown Masonic Temple. The Awardees are the cream of the crop and your Scholarship monies are being well spent in promoting these youths for a better tomorrow. The 7 Community Scholarships were \$1000 each and the 6 Masonic Scholarships, \$500.

Charities

Grants totaling \$10,000 were also given at that time to a host of Representatives of area Charities.

Thanks to all

The Bureau wishes to thank Gail Clarke, Chairperson, and the members of the Scholarship Committee: Dave Clarke, Ruth Freeman and Erna-Jean Walker for their work in selecting our Scholars. Thanks are also extended to Jack S. Thibaut, Chairman, and the members of his Committee: A. John Tijou, Ger-

ald Glaser and Erna-Jean Walker for their work. Of course we cannot forget Gary Burke-President, Vernon Goodrich-Executive Director and Barbara Goodrich-Office Manager.

Appreciation is also extended to Linda Zahn and her Committee for the refreshments and decoration of the dining room for the evening. □



A. John Tijou was Master of Ceremonies for the Charities Presentations.



R.W. Gene Brendel, Grand Lodge Staff Officer, and R.W. Cyrus Kloner, DDGM 1st Monroe, with John C. Raab, Eagle Scout and Scholarship Recipient, and his parents, Charles (member of Etolian Lodge) and Natalie Raab. John is a graduate of Gates Chili HS and now attends Monroe Community College.



By Harold Bollotin

By the time you read this the following veteran's events will have taken place: VA Volunteer Picnic, at the Canandaigua VAMC grounds on August 24th; and the 3 Day Stand Down for Homeless Veterans at Silver Stadium on August 22-24.

The Ward visitation by Masonic volunteers has been scheduled for October 9th. Due to the major downsizing that has been taking place, the veteran popula-

tion has dwindled. Future visitations are in doubt. R.W. Tom Paglia, a member of the VA Volunteer Executive Committee and Director of Masonic volunteers, will keep us informed.

Bath, NY

On May 26th, Tom Paglia and I, accompanied by our spouses, had the pleasure of attending the Bath VAMC Memorial Day Celebration. It was a gala and exciting event, attended by a large crowd of people; veterans, Masons, and members of the Bath and Southern Tier Communities. □

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Installation

On May 29th we held our regular meeting for the purpose of installing the Officers and Staff for the ensuing year. The well attended meeting was preceded by a Roast Beef Dinner put on by Fame Lodge No. 945 and the Post.

P.C. Leon VanHuben was the Installing Officer for the evening, and the Installing Marshal was Frank Jansson. This was a Public Installation for Commander-elect James Spencer and his Staff.

I had the pleasure of installing P.C. Leon VanHuben as Area Representative for the Grand Post.

All in all, the evening was a fine affair.

Great privilege

As requested by the M.W. Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master, our Post was privileged to Post the Colors at the Frank and Bette Paul Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center

Dedication Ceremony in Cathedral Hall on July 12th.

The Color Guard consisted of: Cmdr. James Spencer; Area Representative Leon VanHuben; Past Cmdr. Frank Murrer and Post Adj. William Golding.

Trestleboard

Our next regular meeting will be held on October 30th at Fame Lodge. This will be a dinner meeting, and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the business meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

We will be inducting 3 new members and this will be the first meeting for our new Commander, James Spencer. Let us have a nice turnout to give him our support.



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The older I get, the more demanding I become of the books I read. I used to be satisfied with books that contained new information about familiar events, people or things. I've now reached the point where I want books to help me expand my

thinking. At some point I learned the important notion that without a sufficient thinking model, information wouldn't sink in or be integrated into my understanding. I'd like to share with you two books which met this criteria for me this Summer.

"Iron John" by Robert Bly (1992).

This best seller focuses on men and their psychological needs. It describes how a changing societal context has been responsible for denying men access to important interactions which are necessary for healthy growth and development.

Example: most men no longer have access to their father's vocation (or in many cases, their father, for that matter). Within the vocational context, sons were initiated into adult expectations and became full-fledged male adults. This rite of passage, or initiation, is important for males, if they are to become healthy and functioning adults in society. My brief summary of one of the key points in this book hardly does justice to Bly's thorough presentation. It is just a teaser to encourage you to get a book from the library and have a go at it yourself. I came away from this book with a richer understanding of the positive impact that Masonry can have in the lives of its members. I also better understand the comment of a Masonic colleague (therapist) who said that joining the Craft was a good way to become a mentally healthier individual. Reading this book can serve the same purpose.

"They Came Before Columbus" by Ivan VanSertima (1976)

Traditional history and school

room learning would have us believe that the North and South American Continents were populated by Asiatics who crossed the Bering land bridge before the last Ice Age some 10,000 years ago, and that was it until Columbus put ashore in 1492. If that is the "thinking model" you bring to the book, as I did, you will have a great deal of trouble comprehending certain anomalies which anthropologists have discovered over the years. Consider the following evidence:

Bananas were buried in pre-Columbian Inca graves (they are an Old World plant).

"Step" pyramids are built in Egypt and meso America.

Cotton (an Old World plant) was widely cultivated in the Americas.



Looms for weaving cotton in the Americas during the pre-

Columbian period are identical to those used in Egypt (experts cannot tell them apart).

Calendars used by the Egyptians and the Aztecs contained 12 month of 30 days and five "festival days"; both began on February 26, 797 BC.

VanSertima reports how difficult it has been for historians to deal with these data because their "thinking" model does not admit the possibility of African civilizations capable of developing exportable technology or trans-oceanic navigation. Because the operant concept is racist (the "black people are inferior" model), and Eurocentric, the explanatory theories offered to account for these "anomalies" range from the ludicrous to the preposterous (some may remember VonDaniken's

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Masonic Lab Investigator Captures First Place in International Scientific Competition

Wataru Shimizu, M.D., Ph.D., Research Associate at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL), was selected as the First Place Winner of the Young Investigator Award Competition of the North American Society of Pacing and Electrophysiology at its annual scientific sessions held in New Orleans this past May. Shimizu competed with scientists and physicians from throughout the world for the coveted Award. The study, co-authored by Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, proposed a new approach to therapy for hereditary diseases of the heart, known as the long QT syndrome.

The MMRL investigators presented data suggesting that sodium channel blockers may be effective in the treatment of the disease whether the genetic defect is on chromosome 3 or chromosome 7. It was previously thought that this class of drugs would be protective only in patients with the chromosome 3-linked congenital heart problem. If left untreated, patients with these genetic defects often suffer fainting spells which can end in sudden death, due to an abnormal heart rhythm known as Torsade de Pointes. The study

also showed that sodium channel blockers may be helpful in preventing sudden death due to drug-induced long QT syndrome. Anzelevitch and co-workers recently described the mechanism by which commonly prescribed drugs such as the antibiotic erythromycin produce an acquired form of the long QT syndrome. At the heart of the problem and this new approach to treatment is a unique population of cells, called M cells, discovered and characterized by Anzelevitch's Experimental Cardiology team at the MMRL.

Shimizu, a highly respected clinical cardiologist from Japan, joined the MMRL one year ago for a two year training period in basic cardiac electrophysiology. According to Anzelevitch, MMRL Executive Director and Director of Research, "Dr. Shimizu can take great pride in his accomplishment. The proposed therapy may help to save the lives of many individuals afflicted with both congenital and acquired (drug-induced) forms of this disease".



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Hands Across the Border

By Doug Draker

On July 13th I was able to be present at the Celebration of the "twinning" (construction of a new span next to the old) of the Clearwater Bridge connecting Port Huron, Michigan and Sarnia, Ontario. At that time I was able to exchange handshakes with Terry Baker, the Supreme Director-at-Large. This was an excellent occasion to stress the

international character of the Masonic Fraternity and the friendship and good will that exists between Canada and the United States.

Convention

At the Convention in Wildwood, NJ, I accepted the following Awards for the 24th Cedar District for performance in the Tall Cedars MD Foundation Fund drive:

- Rochester Forest #133
- Supreme Tall Cedars's Award
- Eric Forest #73
- Supreme Tall Cedar's Award
- Garden City Forest #75
- Poster Child Award

Supreme Officers

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:
STC - James J. Benson #141
SDSTC - Donald H. Knode #142
JDSTC - Barry R. Stocker #14
SScribe - John L. Gahres #125
STreas - Charles L. Rush #66
SDir. 4 - Clifford I. Mengel #50
SDir. 5 - Ellis P. Updegraff #31.

The Convention site for 2002 will be Harrisburg, PA.

By-laws changes:
97-1 Article III - Membership-withdrawn.
97-2 Article VI - Headgear-passed.

Dates

- 1997 - October 11-18 - Supreme Forest Golf Tournament, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- 1998 - Jan. 15-18 - Midwinter Conf., Wildwood, NJ.
- May 28-31 Annual Convention, Wildwood, NJ.
- 1999 - Jan. 14-16 - Mid-winter Conf., Lancaster, PA.

I expect to be able to visit Rochester Forest in September; see you then.



District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar (24th), Doug Draker from Burlington, Ontario, Canada, shakes hands with Terry Baker, Supreme Director-at-Large, from Michigan.

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By David Jones

Good times!

What a wonderful Summer this has been! I've had the opportunity to march with the Brothers of East Rochester's Ancient Craft and Oatka Lodges in their local parades. I've seen the Craft at work and at play for the last few months, and any rumors of Masonry's demise are greatly exaggerated.

There have been several Brother-Bring-a-Friend Programs. There have been picnics, outings, trips to ball games, boat rides and Community Service

Projects all over Monroe County sponsored by the 19 Lodges of the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts.

Many Lodges have candidates for the Fall Degree classes, and I know the Master's of the Lodges are anxious to get their programs under way.

Support plans

I can remember my days as a teenager, when I looked forward to the beginning of school. I would have never admitted it back then, but yes, I did look forward to it. I'd start classes with the idea in my head that I had an "A" in every course, if only I could hold on to it until next June. Sometimes I succeeded, often I held on to the "B" or "C", instead. September for your Lodge officers must be much the same. It's the time when all their plans are put to the test. Make sure you support their plans for your Lodge to the fullest.

Your Masters and Wardens Association, and your District, have plans that deserve your support as well. The first of these is the Grand Lecturer's Convention, Thursday, September 18th. The Convention is being held at the Damascus Shrine Mosque, 979 Bay Road, Webster, this year to avoid a conflict with a musical at the Auditorium Theater on the same date. Check this month's Assistant Grand Lecturer's column for more details.

Town Meeting

There will be a Grand Master's Town Meeting on Saturday, October 25th, at the Downtown Temple. Registration will be at 8:00 a.m. Light refreshments will follow. The meeting will be from 9:00 a.m. 'til 12 noon. Here's your chance to meet the Grand Master, and ask him anything you like. Learn the status and future of Masonry in New York State. It will serve as a learning experience for both you and the Grand Master.

CyKloner and I wish all a wonderful Fall season, and we'll be seeing you in the quarries. □

Howard Potts Awards



R.W. David Jones-DDGM 2nd Monroe, W. Kevin Fisher-Master Oatka No. 759, W. James De Lorenzo-Master Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088, W. Michael Herrmann-Master Northfield No. 426, and W. David Foster, Master Germania No. 722 receiving the Howard Potts Award for their Lodges at Grand Lodge.

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By R.W. Gene Brendel

It's August already? But, I just wrote an article...didn't I?...Brugger will be on my back to get something written...better get going!

We are sure that there are several Masters out there in the Monroes who have experienced the same feeling when the 12th of the month looms and we ask ourselves the same question...where did the Summer go? Well, the fact is Summer is about over and another Masonic year is about to get underway. For many it has been a relaxing and restful time, for others active and exciting and for yet others (and we hope not too many) perhaps stressful and trying. Whatever may be the case, we hope that the beginning of the Lodge year will bring pleasure, comfort and joy to our Brothers.

Empire State Mason

One of our comments in the June issue was to suggest that reading was a good way to enjoy some quality time during the Summer and learn while doing it. Little did we know of the amount of information that would be presented in the Summer issue of the "Empire State Mason". If ever there was a text book of Masonic activity, it was that issue.

From reports of Grand Lodge proceedings, an article by the Grand Secretary on International Masonry, Rededication of the Grand Lodge Masonic Hall and renovation of the DeWint House at Tappan to coverage of our charitable efforts at the Masonic Home, Medical Research Lab, Acacia Village, Camp Turk and the Totten Essay Award winners, as well as the Blood Donor Program, it was all there.

For fellowship activities, there was a report on the Masonic Cruise and an invitation to the next one, two golf tournaments, a fishing tournament and Masonic Day at West Point and when it comes to reading...

Keep informed by mail

Did you know that 16 new books have been added to the Livingston Masonic Library that can be borrowed and returned by mail? What a great way to keep informed on the many aspects of our Craft! For pure enjoyment, as well as providing a plethora of facts on the history of the American flag, the two page article by Brother Andrew Boracci entitled, "June 14-Flag Day Meaningful to All Americans, but Especially to American Masons", was an extremely well written piece.

Distractions

From what we have mentioned above, it seems that Masonry can be far from "boring" as is so often said when asked why one does not attend Lodge. Perhaps it has more to do with the

many distractions available in our modern society. We are aware of many interesting programs being incorporated in Lodge trestleboards for the coming season, so why not make a real effort to get out to your meetings and support the Master and his line of officers.

As Staff Officers, we will be accompanying the District Deputies on Official Visits and with them have agreed to keep our messages brief and to the point. We look forward to visiting with all the Brethren and hope the feeling is mutual.

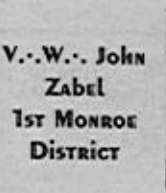
Reminder

On a closing note, we should remind Masters and Past Masters that Grand Lodge Officer application forms have been sent to each Lodge. Although we still have much work to do we are, in a sense, "lame ducks" and in search of "fledglings" to replace us. If you think that you might be qualified and are interested in serving the Craft in this capacity, please contact your Master or Secretary. The deadline for applying is October 2nd, and it will be here sooner than you think! □

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

The Fall season is starting. Lodges are returning from Summer recess. Your Assistant Grand Lecturers for the Monroe Districts, wanting to give Fall a boost, have scheduled the Grand Lecturer's Convention for Thursday, September 18th. Breaking with the past, the Convention will be held at Damascus Temple, 979 Bay Road, Webster. It will start at 8:00 p.m. sharp.

We are planning a dinner before the Convention at 6:15 p.m. Reservations are required, no reservation, no dinner. They will be accepted up to Friday, Sep-

tember 10th, by calling me at 223-3228. If you leave a message, include your name and Lodge. Further information about the dinner and the work for the Convention will be sent to each Lodge in the Monroe Districts about the time you read this.

Lodge Masters and officers should take note that attendance by the top seven officers qualifies a Lodge to receive the Howard Potts Award. The Award is given by the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer at Grand Lodge in May. Masters of winning Lodges are called to the Grand East to receive the Award. On behalf of the '94 Masters, I challenge all the Lodges in the Monroe Districts to beat the '94 record of nine (9) Lodges from the Monroe Districts receiving this Award. □

Masters and Wardens



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Get to know each other

Our first meeting will be September 27th at Valley/Simes. W. Bill Nardone has planned a group exercise which will be enjoyable and helps us get to know each other a little better. This meeting is especially planned for the new Junior Wardens and their ladies. Our reports will be brief and following our "ice-breaker" exercise, a hospitality party will be hosted at Valley/Simes Lodge. I hope to see a great turnout to welcome the newest members of our Organization.

Grand Ball

The 1998 Monroe's Masonic Grand Ball will be held at the Rochester Convention Center. Put the date, March 28th, on your calendars now. That should allow plenty of time to 'lighten up' before feasting on the Convention Center's culinary delights. □



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Summer vacation

Summer vacation is nearing an end and it will soon be time to resume our labors. I hope everyone has had a good Summer with friends and family. At the Keery residence, we have been busy preparing for the arrival of a new family member. I am delighted to report that my wife, Diana, gave birth to our second child, Caitlyn Elizabeth, on August 12th.

Awards

Earlier this Summer, R. W. Jay McCullough and I delivered Pins to the following members: 40 years-John VanDerbeck, Jr., Leroy Lindenmuth, Kenneth Keir and Niles Hess, Sr.; 30 years-Douglas Sheldon and 20 years, Darwin Turner.

Please join me in extending congratulations to these Brothers for their many years of service and support to Etolian.

Community Service

During Spencerport Canal Days, the doors of Etolian Lodge were opened to the public and a Pancake Fundraiser was held to benefit the Flagpole Funding at the Carter Gazebo. It was a huge success. Special thanks to all the Brothers who came out Saturday and Sunday to support this very worthy cause. A very special thanks to R. W. Gene Brendel and W. Ed Gillott for their planning and organization.

Next project!

Several Spaghetti Dinners are scheduled to complete the flag-

pole endeavor and to begin our next community service project, supporting the Ogden Farmer's Library. More information on these dinners will be shared at our first meeting. Please contact Ruel Lovett for information on how you can help.

Community Service is of huge importance to our Craft. It is through these community service efforts that non-members can see first hand the character and commitment of Freemasons. Through these efforts we improve ourselves, our community and maybe we just might gain a new member along the way. Please lend a hand, your time, or just come and participate and support these very worthy efforts.

Happenings

On Monday, August 25th we had our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Dinner was followed by a short program.

Our first meeting is September 8th and will include a Steak Roast. It will also be our first Table Lodge. Please contact Michael Schwartz for a reservation.

See you soon.

Spencerport events include Etolian Lodge

By R. W. Jay McCullough
Spencerport Village Mayor Robert Kincaid recently made a special invitation to local service organizations and Etolian Lodge No. 479 to share in an historical moment. A prominent flagpole was to be placed adjacent to the Clyde W. Carter Memorial Gazebo, a 1997 edifice built on the SW Erie Canal bank in the heart of Spencerport. Kiwanians, Rotarians, Lions and Masons would be memorialized on a plaque placed at the flagpole, if they so desired and wanted to share in its cost.

Lodge Master W. Brian P. Keery gained the approval of his Brethren to include the Lodge. They also devised ways in which funds could be raised to meet this obligation.

Gazebo dedicated

The Gazebo was dedicated on Sunday, July 20, 1997. It was named for Mayor Clyde Carter, who died while still in office in 1994. Funds to fulfill his dream of this structure came from family,

friends, co-workers and village residents at large. It became Phase 1 of the Village Waterfront Development Master Plan. Public Officials in the State representing the local area gained grant monies to help finance the project.

Next year, the Village hopes to restore and bring back the original bridge tender's tower which is in storage locally. A "buy a brick" program, similar to that at the Frontier sports field in Rochester, was created, and etched bricks memorialize local residents' family names or members, as well as civic and commercial groups. Proceeds are added to the Memorial Fund.

Let them eat pancakes!

On the weekend following the Dedication of the Gazebo, the 16th Annual Celebration of Spencerport Canal Days took place. With participation of several Brothers who volunteered their time, Etolian Lodge's Hi-Twelve Lunch Bunch took over the kitchen and dining area in the Temple, located in the heart of the village business district, and served an all-you-can-eat pancake, sausage, and beverage breakfast on Saturday morning. Not to be outdone, Lodge officers repeated the event on Sunday morning, aided by those several dependable Brothers of the Lodge. Proceeds met two-thirds of the goal pledged to the Village.

"Canal Days" consist of showcasing over 180 arts, crafts and food vendors on a closed block of Main Street in the center of the Village and in Fireman's Park along the Canal. Entertainment groups are strategically placed and fun activities on the Canal, car shows, a five mile race and other events take place, along with a retailer sponsored fireworks display on Saturday evening.

How about Spaghetti?

To continue to reach the Lodge's funding goal, a group of dedicated Brethren have planned Spaghetti Dinners on several Friday evenings, and these are already underway. The several "cook and bottle washer" Brothers are the backbone of each of the events that are planned around foods and kitchens. Any surplus that may be obtained will be used to support other community programs next year.

By product-member development

Using Temple facilities for community programs, opening the doors of the Lodge room so the curious can "tour", answering questions and making Grand Lodge pamphlets such as the Q&A brochure available, resulted in invitations to the Lodge Brother-Bring-a-Friend Program for those wanting to learn more. Eastern Star brochures were made available when interest was shown in the local Chapter as well. Members volunteered to follow-up with those who left names and addresses.

Flagpole sponsorship publicized

Representatives of the service and Fraternal organizations were called together for a symbolic Ceremony near the flagpole. Local media took photos of the assembled group which included Spencerport Mayor Bob Kincaid, Meg Smith of the Kiwanis, Robert Paul of the Spencerport Rotary, Brian Keery, Master of Etolian Lodge and Dick Nau of the Lion's Club. All vowed to continue efforts for the good of the community, both as individual entities and collectively.

Editor's Award for Lodge News Articles

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

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A new year

By the time you read this update there will have already been a number of events to kick off the year. It is hard to believe that our Summer is closer to ending than just beginning. Our Lodge started our activity with participation in East Rochester's 100th Birthday Celebration via marching in their parade on August 16th.

Success

Following in our tradition of productive Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights, we were successful in sharing information about the Craft to a number of solid prospects. Thanks to SW Carl Scarpulla for chairing this event and JW Sean King for the Bar-B-Que. We are hoping for a class of at least three in the Fall. This program continues to be one of the best marketing tools for Masonry.

Thank you

I formally thank Brother Henry Snyder for taking the lead in the management of our B.J. Fryatt building group. A number of enhancements were needed, especially in our kitchen, and Henry and his group have been successful in their efforts. It is amazing the number of talents that are around a typical Lodge. We are thankful for the Brothers willing to "roll up their sleeves".

Sickness and distress

I am happy to report that Brother Rick Schmanke is recovering nicely from recent surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him soon in Lodge. He is one of the hardest working new members of our Lodge and we wish him the best!

Theme

With Symbolism being the theme for the year, we have two speakers dedicated to the topic in September. Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr. will speak on Masonry and Spirituality on September 8th. A guest speaker will expand on the topic on September 22nd. I am hoping

for good attendance so as many of us as possible can benefit from this information.

Let's hear from you

As a reminder, please call JW Sean King at 224-8067 to reserve a spot for dinner at any of our meetings. As I have said in the past, my success as Master is based on all of us contributing to our Lodge. Please call any of the officers if you are interested in playing a part in our efforts. I hope to either see you all in Lodge or hear from you via phone or mail.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund!

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Summer's over

It's hard to believe that the Summer season is almost over. That means, school's about to start and our first meeting is around the corner. I thank Ted Snyder and Paul Kober for taking care of the Lodge business. As for me, I'm scurrying around with last minute details for the coming year. The Trestleboard will be out soon, as well as the new call list.

Milestones

I thank everyone who attended the last meeting. Service Awards were received by: Thomas Cocking and John Kennedy, 25 years; Warren Joslyn, William Wood, Wayne Slack, Raymond Buckman, Thomas Goodwin, Ralph Harper, and Ray LeFevre, 50 years; Stan Peterson, John Wood and Arnold Grape, 55 years; and William Humphrey, 60 years.

Busy times

I have been very busy this Summer. Our Hilton Band is scheduled.

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Mayor Robert Kincaid, top left, meets with flagpole donors Brian Keery - Master of Etolian Lodge, Meg Smith - Kiwanis, Robert Paul - Rotary and Richard Nau - Lions Club (kneeling).

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Wakan/Hubbard

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uled to perform in the half-time show at the Carquest Bowl in Miami in late December. We held several fundraisers which were very successful. This put me out of touch with some of the Lodge business.

One that really hit home the other day was the passing away of W.: John Wood. This saddens me, only because it was my duty to present him with a fruit basket and his Fifty Year Award. In talking to Past Masters, I decided to wait until John came home from the hospital to present him his Award and Pin and now it is too late. Well, what can I say. It reminds all of us that we should seize the moment while it is at hand. W.: John Wood was Master of Penfield Lodge in 1950 and he and Stan Peterson were very close friends.

Happier notes

W.: Ansel Shubert is home and doing well after his triple bypass surgery. I visited him in late June. I received a letter from him recently. He and his wife are doing a lot of work around their home as it is up for sale. We wish them luck. Ansel is involved with Americorps National Service, a group of citizens that organized to help fight crime in Rochester. They created the Rochester Ameri-Corps Collaborative with Monroe Community College as the lead Agency. They applied for a federal grant to the Corporation for National Services. In 1994, 100 people were members of this Organization. Now, in 1997, there are over 25,000 members. When Andy completes his service this year, he plans to take Criminal Justice courses at MCC. Good luck and congratulations.

We are glad to hear the W.: John Rees, DSA, is progressing well and we hope to see him at Lodge for our first meeting. Over the Summer W.: Richard Brockmann, Sr. had his left knee operated on and expected to be out of work for three to four weeks. We also give our best to W.: Joe Dimino. It was nice to see him at the Tall Cedars Sausage Roast.

One of our new Brothers, Joe Fredrick, lost his dad on May 31st and we extend our sympathies to him. We have nothing but good expectations for Joe's future in the Craft. He has a special date with Deborah Andrews on September 20th. They will be united in marriage at the Hillside Inn in Wyoming, N.Y. Deborah is the daughter of W.: Leslie Andrews

and his wife. Les was Master of our Lodge in 1990. Congratulations to all.

Retirement

We note that Brother Arthur Johnson was all smiles as his portrait was hung at the Ivan Green School in Irondequoit. You see, Art recently retired as Principal of that school, a post he held for 18 years. He was an educator in the Irondequoit School District for nearly 30 years. An article in the local press noted that his infectious smile will be missed and that is why his picture will be located near the entrance of the school. A quote by Karen Abel read, "Art's gentle smile will always remain in our hearts. This picture will remind us of his caring ways and feelings of family. Now he will always be with us." Art acknowledged the staff's dedication to the children. It's Brothers like Art who give added value to our Fraternity. Art, we are proud of your accomplishments. Well done!

Events

I remind all of you that our first meeting is September 8th. We will have an Officers Meeting on the 3rd. Come prepared to rehearse.

Our Clambake is on the 13th of the month. Thank you, Len Latta, for sending me a copy of the shopping list for the Clambake. This is a great help.

Important!

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is September 18th at the Shrine Mosque on Bay Road. We will be going for our 10th Potts Award. We will need all officers present from the Junior Master of Ceremonies up. A friend and Past Master of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge has said they will have more members present than we do! No way!

Cruises anyone?

V.: W.: John Zabel has suggested a cruise on the Erie Canal for dinner and a view of the Fall foliage. This is a great idea. The best time would be in October, either the weekend of the 4th or 11th. It's hard to tell if Mother Nature will cooperate, but we'll talk about it.

In closing

Thanks to all for their support. We will be displaying a Plaque from W.: Ettore Pellecchia and Concordia Lodge No. 983, Pescara, Italia. Ettore and R.: W.: A. John Tijou met with me and R.: W.: Bob Pettit for lunch at the Golden Fox Restaurant where the Plaque was presented to us. It is beautiful. W.: Angelo DiCataldo made a Plaque that we presented to W.: Pellecchia for their Lodge. Thank you, Angelo and John, Brotherhood exists across the world. □

Golf Tournament

By Don Brugger

The Wakan/Hubbard Golf Tournament will be a little different this year. We will be not only enjoying an outing with our Lodge Brothers, but also performing a Community Service. The Tournament will be at the Brockport Country Club. It will be run in cooperation with the Brockport Foundation's "Last Round of Golf" fundraiser. We will still be teeing off as a group, but, will be participating with the general public for a worthwhile cause.

As reported in the November-'96 issue of the Masonic Times, six Brothers, a foursome from Etolian and a twosome from Wakan/Hubbard, participated last year. The golfers obtain pledges for the number of holes they will golf, this number is unlimited. Pledges must amount to \$30 per golfer. In addition the fee for each golfer will be \$5 including half a cart, greens fees and lunch at the turn; one time only. The total for the day will be \$35, one way or the other. We have obtained permission from the Foundation to place our own Longest Drive and Closest-to-the-Hole placards on the course. The winners will be determined by Calaway rules. That's a pretty cheap day on the links.

Participants must pay their \$35 at the time of registration or have a valid name, address, telephone number of each contributor.

Starting times begin at 8:00 a.m. on Columbus Day, October 13th. Our individual starting times will be available as soon as we have all the entrants in. The deadline will have to be around October 3rd. If you have any questions call me at 473-4351 or 458-6125 after 3:00 p.m. □

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

By W.: Douglas R. Higgins

In this, my final column as Master, I would like to thank each of you for allowing me the privilege of holding the position of Master of Flower City Lodge. We have seen several changes in the short period of time that I was in the East, including several new members. It is my fervent hope that our beloved Lodge will continue to grow and flourish in the coming years.

Welcome

A special welcome to our two new members: Brothers Scott Pellegrino and Robert Graff, who were raised on Thursday, May 22nd. My special thanks to the Shrine Degree Team who did us the honor of putting on the Master Mason Degree. My primary goal as Master was completed in the raising of these two new Brothers.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the Fall. □

By W.: William Nardone

Dear Brothers

I hope you have been enjoying the beautiful Summer we have had this year. Apart from some occasional rain, the season has been just perfect for vacations and other family activities.

Please attend Lodge

With the arrival of September comes the start of our 1997-1998 year. As we begin the new year, I would remind you of the importance of attending Lodge meetings. In order for Flower City to prosper, we really must have an improved turnout at meetings and activities. When the officers see that the members appreciate their efforts, it inspires them to work harder, and it encourages us to bring in new Brothers. There are many of you whom neither I,

nor the other Brothers who have joined us in the past five years, have met. This is unfortunate because there is much we could share with one another. Please attend the Lodge meetings.

Special meeting held

I must report to you at this time that the officers held a special meeting on August 14th to read a petition. A meeting notice was not distributed due to the situation, as we had to read the petition in Lodge immediately so that the 1st Degree can be conferred upon the applicant in September.

1st Degree

The next meeting of Flower City Lodge will take place on Thursday, September 11th. At this meeting, if the ballot is favorable, we will confer the 1st Degree of Masonry and welcome a new Brother into our Fraternity. No dinner has been scheduled at this time, but if one is to be held, we will contact you. The meeting itself will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Rehearsal schedule

All Lodge officers, including Marshal, Chaplain, Stewards and Masters of Ceremonies, are hereby requested to attend rehearsals for the 1st Degree, along with the Brothers who will present the Historical Lecture and Charge. We are all determined to improve the quality of our Ritual work this year, and the only way to do that is to practice diligently. This will also help prepare us for the other Degrees to be held this year.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and support as we begin a new year! I am looking forward to the opportunities it will bring us to learn and grow together in friendship. □

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



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

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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

Installation of Officers

Our Open Installation was well attended by 100 or so people and the Installation Team performed flawlessly for 18 elected and appointed officers. Thank you, R.: W.: Richard Friedman, R.: W.: Herb Spencer, and R.: W.: Mathew Gingold. Our three newest Brothers are in line behind me. There was no business meeting on June 10th.

Summer trestleboard

An Officer's Meeting was held at my home in Scottsville where we had a picnic and a rehearsal. Some of our Summer plans were either pricey, or a schedule conflict, and had to be cancelled. Other plans went well. We will plan other "outside" events for the Fall and hope to fine tune this approach to getting Masons together with a family atmosphere; one which consensus suggests is necessary to attract new candidates (the main goal).

Deaths

Clare Drum passed away on March 24th. He was a Past Mas-

ter of Valley/Simes Lodge, and was 89 years old at the time of his death.

George Francis passed away August 5th. At his service there was standing room only, with a line to get in. This was a great testimony to Brother Francis. At the request of the family, W.: Carl Pigage delivered the Memorial Service.

Next business meeting

September 9th will be our Official Visit and we will have a Chicken Dinner prepared by Hilde DiJames. There will be refreshments and fellowship after the meeting. The cost is \$5.00, with a reservation due by Friday, September 5th. Call Herb Spencer at 271-8577. Come out in support of your Lodge and break bread with us again. There are some new faces you have not met, including mine.

Hope your Summer was good, the weather certainly cooperated. □

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538



W.: George R. Bracht, Master
383-1947

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

Henry Libera, Secretary
872-5427

30 Orchard St.
Webster, N.Y. 14580

Welcome back!

It has been a very short and busy Summer. I hope your activities and vacations went well. We are now starting our Fall meetings and, hopefully, everyone is ready.

Summer events

During the Summer we had two successful fundraisers. The Arboretum and Webster Good Neighbor Days were successful. The results will be reported at our first meeting. I thank our Junior Warden, Bernie Russell, and Senior Warden, John Poshock, for organizing the events, and the members who helped cook and serve.

Our Senior Deacon, Eric Hinkston, will also report on our Red Cross Blood Drive.

Corn and Sausage Roast

Our first meeting, September 4th, is our Annual Corn and Sausage Roast; dinner to be served at 6:30 p.m. The fellowship at this meeting gets us thinking about Lodge meetings after the Summer break. If you have a potential member to bring, I hope you notified the Calling Committee or Junior Warden when making your reservation. When you were called you were asked to bring a potential member. If visitors are in attendance, a short Bring-a-Friend Program will be presented.

Meeting locations

Our second meeting on September 18th is the Grand Lecturer's Convention, to be held at the Shrine Mosque, 979 Bay Road, Webster at 7:30 p.m. For this we will meet at the Mosque (not at Webster Lodge), which our By-Laws allow us to do. If all the officers attend, we will be entitled to receive the Howard Potts Award. I encourage this so Webster Lodge may again be honored with the Award, presented at Grand Lodge in May. Other members will also find the

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Convention interesting, as a Degree is presented under the direction of the Grand Lecturer.

Our third meeting, October 2nd, is the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night. We will meet at the Downtown Temple at 7:30 p.m., to present the Award to one of our special members. Everybody, please try to make this meeting to support our honor in our normal manner.

If directions are needed to the Downtown Temple, or if you wish to carpool from Webster Lodge, please contact me or one of the officers.


Spaghetti Dinners

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

Closing

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

FAIRPORT
Lodge No. 476



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

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

My Brethren

It has been 23 years since I greeted you as your Master of Fairport Lodge No. 476. I'm elated to be able to help the Lodge and the membership out. Now the membership must help me out. A couple of members are needed to fill the chairs. Most importantly, it is my hope to see the Lodge with a good deal of members on the sidelines.

Active year

I have planned a very active and entertaining year, I think. There will be 4 meetings which will be opened at 6:00 p.m., then break to have supper with our ladies. There will be some very good speakers. Our first meeting on September 8th will open at 6:00 p.m. Bring your spouses and a dish to pass and your table setting. Our speaker will be the Hon. Patricia Marks, Monroe County Court Judge. She is great and I know the ladies will enjoy her.

On Sunday, September 14th, we will meet for breakfast at Rikis Restaurant at 7:00 a.m. From there we will go to the First Baptist Church for communion and a short service by R. W. Paul R. Gleason, Jr. I ask you to PLEASE join us that morning.

On September 22nd there will be a dinner by the OES before the Lodge opens. This will be the Official Visit by R. W. Cy Kloner, DDGM. I ask for a good turnout that evening. R. W. Kloner is doing a great job and let's show him our Fairport sup-

port. Call JW Doug Skelton at 223-0502 or me at 388-0758 for reservations.

The Lodge will need your support on September 27th. The Lodge, along with the OES, will be having a Chicken Bar-B-Que. We will serve from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Takeouts will be available. We will need help, so please contact me if you can lend a hand. The monies from this venture will go towards a new sound system.

Good time

The combined picnic at my Camp went very well. Fairly good attendance and the food was just super.

Condolences

It is my sad duty to report the passing of W. Marcel Goldenberg. He went to the Supreme Architect on July 28th.


Please do not hesitate to call me about any sickness or distress. If the officers and I don't know, we can't do much about it. Please let me know. If any Brother is afraid to attend Lodge because of a disability of standing, please let me know and don't stay away because we can remedy that. We will make it easier for you.

Have you enjoyed your Trestleboard? When you see our SD, Brother John Harris, thank him. He has done a terrific job.

Communications

It was great to hear recently from Brother Mike Despain in Illinois. It was also nice to receive a letter from Brother Paul Fisher in Florida. Keep them coming. As Lodge starts this Fall, Brothers, please try to set aside a night to attend Lodge. We need you! See you in the Quarries.

CLIO
Lodge No. 779



W. Dale Polmateer, Master 392-9076
1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 P.M.

Charles A. Tucker, DSA Secretary 392-2006
287 East Ave. Hilton, N.Y. 14468
<http://www.frontiernet.net/~dupham>

The Fall season is upon us, which means it is time to start attending Lodge again! Hopefully, everyone had a good Summer and we look forward to hearing about all of your activities. We have an exciting year planned that all should find educational and enjoyable.

As the new officers take their respective stations and places, I thank the past officers for the condition they left the Lodge for us. Also, I thank the Installation Team: W. Jerry Jones, W. Tom Tanner, W. David Upham and all the Brothers who attended.

Events

This Summer we held a Blood Drive on July 31st for the American Red Cross. This is one of our community projects and we give thanks to our Chairman, Roger Judd. Roger not only took on this job, but has kept the lawn mowed for us this year.


Our first Lodge meeting will be on September 16th. This meeting will be informal, starting with a picnic at 6:30 p.m. Food will be furnished and we are expecting a guest speaker for the program.

We will have our Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master on October 7th.

Sickness and Distress

W. Allen Speer passed away in June. Allen was our oldest member and probably the oldest in the Monroes, as he was 104 years old. Allen served as our Master in 1927. While we mourn his loss, we rejoice that we are citizens of two worlds.

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



W. Donald A. Rose, Master (h) 458-9005
Joseph T. Fisher, Secretary 586-6467
30 Orchard St., Webster, N.Y. 14580

2nd Degree

Brethren, this article will reach you just prior to the conferring of the 2nd Degree on September 9th. I request that all members attend, and at the same time, welcome any Masons from other Lodges to join us.

The conferral of Degrees is one of the most important responsibilities of a Lodge and its officers. With this in mind, and the rich heritage of Seneca Lodge to support us, we expect to provide a memorable presentation to our new Brothers.

Calendar

The social calendar of Seneca Lodge is quite full this Fall and the opportunity to spend time with our Brothers should not be missed. Please examine your Trestleboard for times and places.

New idea


Fellowcraft and dinner before meetings is often the best time to find out about our Brothers who are not in attendance. We will be instituting a "thinking of you" card which will be passed at Lodge and mailed to those regular attendees that are missing.

Let's hear from you!

We would like to hear from some of our out of town members with updates on their health and activities. Please send all correspondence to the Secretary or me. Wishing you all an enjoyable Fall season.

2nd Monroe District

FAME
Lodge No. 945
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W. Glen S. Campbell, Master 865-5395
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30 P.M.
Leon VanHuben, Secretary 647-1391
4275 Culver Rd. Rochester, N.Y. 14622

I hope that you all had a wonderful Summer and that you are looking forward to getting back together this Fall. Our Degree Team scheduled a few practices in August in anticipation of our

Degree, which is tentatively planned for the fourth Tuesday in September. Fame Lodge encourages all Brothers to attend.

Join us


Our first meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9th. The Calling Committee will be contacting everyone to confirm your attendance and dinner reservation. At this meeting, W. Mike Bell will be reporting on his trip to New York City last May.

Need meeting space?


If any organization is in need of meeting space, Fame Lodge still has some open dates available. Contact Charlie Petersen to see if we can accommodate your requirements.

I'm looking forward to my upcoming year as Master of Fame Lodge. It should be an exciting year filled with fellowship and community oriented activities.

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

Greetings Brothers!

With hopes that the Summer months have been refreshing to you, we look forward to the coming year's labor.

Sadness

First, I must sadly announce the passing of Brother Jim Barcus on August 5th. It's been said that God will waste nothing. So it is true with Brother Jim's brief, yet joyful life with us in Towpath. His enthusiasm in joining Masonry in his 70's, and his wonderful smile and demeanor served as a model of truly being alive in one's older years. He indeed mentored us!

Thank you

Many thanks to Brother Phil Hurwitz and those who pitched in to make our Summer Blood Drive happen. Activities like this help Towpath to be rooted in the East Rochester Community.

A special thanks to R. W. Ron Mertens and the Brothers


who made our Annual Picnic and Scholarship Award event on August 17th a success.

Pancakes

We need your help at our Soap Box Derby Pancake Breakfast on September 27th. It is one great way Towpath can "mentor" a young person in a healthful and fun endeavor. Give Phil Hurwitz a call at 581-1831 to volunteer.

Charlotte/Corinthian
Lodge No. 1088

W. Michael Gorall, Master (h) 458-5255 (w) 588-9901



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

C. William Flemming, Secretary 723-0083
4550 Lake Avenue Rochester, New York 14812

Welcome back!

I hope that everyone had a great Summer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my officers for the great job they did with the Annual Picnic and Pig Roast and for the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night.

Condolences

One of my first duties, unfortunately, is a sad one. We have lost three Brothers during the Summer. Our sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased.

September

My officers and I hope to keep everybody busy this Fall. We will start out with our Crazy Sport Shirt Night on September 16th. We will have a regular communication and if anyone is interested we will have card games after.

We have at least one candidate for our 1st Degree and maybe more from our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night.

Thanks

I again want to thank all the Brothers for electing me to the office of Master. It is a great honor. I wish to stress that this is your Lodge and I welcome any suggestions for functions and activities you would like to see in the Lodge. You all know that I am involved with both the Triangle and the DeMolay, so you will be hearing a lot about these groups. After all, these are our future Masons and Eastern Star members.

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

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

By Robert Ogden

Lodge Picnic

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 will hold their Annual Picnic on September 6th at 2:30 p.m. at Damascus Temple, 979 Bay Road. Please call Bill Hook at 671-6452 or me at 385-1422 and tell us that you and yours will attend. There will be no charge for the picnic, so come one and all. Put it on you calendar today!

Wild Shirt Night

June 17th was a colorful night with a great variety of colored shirts. Brother Ed Walker was chosen the winner being all "decked out" in shorts and a blazing dark red flowery shirt. Brothers Jack Grover and Bill Shelby were dual "runners up" with identical shirts.

Masonic Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign results for the years '96 and '97 are in. The final total was \$4,619.00, with 65% participation and 144 contributors. Again, my sincere thanks for your never-ending support for such a worthy cause.



R.W. Vern Goodrich and Brother Bob Ogden settle for a "rumble" while W. Bill Hook rode shotgun for the July 4th Parade in Penfield.

Bell bottoms and ship ahoy!

Brother Pat McWhinney and Chris's son, Dave, departed on August 6th for Great Lakes Naval Academy in Chicago. He will be specializing in the repair and maintenance of Naval aircraft engines. Sounds real exciting, Dave, and our very best wishes to you. The members of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge wish to convey a big "Thank you" for your assistance in making our Lodge dinners a success.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy to the families of our departed Brothers, Ernest Kennedy who passed away on May 13th; Joseph Wernham on May 27th; James Coleman on June 11th; and James Gee on June 11th. We also extend our condolences to the Tom and Sue Kendig on the death of Tom's brother, David, on July 17th.

Strawberry Festival

Northfield Lodge held a Strawberry Festival on June 27th, with a delicious picnic meal. There were homemade biscuits with a generous portion of strawberries, topped off with heavy whipped cream or ice cream, no less! Several Craftsman/Robertson members and their wives attended.

A memorable occasion

Brother Charlie Chatfield surprised me in a letter from Florida stating his upcoming itinerary would include Rochester on June 20th. I contacted the Grovers and the sixsome enjoyed a pleasant dinner and visit at the Maplewood Inn. Brother Chuck looked very well after his by-pass surgery and Louise appeared "hale and hearty". Sure glad you contacted us, Chuck.

Penfield Parade

Bill and Helen Hook's 1929 restored Ford Roadster was sure a crowd pleaser in the parade. Their grandson, Dave, was at the controls and Grandpa acted as navigator. Brothers Goodrich and Ogden brought up the rear in the rumble seat!

One hundred years young

Brother Elmer LeFevre, we salute you upon reaching your 100th milestone on August 30, 1997. Brother Elmer is a charter member of Craftsman Lodge. Congratulations, and may you be blessed with many more birthdays.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to the Brothers born in July: Bill Adams, Berry Chermis, Maury Clark, Al Cranston, Don Fetting, Clif Field, Arny Ford, Volney Frankel, Bill Hook, Sid Horton,

Tom Kendig, Ed King, Gar Kyte, Dave Lerner, Bob Lindeman, Jay Painton, Russ Rines, Dick Sechrist, Clif Smith, Karl Stets, Frank Suhr, Wes Trendell and Chuck Waterstreet.

August birthdays are: Jim Causey, Ernie Coleman, Dave DeHollander, Acie Gillis, Warren Doerrer, Mike Jelfo, Chet Kowalski, Elmer LeFevre, Stan Nash, Al Neracker, Mal Nulton, Bill Shelby, Pete Wright and Herb Young.


September birthdays are: Ed Baker, Hal Carlson, Don Connor, Harry Ellender, Bob Freitag, Walt Gibaut, Bill Hoffman, Bill Kicherer, Larry Levin, Al Marshall, Frank Newman, Gerry Pfrengle, Glenn Post, Chuck Sanford, Elmer Smit, Bill Stark, Mike Steffen and Bob Waldeck.

September meetings

There will be regular Lodge meetings on September 2nd and the 16th. September 9th is Fellowcraft meeting.

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

Greetings from the Oatka Brethren.

Cancellation

We all had a busy Summer recreating and rebuilding. Unfortunately, I must apologize to the Valley/Simes Brethren who were to join us for an Ox/Pig Roast at the Lodge on August 2nd. I had to cancel due to a lack of support from our members. Only four people responded to our request. I hope that you will mark your calendars and save the dates listed in this article.

Call me

I stressed in the newsletter that my phone answering machine is always on when I am not home and that I promptly return all calls. I am willing to listen to any concern that you may have and would like to hear your suggestions as to how to get more of you to attend Lodge. (I point out that there are 100 members of Oatka Lodge and 80 of the members reside in Monroe County.) I believe that we have had quite interesting programs this past year and have worked hard to provide great programming for 1997-98. Our finances are in the black!

Many of you have told the Calling Committee that you don't want to be called any longer, if you are in distress or know of someone in need of help from the Lodge, please call me or any of my line officers.

Please support Oatka Lodge and call if you have any concerns.

Oatka Festival

On August 23rd the members of the Lodge marched in the Oatka Festival Parade and manned a booth for the Pride in Community Organization. This was accomplished under the leadership of W. Kevin Fisher and SW Gary Trescott.

I thank Gary and the several local Lions Club members who have replaced the drain in the Lodge kitchen this Summer. The Lions donated their time, labor

and money as they paid for the entire project! That is community service!

Fall Activities

September 10th will be Roll Call and Sojourner Nite. All members are asked to attend and bring any Masonic friends that hail from other states or districts that live in the area. You may win a prize! John Saeva, a local tobaccoist and cigar aficionado will be presenting a program on the fine art of cigar smoking and procurement.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is on September 18th at the Shrine Mosque. DeWitt Clinton Award Night will be presented on the 24th preceded by a dinner by the Eastern Star. For reservations call Gary Trescott at 889-5434 or me at 889-4725.

Looking ahead

The 1st Degree will be conferred on October 8th and October 22nd will be the Official Visit of our DDGM.

NORTHFIELD

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March 1857



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Thursdays
7:30 P.M.

W. Randall S.
Griswold
Master
436-1323

R. W. D. Scott Seltzer
Secretary 247-0334

17 Church Street
Pittsford, N.Y.
14534

Greetings to Brothers, widows, and families of Northfield Lodge. I hope everyone had a great Summer, the weather seemed to cooperate pretty well. Hopefully, we will have a lot of good weather left to enjoy.

Busy Summer

I am excited to get the year rolling, which is not to say that we didn't have a busy Summer. The Sausage Stand at the Colonial Days in Pittsford was held on June 13-15. We and the American Legion manned the booth and sold a lot of sausages, hamburgers, and hots. I take this opportunity to thank the guys and gals who worked to help make this year's Stand one of the most successful in recent years. A special thanks once again to Brother John Zona who traveled quite a distance to man the cookers. It wouldn't be the same without him.

Strawberry Festival

The Annual Strawberry Festival was held June 26th on the

Lodge lawn. The weather was fine and so was the fellowship. We saw some faces we hadn't seen in a while and everyone enjoyed the fresh strawberries and Linda Zahn's homemade whipped cream. We set up about 130 chairs and at one point, they were all full. A special thank you to Michael Herrmann and his kids for taking time out of their vacation to ensure the success of this event.

Picnic

The Lodge Picnic was held on July 24th at the Lodge with about 30 people in attendance. JW Jim Weick did a super job of organizing the event. The weather was threatening, but held out to enable everyone to have a great time. A very special thank you to Kristy and Jamie Weick for all their hard work.

Blood Drive

The Annual American Red Cross Blood Drive was held on August 5th. Although the exact figures are not available, the volunteers had a busy day. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make phone calls, without you this event could not succeed. A good job was done by SW Bill Fraser who has been feeling a little under the weather. We hope you are feeling better.

Awards Night

Our Awards Night will be held on September 4th. Although I have decided not to have a Past Masters Night at this time, the evening will be a fun one, with a Spaghetti Dinner, the presentation of Service Awards, and even a surprise or two. Call Jim Weick to make reservations for dinner.

Apron Presentation

There will be a dinner on September 27th at the Maplewood Inn on East Avenue at which we will be presenting R. W. Robert L. Zahn with his Apron of Grand Representative of Denmark. The menu choices will be: London Broil, Chicken French, Chicken Parmesan, or Baked Haddock for \$22.00 per person. Cocktails will be at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling Jim Weick at 425-7563 or Randy Griswold at 787-3357. Please make your reservations ASAP.

Steak and Chicken Roast

This event is being moved to September 20th. More information will be announced in Lodge.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

This year's Convention is on September 18th, our meeting night. The Opening and Closing will be covered. I hear that Northfield will be involved so make sure you come out to Lodge to support the guys doing the Ritual.

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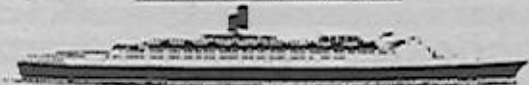
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Where: Maplewood Inn
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Menu: London Broil
Chicken French
Chicken Parmesan
Baked Haddock
Price: \$22/person

Reservations: Jim Weick 425-7563
Randy Griswold 787-3357

Northfield Lodge

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The Convention will be at Damascus Temple in Webster. We will be opening Lodge at 6:30 p.m. and carpooling to Webster.

Officers meetings

The officers have been meeting on a regular basis and the meetings have proven to be very productive. These meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of every month.

In closing, I say "hello" to our Brothers who live far away. If anyone is in town during the year, feel free to stop in and see us. □

GERMANIA
Lodge No. 722

W.. Robert G. McBride, Master
442-6040

3rd Tues. Sept. - Apr.
&
1st Tues. My..Jn., Oct.
7:30 P.M.



Secretary
W.. John H. Foster 467-1677
4275 Culver Rd.
Rochester, N.Y. 14622

Summer is ending as I write this article and excitement for this year's calendar of events is starting to build.

Host of the Year

It was wonderful to see so many people at the Corn and Sausage Roast. JW Pat Mulrooney wanted me to make certain that I especially thanked his wife, Corbie, and his mother-in-law, for all of their efforts in making this year's party a success.

Brother Ed Schmitt is a candidate for "Host of the Year" honors and, as always, the entire Lodge is grateful to him for sharing his lovely home and grounds with us, as well as for the work he does to make this event a success each year. SW Andy McBride never did get to play horseshoes; cooking kept him too busy. Take it with a grain of salt when he announces that he is undefeated.

September

Our meeting this month will be on the 16th. There will be plenty of time for petitions presented at that meeting to be processed for the Fall class.


If any prospective petitioners wish to come to one more function to meet more Brothers, invite them to our Card Party on September 5th. Contact Andy McBride at 224-9479 or Pat Mulrooney at 670-0718 for details and reservations.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Pot Luck Supper before Lodge on the 16th. □

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

Welcome back, Brothers, to a new year. As Master I will try to keep everyone informed about the meetings, dinners, Degrees and special functions through this

paper, so read the *Masonic Times*. Feel free to call me at 293-1629 for information about our Lodge happenings.

Let's try it!

This year we will be trying out a new program. At 5:00 p.m. on each meeting night, we'll have a social time for playing cards, shooting pool, darts, or the bull. Snacks and refreshments will be available, so Brothers, join us in getting this year off to a great start.

Official Visit

Our first meeting this year, on September 10th, will be our Official Visit of R..W.. David Jones. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., following the social time. For information or reservations, call W.. Garry Hutcherson at 494-1395.

Congratulations

Our June Awards Night went well, with several Brothers receiving their Recognition Awards for their many years as Masons. The awardees are: Brother Dean Arlidge-40 years; W.. Don Jacobs and Brother Ken Robinson-45 years; and Brother Gordon Brodie-55 years. They received their Awards in front of family, friends and Brothers. R..W.. David Jones presented Brother Brodie's Award and thanked all the Brothers for their many years of service to our Brotherhood.


W.. Henry Aradine-50 years, and R..W.. Everett Vail-40 years, were not able to attend, so they will receive their Awards at our September 10th meeting.

R..W.. Charles Daycock, R..W.. Earl Steffen and I presented Brother Burton Sage his 40 year Award at his home in Churchville. We had a fine visit with Burt and his wife. Burt let us know that he really misses being able to come to Lodge. □

Union Star
Lodge No. 320

W.. Lloyd A. Wood, Master
334-5429

2nd Monday
7:30 P.M.



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

Greetings Brothers

As I'm writing this, it is early August and half of the Summer has gone. By the time you read this, it will be over and we will be getting ready to go back to Lodge work. I hope you had a good and safe Summer.

Lodge news

This year promises to be an exciting one for our Lodge: it will be the first full year of consolidation. We are in the process of getting estimates for the drywall and painting of the Lodge room and hallway. The estimates we have so far are quite reasonable, so I don't think there will be any problem getting the job done. In terms of the time, however, all the contractors are quite busy (as you can imagine) through the Summer, so we are shooting for September or early October to get the work done. I'll keep you posted.


The Henrietta building has not been sold yet, but we have a group working on it. The last I heard, a new broker was going to

be signed to expedite the sale. Due to the efforts of R..W.. Bob Sanford, a gentleman was hired to mow the lawn and take care of the grounds, so the building looks presentable. Thanks, Bob. I'll let you know of any progress.

Closing

Our first meeting is rapidly approaching. It will be on Monday, September 8th, at 7:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Until then, keep safe and enjoy the nice weather. □

**District Deputy
Grand Master**
Genesee/Wyoming
District



R..W.. Robert F. Dagen
H (716) 548-7148
FX 548-7648

Challenges

As in the sport of car racing- "Gentlemen, start your engines". I would hope that by now the engines have been started and we are leaving the 'pit row' and heading out onto the raceway. This is our challenge for the coming sessions of our Lodges. As we return to our labors, I would ask that each of you, the officers and all the Brethren, make every effort to display the virtues of our great Fraternity, those being total friendship, morality and brotherly love.

I would like to encourage more 'social fellowship' at our Lodge meetings. I think, in many cases, we are spending all of our efforts on the routine 'business' aspect, leaving no time for the enjoyment of one of the main reasons we all belong to this Fraternity, that being to enjoy each other's company. It's good to spend time with people you can trust completely.

The foregoing is one of the statements used to describe our

Fraternity-do you fit this category? In order to renew the interest of our Brethren in the Fraternity, it is necessary to make every effort to give them a reason for sharing time from their busy schedules.

Review of events

The following is a brief review of some of the events that happened over the Summer, for the benefit of those who were not able to attend or participate.

On Saturday, June 21st, many from our District were on hand for the Dedication of the 'Bench Memorial' in memory of R..W.. Jack Stockholm at the Masonic Home in Utica. The majority of the Grand Line and the Trustees of the Home were in attendance for this Ceremony. It was quite impressive. The daughter of R..W.. Jack was present for the Dedication and I think we all will remember it for a long time to come.

On Saturday, June 19th, members of the Grand Line were on hand in Batavia to present some thirty Masonic Scholarships to recipients from the Western New York area. One had to come away with a feeling of great joy after watching each of the recipients receive their respective grants. The singular memory that remains with me is the joy and satisfaction shared with the families of the recipients. We all can be very proud of what each of us share in making this event possible.

Last, but not least, on Sunday, August 3rd, we shared in fellowship at the Annual Breakfast and Go-to-Church event, held at the South Byron United Methodist Church. A special thank you to our friend, Tom Hartwig, Brother Chuck Lapp and several other Brothers who made the breakfast a very tasty and enjoyable occasion. We thank the congregation of the church for allowing us the opportunity to share in their worship service.

New Chairman

As a reminder, the Umbrella Team of the past year continues to serve in their respective duties. There is one additional Chairman appointed, W.. George Springett of Hesperus Lodge is now the Chairman of the Scholarships Committee. Please contact him for applications or any questions you may have concerning this subject.

Brotherhood Fund

Hopefully you have been contacted by your Brotherhood

Chairman. Please continue to support our Challenge for Charity Program initiated by our Grand Master. This program is working well and we can all be very proud to be a part of it. May God Bless us all. □

**Grand Sword
Bearer**

Genesee/Wyoming District



R..W.. Richard C. Anderson

Brethren

I hope everyone had a very enjoyable Summer, with all the vacations and picnics.

Plans

It is time for the new Masters of the Lodges to execute their plans for Lodge functions. I would like you to send your formalized Trestleboards for the year to me by September 30th.



Interested Brothers

I need the name of a candidate for the "Road to the East" from each Master in the District. Please send this name ASAP. Any names of Brothers interested in taking the Leadership Development Course are also needed.

Participate

Everyone check with your Master or Secretary for a list of coming events in the Genesee/Wyoming District. This list will inform you of the functions and dates. The Official Visit of the DDGM for your own Lodge and other Lodges is listed there. Please make the effort to participate to help your Lodge. □

PI & A

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

Brethren

We have our Lodges back in session, now let's get some programs going. Have you had a program on Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention in your Lodge? If not, then why not schedule one now. We have short or long talks; we have short or long videos. Take your choice.

Now we have another new drug to worry about. However,

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Hear Ye ! Hear Ye !

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this one is different. It's not addicts/users who are taking it, but mostly kids into sports or people on diets. It's legal. The drug is herb ephedrine, street name is "whitecross". It's a dietary supplement and there have been several deaths among those using it. It is sold in health stores.

Harsh statistics

New figures in national studies from Washington, DC, now show that it no longer is one in five that use drugs, but one in three. The average starting age for drug use, including alcohol, is now 10 years of age.

Drunk drivers

In the past most of my articles have been on drugs. Let's not forget about alcohol. It is still rated right up there with AIDS for its killing power. Our government and law enforcement, or at least our courts, do not take alcohol abuse too seriously. The following is some information on how seriously other countries take it. I think some of the countries listed here may be taking it too seriously, but I do not live there and do not know what prompted these laws.

How do other countries handle drunk drivers? These statistics were reported previously in Ann Landers' column.

In Australia-Names are published in newspapers with the headline, "Drunk in Jail".

In South Africa-Ten years prison term or \$10,000 fine, or both.

In Turkey-Drunk drivers are taken 20 miles outside of town and forced to walk back under police escort.

In Malaya-Jail for the offender and if married, his wife, too.

In Norway-Three weeks in jail at hard labor, one year suspension; second offense in five years, permanent revocation.

In Finland/Sweden-Automatic jail--one year at hard labor.

In England-One year in jail, one year suspension and \$250 fine.

In Bulgaria-A second conviction is last, punishment is execution.

In El Salvador-First offense--execution by firing squad.

If you want more information, call me and set up a date for me to visit your Lodge.

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



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

By W.. George Springett, Sec.

Plaque Dedication

The video of the Dedication of the Plaque on the bench at the Masonic Home in Utica in honor of R..W.. Jack Stockholm was a pleasure to see. Congratulations to all the Masons of the District who participated in this endeavor for his Memorial.

Referral time

It is time to put your thinking caps on in regards to who will be your Lodge's submittal for the next Grand Lodge Officers. Please make you referrals to the Purple Apron Club.

Directories

The District Directories should be in your hands shortly after there is light in your Lodge.

Many years of service

290 years of service to Masonry. Congratulations to the following members of Mt. Vernon Lodge: Robert Moore-70 years; Cecil Moore-60 years; Earl Barber-60 years; Elder Bush-50 years and Robert Johnson-50 years.

Council Appointments

The 1998 Candy Sales Chairman is R..W.. Gerald Brade.

The Fund Raisers Suggestion Committee is: Chairman, R..W.. Leonard Mason, assisted by W.. Arthur Drew and W.. John Specht.

The Fall Fish Fry Chairman is R..W.. Gerald Brade, assisted by R..W.. Robert Dagen.

Future events

On September 22nd at Mt. Vernon Lodge, there will be a presentation of Service Pins and Certificates for members with 50, 60 and 70 years. Senior Grand Warden, R..W.. Carl J. Smith, will be making the presentations. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. for the sum of \$5.50. RSVP to James Allen at 457-3079.

The October 10th District Fish Fry will be at Attica Temple starting at 4:30 p.m.

The date is pending for the Rededication of the Masonic Marker at the Gilliam-Grant Center in Bergen. Keep your eyes on the Hesperus Lodge column for further information.

Dedication of the Stockholm Memorial Bench

By Kenneth E. Kohlhausen
Saturday, June 21st, St. John's Day, was a memorable one for the 28 people of the Genesee/Wyoming District who were present for the Dedication of the John S. Stockholm Memorial Bench on the campus of the Masonic Home in Utica.

R..W.. Charles Roberts, DDGM of the Livingston District; R..W.. Robert Dagen, DDGM of the Genesee/Wyoming District; R..W.. Vernon Rupert, PDDGM; R..W.. Seymour Dember, President of the Trustees and M..W.. Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master, participated in the brief Ceremony near the entrance of the Administration Building.

For several of those in attendance, it was a first time visit to the Masonic Home, among them Bonnie Stockholm, daughter of R..W.. Jack. All were favorably impressed with what they saw there.

The Genesee/Wyoming Purple Apron Club wishes to thank all who participated in this event by making memorial contributions to the Brotherhood Fund, designated for the Masonic Home.

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

Where has the Summer gone?

It seems like just yesterday we were shoveling snow! We hope you had a wonderful relaxing Summer and are ready to begin the Fall Session with renewed energy. First, we'd like to reminisce a bit about our Masonic activities since the last issue.

Picnic

The Supreme Architect provided a beautiful sunny day for the Lodge Annual Steak Roast/Picnic, which was hosted by Brother Marty Krause and his wife, Donna, at their cottage on beautiful Silver Lake on August 9th. Lake tours were provided by Brother Marty and R..W.. John Jessop on their party boats.

Picnic Chairman, R..W.. Holden Miller, did, as always, a superb job organizing and entertaining everyone with his patented "Masonic Madness" game. R..W.. Nancy Specht, Matron of Hesperus Chapter No. 823 OES, led a Sing-a-Long of various "Oldies, but Goodies" and in so doing, demonstrated her beautiful voice.

Thank you

Thanks are extended to our Resident Chef and Connoisseur, R..W.. Don Hargrave and his assistants, for the delicious repast enjoyed by all. Those who left in a hurry, did so on their own! Appreciation is also extended to Brother Don Mattice for his efforts in transporting equipment and supplies in his truck. The evening closed with a spectacular display of hot air balloons over beautiful Silver Lake. Special thanks to all who helped to make this picnic a success.

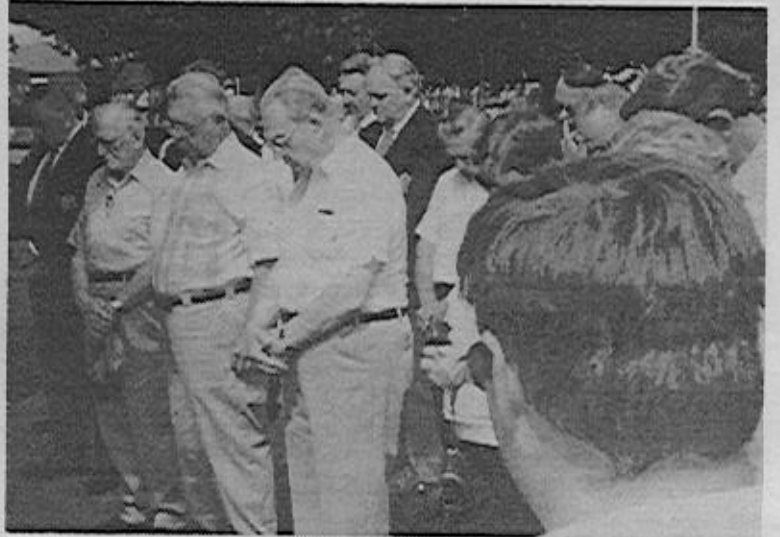
Update on Grant Gillam Memorial

The Grant Gillam Memorial has been renovated over the Summer and is now a fitting tribute once again to our late Brother, a philanthropist who exemplified his commitment to the tenets of the Craft by providing in his will for the citizens of Byron and Bergen. If you happen to be traveling on West Bergen Road across from Byron/Bergen High School, please stop in and admire the fine work.

Flowers were contributed by Brother Gib Ernst, with excavation and decorative stonework provided by W.. Garry Hutcherson and Brother Marty Krause. More information, including details on the Rededication of the Memorial this Fall, will follow.



R..W.. Charles Roberts and M..W.. Earle J. Hino, Grand Master, by the Stockholm Bench Dedication at the Masonic Home; the lower plaque will be presented to John's Lodge as a memorial to this well loved Mason. (Photos courtesy Ken Kohlhausen)



Brothers during prayer at the Dedication Service of the John Stockholm Bench.



Genesee/Wyoming District's, R.. Vern Rupert, R..W.. Ken Kohlhausen and R..W.. Jerry Brade (front), R..W.. Hodie Miller, R..W.. Bob Dagen, Bro. Layton Vogel and R..W.. Dick Anderson at the John Stockholm Bench at the Dedication, Masonic Home.

Sickness and distress

The Summer has been good to Hesperus up to this date, as we have no sickness or distress to report at this time.

Future events

Hesperus Lodge will be conferring the 2nd Degree, with Garry Hutcherson in the East, at our 2nd communication on September 18th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The Euchre Tournament to be held at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport will be on September 29th at 7:00 p.m. Help Hesperus defend its title!

DDGM, R..W.. Robert F. Dagen, will grace Hesperus Lodge with his presence for his Official Visit on October 2nd. This Visit will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Formal attire is required.

Tickets for Hesperus' Annual 20-20 Party on November 8th are now on sale. W.. John Cooper (494-1559) is Chairman of this event. He will be assisted by W.. Garry Hutcherson and Brother Norm Austin. Entertainment will be provided by Blue Grove.

This is always a well attended and much enjoyed event...come and join us!

Child ID Program

Our Annual Child ID Program is scheduled for the month of November. We tentatively have approximately 300 Girl Scouts in the Bergen/LeRoy area as potential candidates. Response by these organizations has been overwhelming, and we look forward to working hand-in-hand with them in organizing this event and we hope for a successful shoot. This year's event will again be chaired by Brother Norm Austin and myself.

Thank you

Special thanks are once again extended to all who made our contribution to the 1996-97 Brotherhood Fund a success.

Come on out

Now it is time to renew our Fall activities and to look to new challenges for Hesperus Lodge. At our September 4th regularly stated communication we will have much new business to transact. Don't miss it! See you there!

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Lodge No. 413
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535-7874
1st & 3rd Mondays

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

2473 Route 20A
Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

New year
I hope everyone had fun on their Summer vacations.


Picnic
Just to inform you, we had our Family Picnic on August 2nd. A friend visited the Picnic and played the bagpipes for about 20 minutes. The 30 people there enjoyed the short concert. There was lots of good food and everyone had a good time.

Sadness
It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of two members, R.: W.: Frederick Rhebergen on July 30th and Brother John Clark on August 4th. They will be missed.

Congratulations
West Star Lodge congratulates R.: W.: Jerold A. Brade of Attica Lodge No. 462 on his receiving the Order of the Purple Cross.

September
The next meeting, September 15th, will be the Official Visit of DDGM R.: W.: Robert F. Dagen. Please come out and support your Lodge and help us plan for the ensuing year.

**Triluminar Lodge
No. 543
F. & A.M.**



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

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

Greetings
September brings another start to an exciting year at Triluminar Lodge. The officers for the upcoming year are as follows:

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| Master | William Swyers |
| Sr. Wrd. | W.: William Olsowski |
| Jr. Wrd. | Jason Andrews |
| Treasurer | R.: W.: Steven Wing |
| Sec. | R.: W.: Richard Anderson |
| Chaplain | W.: Arthur Drew |
| Sr. Deacon | David Allen |
| Jr. Deacon | David Mayer |
| SMC | Jason Albright |
| JMC | Tim Barlow |
| Steward | Lyman Granger |
| Steward | Harland Granger |
| Marshal | R.: W.: Keith Granger |
| Tiler | W.: Paul Flint |

Special thanks
We are thankful to the Purple Apron Club; you gentlemen did another excellent job and are an asset to the Craft.

Golf Tournament
Our Annual Golf Tournament was held June 7th and was another success, despite early rain. Thanks to the efforts of R.: W.: Steven Wing, R.: W.: Richard Anderson, R.: W.: Keith Granger, R.: W.: Jerry Brade,

W.: Dennis Quackenbush, W.: Art Drew, W.: William Olsowski, Brother Tim Barlow, Brother Jason Andrews Annette Granger, Amy Wing, Michelle and Joanne Swyers. Without all your help this would not be possible, especially when the Master is not a golfer and knows nothing about golf tournaments!

Results
1st: Bill Doll-11
2nd: Doug Akin-10
3rd: Dave Linder-9
4th: Mike Morgan-9
Hole winners:
Hole 3: David Mlyniel-closest to pin/men
Hole 8: Alex Ackerman-longest drive
Hole 6: Kathy Jorday-closest to the pin/women
Hole 13: Robert Spencer-longest drive/Seniors
Hole 14: Tom Scott-closest to pin/\$200.00
50/50 winner: Jeff Reynolds

Upcoming events
We will have a Bring-a-Friend Night on October 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at our Lodge. All the Brothers should give some serious thought to this endeavor. It is the future of Free Masonry that rests in these prospective candidates. Let's have an excellent turnout!

Reminder
To all RAM No. 322 Chapter members-our first meeting will be September 8th at 8:00 p.m. at Triluminar Lodge. We should be lining up candidates for Fall Degrees.

**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

Call us
The following list of officers will be available to help any Brother during this coming year.

Master	Craig Reitmeier
Sr. Wrd.	Scott Mason
Jr. Wrd.	Vincent Phelps
Treas.	Douglas Cronk
Sec.	David Hossenlopp
Chaplain	Byron Fisher
Sr. Deacon	Leonard Mason
Jr. Deacon	Arthur Drew
Sr. MC	Robert McElheny
Jr. MC	Ronald Jaquish
Marshal	Douglas Cronk
Tiler	William Erick

Goals
We presently have two Entered Apprentices who will be taking their 2nd Degree this Fall. I am setting a goal of a total of four new Master Masons for this year. If you know of a worthy candidate, please contact me or one of the officers so that we can meet the goal.

Visit
The visitation by our District Deputy will be September 23rd. Plan on attending so that we have a good showing.

Join us
On October 14th we will present 50 Year Awards to Brothers William Erick, Fay Howlett and Clifton Jones. I believe any Brother achieving this


has not only been devoted to the Lodge, but to the Brotherhood of Man. Let's get out and recognize them for this accomplishment along with their families. Bring guests so that they can celebrate, also. This will be an open meeting.

Plans
This coming year we expect to support the Child ID Videotaping Program as we did last year. We assisted in taping 402 children throughout the District last year. If you have extra time and would like to help, you will find it extremely rewarding.

This year I hope to see all of our officers complete the Leadership Training Program and have some of them complete the Road to the East training.

If you have any information that you would like to share with other members, drop me a note or give me a call me at 496-9975. Hope to see you soon. □

**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

Welcome back, Brothers
Tag Thursday, September 4th, at 8:00 p.m. for an opportunity to see your new officers at work. Cake and ice cream afterwards.

On September 18th at 8:00 p.m., the Royal Arch Masons in all their glorious regalia will present an informative program.

Renovations to continue
The remaining 2 of our Temple's 3 deteriorating roof chimneys were removed during the Summer. The fireplace chimney was sealed off, and the furnace and hot water tank chimneys replaced with vents. Re-plastering of the water damaged dining room wall is currently underway. Reduction of ambient noise levels within the dining room was achieved last year by the installation of acoustical tile. Improving wheelchair access is under consideration.

Trestleboard
A current trestleboard depicting the year's events is posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Temple. It will be revised as necessary. Keep informed by referring to it from time to time.


Sorrow revisited
Brother Lloyd Gates has died. Our condolences to his widow, Mrs. Mary Gates, and his family. Brother Lloyd Simpson, Dalton, NY, died recently. Our condolences to his widow, Mrs. Patricia Simpson and family.

Brotherhood Fund
Please be as generous as you are able for this worthy cause. Your contribution is important.

Anniversary of Raising
Constellation Lodge's roster now stands at 102 stalwart members. None of our current members were raised in September. The Masonic Times will list the honorees for the current month. The second communication of each month will provide an opportunity to hear from those honorees in attendance about their perspective, remembrances and fruits of Masonry. □

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**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

Looking ahead
It seemed like just a few short days ago we were putting aside our working tools in favor of relaxation, Summer picnics with friends and families, and enjoying that ever popular game of golf. The time is now upon us to gather up our working tools and look forward to a year of hard, but rewarding, work. Our first communication in September will be a casual dress night. I look forward to discussing the plans for the year ahead.

Roster
We all received a current roster of the Brethren of Batavia Lodge No. 475. Let's make use of it and pick a name of a Brother from that list that we have not seen in the Lodge room and give him a call or offer him a ride to our next communication.

Helping out
The Brethren of the Lodge worked a food booth again this year at the "Wings Over Batavia" Air Show. For the Saturday and Sunday that we worked, the Lodge netted a little over \$300.00 for the benefit of the Lodge. I personally thank everyone who gave up all or part of their Father's Day weekend to help work at this booth. I have taken the liberty to sign up the Lodge for a booth for next year. If we had to, it would be easier to remove our name off the list at the last minute than to add it.

Scholarship Presentations
Batavia Lodge hosted the Western Regional Scholarship Presentations on July 19th. We had approximately 275 people and recipients show up for the afternoon event. Unfortunately, we had to split the presentations into two groups because the building just couldn't hold that many people at one time. Again, I thank those who helped work the refreshment detail for that afternoon.

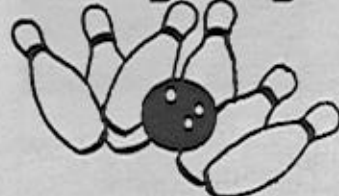
I look forward to seeing everyone at our first communication in September. Until that time, enjoy the rest of the Summer. □

Prince Hall Update
By R.: W.: Jay McCullough
The Southern California Research Lodge, F&AM, Fraternal Review No. 761, is our source. It informs us that the United Grand Lodge of England, at their June 11th quarterly communication, gave recognition to the Prince Hall Grand Lodges of California, Hawaii, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Members of Lodges in the Grand Lodge of England can now visit Prince Hall Lodges in these jurisdictions.

Grand Lodge's recognition
In June the Grand Lodge of Oregon granted recognition to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in that jurisdiction, bringing the total number of Grand Lodges to do so to 24. They are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.
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Masonic Mid-Day Bowling League



John Specht, Secretary
548-2694

By Jay McCullough
Mid-day bowling returns
The Seniors Tuesday afternoon (12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) bowling league is ready for its Fall start at Spencerport Bowl. League President is Ruel (Buzz) Lovett and the Secretary is John Specht.

Last year's participants are expected to return and any Brothers who prefer daytime travel on good roads, and would care to join us, are encouraged to come out and see what it's all about. Our first scheduled date is the 2nd Tuesday of October (14th) and the first ball rolls at 12:30 p.m.

This is not only a day league, it is a casual one. You come if you can. We get the opportunity to build a series of games to qualify for an ABC handicap, permitting handicap entry into any regular tournaments that we choose. The State Masonic and the Niagara/Orleans Memorial Tournaments are among those particularly enjoyed by league members who participated last year.

Call Buzz at 494-2456 or John at 548-2694 to let them know you'd like to join in. □

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Royal Arch Masons
27th Capitular District



R.E. Donald J. Brugger
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Degrees

The first subject to be addressed for the Fall Season is the RAM Degrees. For those who haven't kept informed, the Mark Master Mason Degree and the Past Master Degree will take place on Thursday, September 25th. The Mark will be directed by R.E. Vern Goodrich and the Past Master by V.E. William Zufall. The Most Excellent Master Degree, directed by E. Doug Poole, will be on Thursday, October 9th. The Holy Royal Arch, Directed by E. Jerry Jones, will be conferred during the visit of our Canadian Brothers on Saturday afternoon, October 25th. All Degrees will be hosted by Hiram Chapter and will take place in Cathedral Hall, Downtown Masonic Temple, Rochester.

Make sure that all candidates submit petitions early so they can be voted on before the day of the Degree. If your Chapter has candidates, the responsibility for their notification should be shared by the entire Chapter. If you know of a Brother who is desirous of gaining membership in the Royal Craft, please see that he has a petition.

It is important that each High Priest notify his members of these dates, especially those who can help in the conferrals. This is still a District-wide undertaking and all Chapters should participate as much as they are able. Don't expect one Chapter to do all the work. If you desire to participate please notify the Directors or give me a call and I will put you in touch with the proper individual.

Committees

Many of the Chapter and District Committee positions have been filled and I want to commend those who have volunteered to serve. There are, however, some positions still open. If you desire to participate in furthering Royal Arch Masonry in this area, please let your High Priest know; many hands are needed.

Membership

Membership Committees of the individual Chapters should be hard at work planning Companion-Bring-a-Brother Nights, Fervency and Zeal presentations and other activities to spread the word among their Brothers about the Royal Craft. Pamphlets and information are available. If you need help in any of these endeavors, please don't hesitate to call on me or the District Membership Chairman, E. Doug Poole.

Phone Cards

Royal Arch Phone Cards are still available from your High Priest or from me. These Cards are \$20 and are good for 40 minutes of long distance calls. They are an excellent gift for the college student or as a gift for that person on your list, who has everything. Six dollars from each Card purchased goes to the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund and is tax deductible. If you need more information or Cards, please call me.

PHP Association of Western New York

Membership in the Past High Priest's Association of Western New York is available to all Past High Priests in this area. If you desire to join with them, their next meeting is on Tuesday, September 30th in Depew, NY. If you need a ride, please contact me. Visitors are always welcome and you can join that night. The dues are minimal and the camaraderie great.

The organization also raises money for the RAM Scholarship Fund and presents a check to the Grand High Priest at their Annual Dinner. This dinner, by the way, is open to the ladies and guests. Next year's dinner will be at RIPA's Restaurant in Lancaster, NY.

District Picnic

The 27th District Picnic was held on Sunday, August 3rd at Kuehne's Lake. There was a good crowd and all the Companions and their wives enjoyed the pastoral setting. As always the Kuehne's were gracious hosts and we thank them for their hospitality. Some of the Companions brought their fishing equipment; they were not disappointed.

As usual, we had a meeting of the Council Officers. Unfortunately there was no representation from Dansville or Livonia. Details of upcoming Degrees were ironed out and other District, as well as Grand Chapter business was on the table.

Bicentennial

The plans for your individual Chapter Bicentennial Year Celebration should be in the works. That means that those Committees in the various Chapters should be actively planning for 1998. If your Chapter has not activated your Committee, this is the time to get going. Time is getting short. If you need any assistance, call on me or the District Bicentennial Chairman. Remember, the Grand High Priest

wants to be assured of a large class for the Bicentennial year. So, get cracking on obtaining prospective members.

Hiram Chapter
No. 62

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Scholarships

It's back to business again and I hope all had a great Summer. Our Chapter Picnic was a huge success, with about 70 people there and plenty of food and hospitality. R.E. Vern Goodrich presented the Grand Chapter Scholarships and I presented Hiram Chapter Scholarships. What a rewarding experience it is to see the smiles on the recipients' faces as they receive them. Their smiles showed their deep appreciation for what they received and then we listened to them tell of their dreams for the future.

Many of us in my age bracket did not have all of the opportunities the youths of today have. With all of the benefits out there, I see no reason why they do not have a better education. I guess life is too easy for them; a good portion of them have lost pride in themselves and spend their time watching TV, with all the violence, which, believe it or not, becomes brainwashing, and a good portion are trying drugs (the worst brain killer there is). We show how grateful we are to the youth who are trying to get a good education by giving them every opportunity there is to help them make it a little easier. Every Royal Arch Mason can hold their head up high and be proud for we are doing just that when we give them scholarships. When a notice comes out asking you to give towards the scholarships, open your wallets and be generous. With your help, we will leave a living legacy.

Visit to Orient Chapter

Orient Chapter No. 79 in Scarborough, Canada, our visiting counterpart, invited our Chapter on May 28th for their District Deputy Official Visit. The following attended: R.E. Arnold Palmer-Grand Scribe; R.E. Vernon Goodrich-Grand Treasurer; R.E. Lawrence Dunn-Ass't. Grand Treasurer; R.E. Donald Brugger-District Deputy Grand High Priest; E. Paul Josephson-Past High Priest of Hiram Chapter and myself.

They considered it an Official Visit from us, also. Each of us was escorted into their Chapter, all were given Grand Honors and then seated in the East with their Grand Line Officers. The Canadian Chapter has seats to the left of the High Priest where they seat their Grand Line and guests.

Our visit to the Chapter made it a very significant evening for

First Principal Ian Nichols (High Priest) for our presence there gave it an international flavor. I am sure that evening will always have a special place and meaning in E. Ian's memory. Our group will always remember, not only the special visit, but the wonderful hospitality they showed us. Everything was perfect. This was an evening when true international Brotherhood shone. To E. Ian and Orient Chapter, we thank you. Speaking for all of us, we have a very special and enduring friendship.

Share hospitality

Our Brethren in Canada certainly know how to welcome members of the Craft. My advice to those who get that special privilege of being invited, don't pass it up. They make you feel like you are the most important person in the world! To all of the Lodges and Chapters, why not invite a Lodge or Chapter that you know in Canada and show them that same hospitality? You will get to know very dear and special friends, the kind that last a lifetime.

October visit

Speaking of invitations, Orient Chapter No. 79 from Scarborough, Canada, will be visiting us from October 24th-26th. They will be staying at the new Sheraton Four Points Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn). The Hiram Chapter Hospitality Room will also be there, opening at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, if you care to greet our visitors.

Membership

To those of you who have petitions, PLEASE get them back. There are nine petitions out there with a promise that all are going to become Companions. If you don't get them to us, we cannot do anything. Membership is the life blood of our Chapter, without that, you all know what will happen.

Chapter meetings

Time to get your dress suits out of storage and dust them off for your attendance at Chapter meetings. We need your support! Attendance has increased by a few, but we need more. The more the better. Remember, this is your Chapter, come on out and help us build it into the largest Chapter in New York State.

1999 Grand High Priest Fund

Most of you know R.E. Arnold Palmer, Grand Scribe, Royal Arch Masons, State of New York, who will be our Grand High Priest in 1999. Just think, one of our own will be Grand High Priest. I know it gives me a great feeling and it also must do the same for you. It has been a long time since we have had a Grand High Priest from the 27th Capitular District.

Will you HELP SUPPORT THAT YEAR? What I am asking for is a donation from each of the Companions of \$5.00 or more towards the Fund. Please help him in his year as Grand High Priest, he is a very special person. Make your check payable to: 1999 Grand High Priest Fund and mail to: Thomas Paglia, 84 Grand View Lane, Rochester, NY 14612. Thank you for your support.

District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District



R.E. Daniel N. Evans

Greetings, Companions

It is time again to welcome you back after Summer recess. I am hoping that you all had a very enjoyable Summer. I spent time at my son's in the Mid-West, where I attended a few Masonic meetings. Problems there are the same as ours; low attendance at meetings and getting new members to join. Now it is time to check the Trestleboard, and return to our labors.

At our District meeting in June we planned for the ensuing year. As our meetings get under way, it is now time to finalize these plans. As District Deputy, I will soon be visiting the Chapters of the District. I will be checking progress being made on those topics we talked about, namely, the acquiring of new members and Degree work.

The tentative dates of my visits will be as follows:

3X3 Chapter-Sept. 17th
Western Star Chapter No. 35-October 2nd
Wyoming Chapter No. 181-October 14th
LeRoy Chapter No. 183-October 20th
Arcade Chapter No. 322-November 10th.

Official Visit

R.E. William DuPree, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, will make his Official Visit to the 29th District on October 13th at Triluminar Temple at Pike, NY at 8:00 p.m. A Ham Dinner will precede the meeting. Please let me know if you are planning to attend by the 30th of September. More information on the dinner will be forth coming.

Telephone Calling Cards

The Royal Arch Scholarship Fund Awards are in the process of being increased to from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. One of the ways this can be done is through the sales of Telephone Cards. Every Card purchased generates \$6.00 for our Scholarship Program which will help us to reach our goal. All the District Deputy Grand High Priests have been asked to take orders for these Cards. They are only \$20.00 for which you will receive 40 minutes of calling time. The Card is good anywhere in the USA, especially at pay phones. Don't forget the \$6.00 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. I am sure that

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Whose job is it?

This is the story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done (phone cards) and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. (Thanks to Stewart M. L. Pollard).

Have you ever belonged to a Lodge or Chapter like that at one time? □

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



3rd
Wed.
7:30 p.m.

E.. Kenneth D. Robinson,
 High Priest - 293-1405
 Karl Heinz-Reich,
 Secretary - 426-6836

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 Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

By Karl Heinz-Reich

Mark the date

The Chapter officers will conduct a Summoned Convocation on September 9th at the Temple in Spencerport. A notice was mailed to each Companion during August. The intent is to determine if convocations should be adjusted FROM the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays TO the 2nd Tuesday of each month. While there's always conflict in schedules and dates in Masonry, this new day seems to have the least impact on other group scheduled meetings, particularly in the 29th District.

Check to be sure that the September meeting is on your calendar.

Royal Arch in Germany

I was able to make my annual Summer tour to my homeland. As has happened before, there were many Masonic gatherings and renewed acquaintances, which I have come to enjoy. Several of the Companions residing there have been in correspondence with me since my last visit and arranged a number of events so I could participate. Masonic gifts were exchanged.

I delivered a parcel of cancelled postage stamps to a Companion who has an avid interest in stamps from around the world. Any Brother reading this column can feel free to collect his cancelled postage stamps and forward them to me so I can continue to deliver them in bulk. Proceeds go to Masonic endeavors in Germany.

I will gladly share my experiences with any who are interested in the "state of Masonry" in the old country!

Summer picnics

LeRoy and 3X3 Royal Arch Chapters held their annual joint picnic at Bergen Village Park in mid-July. The pavilion was ours and I provided entertainment, playing several musical instruments.

Warsaw Park is the site of the Annual 29th Capitular District Picnic. The event provides the opportunity for members of Western Star of Batavia, Wyoming Chapter of Warsaw, LeRoy and Arcade Chapters from those respective villages, and 3X3 Chapter from Spencerport to come together with families, friends and guests from throughout the Craft.

August 20th saw a reunion of old friends and Companions who parted with assurances of getting together again next year in the same place near the same time. District Deputy Dan Evans sees this as a showcase for his District members, and our Chapter again was visible through provision of musical interludes.

September

Come to your Chapter convocations. We promise they will not bore you. We particularly must get together on September 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Spencerport Temple. Call me if you have any questions or information to pass on.

May the good Lord keep you healthy and make you prosperous. □

Western Star
Chapter No. 35
RAM
 1st & 3rd Thursdays

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Greetings Companions

A Summer filled with many and various Masonic activities is drawing to a close and I hope that you were able to participate and enjoy Masonic fellowship in the beautiful weather.

Repairs

This Summer, the exterior of the Masonic Temple was washed and the trimwork was repainted. The appearance is very pleasing. Unfortunately this Summer, while the Temple exterior was being repainted, the Royal Arch globe that had adorned the front of the building for decades was destroyed. The concern of the Chapter has been made known to Batavia Lodge and our Chapter Trustee, who in turn will refer this matter to the building owner.

Grand Representative

An active Companion, always working behind the scenes to prepare the paraphernalia for Degrees, cooking in the kitchen or travelling in support of Capitular events, Jerry Brade, has received the Appointment as the Grand Representative of Canada in the Province of Ontario. R..E.. Brade has represented our Chapter annually with his faithful attendance at Grand Chapter and now has assumed more lofty duties.

The presentation of his commission and Apron took place at our Annual District Picnic in Warsaw Park on August 20th. M..E.. C. Richard Trust, Grand High Priest, made the presentation. Plans are in the works for R..E.. Brade's attendance at the

Grand Chapter of Ontario in 1998, to be held in Hamilton, and in 1999 at Niagara Falls. In assisting with his travel expenses, I have assured him I would be willing to pay his toll at the Peace Bridge, \$1.00 each way.

On a serious note, R..E.. Wilder has come into possession of a Canadian Royal Arch relic that we would like to return to the Grand Chapter of Ontario during R..E.. Brade's tenure of appointment.

R..E.. Wilder, our Grand Representative of Kentucky, has made arrangements to attend the Grand Chapter of Kentucky this year. He was advised there being no toll bridges in KY, he will receive no reimbursement. What I neglected to tell him was about the very expensive tolls I encountered on the expressway while driving across that state!

Order of the Purple Cross

Our Chapter now has a third Companion elevated to the Order of the Purple Cross, R..E.. Jerold Brade. He was presented the honor by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in Denver, CO, in July. This honor has been compared to the 33° of the Scottish Rite and is in recognition for his zeal, fidelity and attachment to Masonry. He joins his fellow Companion recipients, R..E.. Don Markham and R..E.. Vern Rupert. It speaks well of our Chapter and its Companions.

Moving

It is with regret that our Chapter must bid safe travels and best wishes to E.. Everett Norris and his wife, Doris, as they journey to their new home in Florida. They are beginning retirement in the warm, snow-free South, but promise to return each Summer for a visit. A dedicated and hard-working Companion, he will be missed by Western Star Chapter. He will certainly be an asset to whatever new Chapter he may find near his new home.

Convocations

September 4th - Regular convocation at 8:00 p.m. Welcome back to the Tabernacle. A slow and easy return to the ritual is promised. The October District-wide Candy Sale will be on the Trestleboard. Assignments and planning for the upcoming Degrees will also be discussed. Refreshments will follow.

September 18th - Regular convocation at 8:00 p.m. McCullough has been asked to present a cost analysis of Temple usage by Concordant Bodies as relates to expenses and membership numbers. This will prove most enlightening and interesting.


You need to make dinner reservations for October 13th at Arcade Chapter. Please see the DDGHP column for details.

All officers please note!

Please make every effort to attend the convocations and discharge the responsibilities of your office. All of our cabetows are being stretched to the limit and unavoidable absences are a fact we must recognize and accommodate. □

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Next meeting

Tuesday, September 30th, is the date for the next meeting of the Past High Priest's Association of Western New York. We will meet at Cambria's Restaurant, 6354 Transit Road in Depew.

The social hour is from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Advance reservations are NOT required. We will be ordering

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General Assembly
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Denver, Colorado

By Stanley V. Peterson

The General Assembly of the College began on July 30, 1997 at Denver, CO. The Sovereign College consists of 170 local Colleges with a total membership of 14,000 in 48 states and 8 provinces in Canada. The purpose of the College is to promote York Rite and its several Charities. The head of the organization at the present times is Governor General, M.P.D. Donald A. King, KCPC. At present M.P.D. Roy E. Van Delinder, Jr. is Treasurer General.

At the meeting this year Robert L. Zahn and Jerold Brade of the local College, Genesee #25, re-



Jerold Brade, Vern Rupert, Bob Zahn, Arnold Palmer and Stanley Peterson taken in Denver, CO. (Photos courtesy Linda Zahn)

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The agenda is to include proposed revisions to the By-Laws and selection of officers.

1998 event

The 1998 Scholarship Dinner will be held on the last Saturday in April, which is the 25th. Please mark your calendars and plan to join with us. The location will be at Ripa's Restaurant on Walden Avenue at Pavement Road in Lancaster.

The Dinner tickets will be available from District and Chapter Officers throughout Western New York at a cost of \$19.00 per person.

It is our intention for this event to be the premier York Rite Social Event of 1998 in Western New York. Your thoughtful suggestions have been incorporated into the arrangements of the evening. □



Robert Zahn received The Order of the Purple Cross in Denver, CO, in July.

ceived the Order of the Purple Cross. The OPC is considered the equivalent of the 33° in the Scottish Rite.

In attendance were Companion Knights Stanley V. Peterson, Vernon Rupert and E. Arnold Palmer who are recipients of the Order of the Purple Cross. The Order is conferred on members of the York Rite College who have performed exemplary service to the Rite. It is conferred by invitation only. □



Scottish Rite NEWS

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Lodge of Perfection



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



New York Council of Deliberation

The big event of the Summer was the 128th Annual Convocation of the New York State Council of Deliberation. This was hosted by the Valley of Rochester at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel July 10-13 and featured the Dedication of the Frank and Bette Paul Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center. The Meeting took months of planning and preparation and the event itself involved the efforts of a large number of the Valley's Brothers. In trying to acknowledge the contributions of those who helped I am sure to leave some out because there was a lot of activity in a very short time. To them, I apologize.

Registration took the most extensive preparation and consumed the most time of any of the tasks assigned to the Valley. Dave Clarke, 32° MSA, assembled the team of Bill Fredenburg, Mat Gingold, 32° MSA, Glenn Hedges, 32° MSA, Greg Ludwig and George Tyler. They worked together, not only to get all attendees registered and fed, but also to upgrade the computer software

that had been passed on to us from previous C of D meetings.

John Zabel arranged the Canal Boat Cruises for the ladies, functioned as the Official Photographer and enlisted the services of the "Girls Ensemble of Rochester" that performed at the Learning Center Dedication.

Don Rose rode herd on the Hotel staff to make sure that all of the many activities and meetings were properly set up. This was supposed to be his only task (which was enough), but he also was asked to and did arrange the Golf Tournament and the bus transportation.

Tom Paglia, 32° MSA and Paul Gleason planned and conducted the Worship Service on Sunday. Tom also donated many hours of his time and talents in the construction of the Learning Center. He installed, at cost, the electrical system.

Gordon and Vickie Ball, with the assistance of Chuck Spiegel, 32° MSA and his wife, Elaine, hosted the Hospitality Suite. The delicious food we enjoyed was prepared by Hildegard DiJames and Joy Woodley.

The Valley's Meritorious Service Award recipients sold baseball caps to benefit the Learning Center, participated in the MSA Presentation Ceremony on Friday evening and served as ushers at the Dedication.

Glenn Hedges, Jean and Don Brugger, 32° MSA, and Barbara and Vern Goodrich set up Cathedral Hall and got the Learning Center ready for the Dedication. Rod Rittenhouse, 33° made the local arrangements for the Dedication and served as Master of Ceremonies. (If you haven't already done so, come and take a look at our new back dining room.)

There were others who showed up and were asked to help, as did Larry Foster and Charlie Hancock by taking charge of Megan Hoover's family

and getting them over to Cathedral Hall and back. I am sure there are some others whom I have missed. To all who helped, thank you! You are the ones who made it a success.

Special recognition

Three of our Brothers from the Valley of Rochester received special recognition during the course of the Convocation. On Friday evening, Brother David C. Clarke was among 21 Brothers from around the State who received the Meritorious Service Award Plaques and Jewels from the Deputy and the Actives.

During the business meeting on Saturday morning it was announced that Brother Robert E. Cameron is among those who will receive the Meritorious Service Award in Syracuse next year.

The Deputy, Ill.: Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active, presented the Deputy's Award for this year to Brother Ronald D. Mertens.

Business meeting-dinner, too!

The next meeting of the Valley of Rochester will be September 4th. It will be an All Bodies Meeting to receive the Annual Reports of the various Valley Officers and Committees. The General Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Office. There will be a Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the Dinner will be \$7.50 and reservations must be made through the Scottish Rite Office, 271-0715. It would be greatly appreciated if you will mail in your check for the dinner ahead of time. Please make it out to Rochester Consistory. Thank you for this consideration. □

Craig T. Mollon Thrice Potent Master



Brother Craig T. Mollon was raised in Churchville Lodge No. 667 in 1991 where he served as Master in 1996-97.

He became a member of the Valley of Rochester in the Fall Class of 1991. He was appointed a Scottish Rite Ambassador to Churchville Lodge.

In Damascus Temple he is an active participant of the Ceremonial Team and the Yacht Club.

He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America for 15 years earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He attained Vigil in the Order of the Arrow where he served as District Chapter Chief.

Brother Mollon is a graduate of Cardinal Mooney Preparatory School and attended MCC, receiving his AS in Humanities and Science. He graduated from SUNY Brockport with a BS in Anthropology and did graduate work in Psychological Counsel-

ing at SUNY Brockport and Statistics at RIT. He plans to continue his studies this year.

He and his wife, Anne, are members of St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church. They are members of Nola Chapter, OES. Craig is employed by Eastman Kodak Co. doing Fundamental Research for Melt Science (EPDU). □

Leon J. VanHuben Sovereign Prince



Brother Leon J. VanHuben was raised in Renovation Lodge No. 97 in Albion, N.Y. in 1955 and affiliated with Union No. 45 in Lima, N.Y. in 1969. After moving to Rochester he affiliated with Fame Lodge No. 945, currently serving as Secretary.

He joined the Valley of Rochester in 1994 and immediately went into the Council of Princes of Jerusalem line. Today he serves that Body as Sovereign Prince.

In Damascus Temple he is serving as 3rd Lt. Commander of the Legion of Honor. He is a member of James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12, Masonic War Veterans where he is a Past Commander and currently Area Representative. Brother Leon is Marshal in Lalla Rookh Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R. In the Order of the Eastern Star he was District Grand Lecturer in 1988.

Brother VanHuben was born in Rochester and graduated from Rush Henrietta High School and the U.S. Naval Officers Training School.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard for 3 years and then joined the U.S. Navy where he was discharged as a Commissioned Officer.

He and his wife, Beverly, enjoy his children and grandchildren. □

Paul A. Moore Most Wise Master



Brother Paul A. Moore was raised in Webster Lodge No. 538 in 1970, serving as Master in 1979 and Secretary from 1983 to 1989. He was President of Masters and Wardens and Advisor to the 1982 Masters. Paul was appointed

DDGM of the 1st Monroe District from 1992-94 and served on several Grand Lodge, District and Lodge Committees.

Paul became a member of the Valley of Rochester in 1991 where he is now Most Wise Master in Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix. As an Officer in that line, he participated yearly in the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. He has also participated in other Degrees of the Scottish Rite.

In Damascus Temple he served on the Divan, 1987-88, is a Past Captain of the Wheelers and presently serves on the Membership Committee. He also holds membership in the Royal Order of Jesters.

As a member of Webster Chapter, OES, he had the pleasure to serve as Patron for his mother, Clara Moore.

After graduating from Webster Central High School, he earned a BSEE from Clarkson and did graduate work at the U of R. Paul has been employed by Xerox Corp. for 31 years, currently as a Development Manager.

Paul and his wife, Carol, live in Webster and attend Webster United Methodist Church where he served on the Finance Committee. They have a daughter, Meredith, who is a second year graduate student in Public Administration at Columbia University. □

Leon M. Abbott Scholarships

Scholarships have been awarded to: Jacqueline M. Delgado, \$1,000; Erica D. Fielding, \$750; and Tyler E. Gellasch, \$1,000.

Jacqueline is the daughter of Brother Ernest L. Swan, Sr. and is enrolled in Masters of Social Work Graduate Studies at Syracuse University.

Erica is the granddaughter of Brother Richard D. Bean. A Junior this year, she is majoring in Speech Pathology and Audiology at Bloomsburg University.

Tyler, son of Brother Dennis K. Gellasch, is a Junior majoring in Computer Engineering/Pre-Med at Case Western University.

Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarships are given to the children or grandchildren of Scottish Rite Masons or to young people who have been active in Masonic related activities such as DeMolay, Rainbow, and Job's Daughters. The grants are made throughout the 15 state Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Funding for the growing Scholarship Program comes from the Supreme Council Education and Charity Fund established through the generous legacy of former Sovereign Grand Commander, Leon M. Abbott.

In recent years the Fund has been strengthened by sharing in the annual contributions to the Blue Envelope Appeal. In addition to the Abbott Scholarships, the Appeal supports the nation's oldest and most prestigious private sector Schizophrenia Research Program, The Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, MA, and the recently established Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Centers. The newest Center is on the 3rd floor of our own Downtown Masonic Temple. □

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The Frank and Bette Paul Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center, Dedicated July 12, 1997

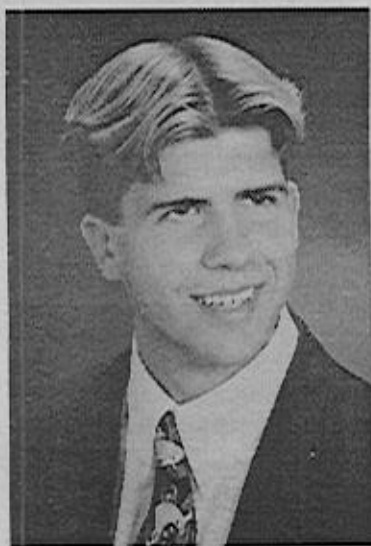
Erica Fielding Scholarship Recipient

Erica Fielding, one of the Scholarship recipients attends Bloomsburg University where she is in her 3rd year working on her Undergraduate Degree.

Her activities include Bloomsburg University Honors and Scholars Program, Bloomsburg Christian Fellowship and Bloomsburg School of Dance. She works as a student secretary at the Speech and Hearing Clinic on campus.

Erica thanks everyone responsible for her scholarship. □

Tyler Gellasch Scholarship Recipient



Tyler Gellasch was one of the three students who received Abbott Scholarships from our area. He is a graduate of Webster High School, receiving Awards in High Honor Roll (4 years), Center for Talented Youth (John Hopkins University), and the CAST Program (Nations Science Foundation).

He will be returning to Case Western Reserve University this Fall to pursue a Major in Computer Engineering. This Spring he received the Golden Key International Honor Society Recognition Award, and had consecutive semesters on the Dean's High Honors list. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, was a Fraternity Files Chair, and Inter-Fraternity Congress Representative. Tyler has participated in Intramural Soccer, Cross-Country, Volleyball, Wallyball, and Flag-football.

The last four Summers he has been employed at Chase-Pitkin. Prior to that he ran his own lawn and garden care company.

Tyler thanks all involved in his receiving this Scholarship. He states it will be very helpful in making his already crowded life a little less stressful. □

1st Annual Family Picnic

The Valley of Rochester held its 1st ever Family Picnic at Powder Mills Park over the Summer. Chairman, Eldon White, did a super job.

There were hots, hamburgs and chicken on the grill, and plenty of sweet corn, baked beans, macaroni and potato salads, and watermelon available. It was a great time to greet old friends who haven't been out in a long time and to meet new ones.

There were over 80 people there this year and we have high hopes of expanding on this next year. Some of the little folks went fishing. They said they had a good time, but the big ones got away. Great job, Eldon! □

This Learning Center was dedicated in an impressive Ceremony on Saturday, July 12th in Cathedral Hall of the Downtown Masonic Temple with Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Deputy's Assistant, as Master of Ceremonies. Ill.: Richard K. Welkley, 33° Active, was Chaplain.

The Dedication Ceremony followed the format for the Dedication of a Lodge building. M.:W.: and Ill.: Earle J. Hino, Jr., 33°, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, officiated with the Grand Line assisting. M.:W.: and Ill.: Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active and Deputy for New York and Past Grand Master, was Acting Master of the Lodge. Brothers Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA and Stephen R. Whittaker, 32° MSA of the Valley of Rochester served as Stewards.

The audience heard remarks from Ill.: Dwight T. Worthy, 33° Active, Liaison for New York State; Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33° Active; Ill.: Douglas K. Wilson, 33° Active; Ill.: James W. Salmons, 33°, Vice President of Scottish Rite Learning Centers, Inc.; M.:W.: and Ill.: Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active and Past Grand Master; and M.:W.: and Ill.: Earle J. Hino, Jr., 33°, Grand Master.

The most charming remarks that afternoon were from Miss Megan Hoover, age 11, one of the first pupils at the Newtonville, MA, Learning Center. Megan spoke quite eloquently, in her own way for herself and her family, in thanking the Scottish Rite Masons for teaching her how to read.

The Girls Ensemble of Rochester, under the direction of Mary Ann Hamilton, sang at two musical interludes.

Following the Dedication, Representatives from the Offices of the County Executive, John Doyle, and Mayor of the City of Rochester, William Johnson, read a Joint Proclamation designating July 12, 1997, "Frank and Bette Paul Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center Day" in Rochester and Monroe County.

The Valley of Rochester was honored to have in attendance at the Dedication, Mrs. Bette Paul who introduced the members of her family accompanying her. She expressed her late husband's and her gratitude for having been chosen as the namesakes for this first Learning Center in New York State.

Close to 300 people enjoyed tours of the Center that day. □

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Bette Paul surrounded by her family at the Dedication Ceremony with the picture to be hung permanently in the Learning Center.



Ill.: Dwight Worthy, 33° Active, displays the Dedication Plaque for the Frank and Bette Paul Learning Center.



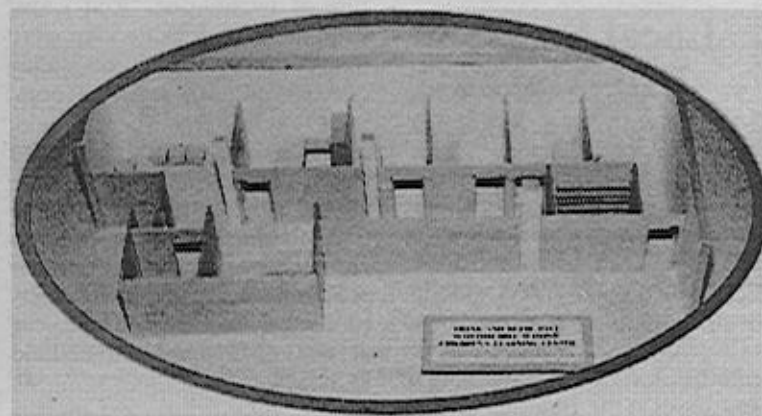
M.:W.: Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, consecrating the Learning Center.



Ill.: Dwight Worthy, 33° Active, Ill.: Harold Aldrich, 33° Active, Ill.: James Salmons, 33°, VP of Scottish Rite Learning Centers, Inc. and Ill.: Bruce Widger, 33° Active and Deputy for the State of New York, with a model of the Learning Center. (Photos courtesy John Zabel)



The Girls Ensemble of Rochester, singing at the Dedication Ceremony at the Downtown Temple.



Architect's model of the Children's Learning Center on the 3rd floor of the Downtown Masonic Temple, Rochester, N.Y.



Megan Hoover, one of the first graduates of the Scottish Rite Learning Center in Massachusetts, recounting her experiences while a Learning Center student.

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Jan Lughart, Monarch

Monarch's Message

I hope you all had a lovely Summer.

Get together time

Earl DeSmith and I traveled to Columbia, Missouri, for the National Convention. We had a lovely time.

We are looking forward to the ESGA Fall Convention in Owego, NY, at the Treadway Inn.

Sympathy

Our condolences to the family of George Francis. Sixteen Grotto members were at his Masonic Service.

September

See you all at the Past Monarch's Night on September 17, 1997.

Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson

Vacation season is about over. We look back at the fine time we had at Don McDill's cottage on Conesus Lake in July. As we go back to normalcy, we look forward to the many pleasant hours we expect to spend this Fall in good fellowship with our many Legion members.

Reservations needed

Our next dinner meeting will be on September 8th at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Avenue. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. I do need a head count for the restaurant by September 4th. Call me at 872-2385.

Information Line

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

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.

Patrol/Caldron Picnic

September 6th is the date for the Picnic at the Henrietta Town Park at 3:00 p.m. We will eat at 5:00 p.m. Bring your own place setting. The menu is: Steak, Corn, Salad, Salt Potatoes, and dessert. The cost is \$10.00 for everyone and you must make a reservation and honor it. Call Frank Voegtle at 889-8093 or MCO Christina Eeckhout by August 30th.

ESGA

Do you belong to the Empire State Grotto Association? Remember, the ESGA is open to ALL Prophets. Just ask any officer and we can take care of it for you and you may join in the fun of our State Convention.

The ESGA Fall Convention is September 11, 12, and 13th at the Owego Treadway Inn, Owego, NY. For information call the Hotline.

Grotto Picnic

Good fellowship prevailed at the Grotto Picnic. It was nice to see all the Prophets at our Picnic meeting and hope to see more of you at the rest of our meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Attend these meetings and support your Grotto and the officers.

Monarch's Ball

Save the date of November 1st. The Ball will be at the Radisson Inn on Jefferson Road. Watch the October issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Board of Governors

Note the day and date change. We will meet on Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Grotto office.

Membership

We have some petitions standing out. Please get them in by the Board of Governors meeting on September 2nd.

Caldron News

Reunion time!

The Caldron will have its first reunion with the Lalla Rookh Grotto Patrol at a Steak Roast, Henrietta Town Park, Saturday, September 6th, at 3:00 p.m. The Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., with all the trimmings! The cost of the picnic is \$10.00. The Patrol would like the assistance of the Caldron members in setting up, donating desserts, and assisting in clean up. Bring your own place settings, and your happy faces! Reservations should be sent to Prophet Frank Voegtle by August 30th!

Our September 11th meeting will be Move-Up Night at 8:00 p.m. We shall honor our departed Daughters with a Memorial Service.

Supreme Session

The Daughters of Mokanna Supreme Session is September 17-20 at Terre Haute, Indiana. It promises to be a happy reunion

time along with all the serious work that must be accomplished. Don't forget to visit the Lalla Rookh Caldron Hospitality Room; open every evening! The sign will be on the door.

Share the happenings

The Executive Council meeting will be held at Sue Wilson's home on Thursday, September 25th at 8:00 p.m. Please come and share all the happenings that occurred during your Sessions journey.

Sympathy

I wish to express our condolences to Daughter Helen Francis for the loss of her husband, Prophet George Frances, who passed away August 5th. We are all aware that this past year, plus, has been very difficult for you. We pray for the Lord to comfort you and all your loved ones.

Best wishes

Daughter Patricia Slack has had an operation on a hip that was injured when she fell last month. At this time she is residing in St. John's Home for therapy. We pray for you to have a speedy recovery, Pat.

I am looking forward to our Fall activities. I have missed you all. Enough quiet time!

Dates to Remember

Tues., Sept. 2nd - Board of Governors 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 6 - Caldron/Patrol Steak Roast Henrietta Town Park 3:00 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 8th - Legion of Honor - Dutch Mill 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Thurs. Sept. 11 - Caldron Move Up Night - Doric Hall 8:00 p.m.

Wed. Sept. 17th - Grotto Past Monarch's Night Cathedral Hall 8:00 p.m.

Thurs. Sept. 25th - Caldron Executive Council - Home of Sue Wilson 8:00 p.m.

**Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship**



Lalla Rookh Grotto members and friends at the start of the Grotto Golf Tournament held on August 2nd. Jan Lughart, Monarch and Starter, holds the Grotto Emblem. (Photo courtesy George Knierim, Event Chairman.)

Scottish Rite News

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Local Scottish Rite Mason Receives MSA

At the New York Council of Deliberation Meeting held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Rochester, N.Y., Brother David C. Clarke and 20 others were inducted into the prestigious group of Meritorious Service Award recipients. He received his Plaque and Jewel at the Banquet on Fri-

day evening, July 11th. Dave was one of twenty-one "Red Caps" from New York State who were honored this year. At the Valley of Rochester Hospitality Room, later that evening, Mat Gingold, 32° MSA, presented his "Red Cap" to him.

At the Council of Deliberation Meeting held the next morning, it was announced that Brother Robert E. Cameron was elected to receive this Award next year at the C of D Meeting to be held in Syracuse.



New "Red Cap", Dave Clarke, with his wife, Gail.



"Low bridge, everybody down", as the Colonial Belle plies the Canal with Scottish Rite Ladies aboard. (Photos courtesy John Zabel)

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Excerpts from the Masonic Home Q&A Brochure

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Are there additional services available? Retirement Living is offered at Acacia Village, the Masonic Retirement Community. The Respite Care Program is designed to provide the opportunity to the care giver to "take a break" from that duty for a maximum of 30 days at one time. The total days in any 365 day period is 42. The Short Term Rehabilitation Program offers care to those individuals who have suffered a stroke, hip or joint replacement or other debilitating injury requiring rehabilitation. The goal of the program is to return the individual to the setting they were in within 90 days.

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To receive more details, a copy of the Important Answers to Important Questions About the Masonic Home Brochure or an application, write to the Admissions Department, Masonic Home, 2150 Bleecker Street, Utica, New York 13501-1788 or call 315-798-4580 or 800-322-8826.

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**St. John's Day 1997
 A Great Success!**

The Masonic Campus in Utica on Saturday, June 21st was as beautiful as ever for the arrival of the Brethren and their ladies for the 1997 St. John's Day events. The staff cut the grass and trimmed the bushes—all to enhance the aura of the architecture of the buildings. The lawns are beginning to show the rich green of Springtime. The several flower beds located on the campus showed the colors of the rainbow with different flowers including alyssums, marigolds, petunias and impatiens.

Bloomin' Onions

The park benches were very busy with residents visiting with their Brethren and friends who came to visit them. Everyone enjoyed the several options that were available for lunch. The usual option of hamburgers and hot dogs were supplemented with steak sandwiches, sausage and peppers and even Bloomin' Onions (whole onions deep fried until they "blossom").

Creativity

The Arts and Craft Fair, featuring crafters from the community and our residents, was again very successful. Over 40 individu-

als showed their creative and artistic talents. R. W. Jack Ovitt, Grand Organist, entertained hundreds with different styles of music on the Chapel's fabulous organ. The children marveled at the clowns, were amazed by the magician and entertained by Buster the Bus and the dance and gymnastic demonstration.

Tours

The tours of the campus, including the Nursing Center, our Retirement Community-Acacia Village and Wiley Hall—the residential Adult Care Center, were again a popular event. The parade, featuring great music and antique cars, was a special treat for the residents and our visitors from the community. The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge officers did their usual splendid job with the Investiture Service. The weekend was completed with the worship service in the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Chapel.

When you have selected the date for your Lodge's and/or District's visit to the Masonic Home Campus, contact W. Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator, Masonic Home, 2150 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY 13501-1788, or 315-798-4923 or 800-322-8826 to finalize all details.

Masonry Reaches Out to the Community

"What a beautiful campus...I never realized this was here...I did not know that the campus was this big." These are the types of comments heard repeatedly from the people who visited the Masonic Home campus during the dinner honoring Earle C. Reed on July 9th; during the Boilermaker Health and Fitness Expo on July 11 and 12; during the Sarah Anne Wood Youth Run on July 12th.

Kicking off the events held on the campus was the dinner in the Administration Building on Wednesday evening, July 9th, roasting Earle C. Reed. He has been the Race Director for the entire 20 years the Boilermaker Road Race has been in existence. Three hundred of the community's business leaders honored Earle for his commitment to the Utica area. At this event, Masonry honored Earle by presenting him with the DeWitt Clinton Award. Earle has served on numerous not-for-profit boards and as chairperson of the United Way's Annual Campaign. It was an evening full of fun and laughter that raised \$12,000. for the United Way of Greater Utica.

The Health and Fitness Expo, including packet pick-up for over 9,300 runners, attracted approximately 20,000 visitors. This Expo, featured vendors geared towards the runners (sneakers for running) as well as the general public (blood pressure screening). Runners also picked up their "goody bag" and everyone had the opportunity to purchase items from the wide variety of Boilermaker merchandise. The sounds from the different musicians entertaining during the Expo could be heard throughout the campus. The tents for all the activities surrounded the Masonic Square and Compass Monument that was a prominent part of the 1964-65 Masonic Exhibit at the World's Fair in New York City.

On Saturday, the campus was filled with over 1,250 children who ran the Sarah Anne Wood Youth Run. The age of the child determines whether he/she runs a quarter, half, three quarters or a mile. Boilermaker shirts were provided to each child. The race route was lined with cheering fans to support the children. The Masonic Home provided each child with a duffel bag, which held a lot of goodies donated by various organizations.

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From the Potentate



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This has really been a great Summer, but I guess it's time to get back to Shrine business. Can you believe that eight months of 1997 have gone by? I guess this means that we are having fun or something.

Imperial Session

The highlight of the Summer was our Imperial trip to St. Louis and Branson. A big thank you to all the Nobles, their ladies and the 11 Past Potentates who honored Brenda and myself by attending the 123rd Annual Imperial Session. We all had a wonderful time and will have many memories. The trip to Branson put the icing on the cake.

Sadness

I extend my condolences and those of all the Nobles of Damascus Temple to Ill. Charles R. Frear on the recent loss of his wife, Muriel. We will all miss her.

Picnic

Over 300 people attended our June picnic. We had an old fashioned picnic supper followed by a video of the 75th Anniversary salute to our hospitals. But the real excitement of the evening was the dedication of the wood carving of the Shriner carrying a child. John Dempsey, the carver of the statue, was present and helped with the unveiling. It was a very emotional moment when it was uncovered. The statue has a place of honor in our center flower bed and is a wonderful addition to our Mosque. My special thanks to George Simon for having the dream and making this project happen.

Just wait

If you think the first half of 1997 has been fun, sit back, fasten your safety belts because the wind down will be as exciting.

Special happenings

September 26-28 - NYOSA in New York City.

September 26-27 - 75th Anniversary of Zama Temple.

Looking ahead

There will be a reunion of the last three Shrine classes and an Oktoberfest on October 18th at the Mosque.

A Salute to Ill. Charlie Frear Night will be held on November 15th. An information meeting for the Divan will be at 9:30 a.m. that morning. The Scottish Rite Reunion will be held November 20th and 22nd.

Our Temple Holiday Party will be held on December 20th.

Membership Committee

This Committee has been spending a great deal of time supporting the Unity Program among the Lodges and Concordant Bodies. Refer to Bruce Chilton's article for further information.

September meeting

Prior to the September 3rd meeting we will have a Steak Dinner for only \$5.00. Surf and Turf will be available for \$8.00 (Black Tiger Shrimp). Please call the Temple Office with your reservation by August 29th. You must indicate if which dinner you prefer. Ill. Derek VanHouten has put together a slide presentation from Al Vragel's collection of slides in the Temple Archives. Come out and help us put names with faces.

On October 29th we will be holding a Noble Bring-a-Brother Night at Abigail's in Seneca Falls. To anyone who may be reading this column and is not a Shriner, and would like to learn more about the Shrine, you and your lady are invited as our guests at this function. All you need do is make a reservation by calling the office by Monday, October 27th. □

"Fly the Friendly Skies" For Our Kids

As part of a pilot program in five Shrine Temples, January, 1996, was chosen as the starting date for the United Airlines Charity Miles Program to be introduced to Shriners as another way to benefit its Transportation Committees. Since its inception over 4 million miles have been donated to the Program by Shriners.

Imperial Potentate John VerMaas stated, "With our transportation costs approaching \$10,000,000 last year, we are very appreciative that United Airlines is providing much needed relief to our Shrine Temples in their efforts to transport patients and family members to and from our hospitals for medical care and treatment." Overall, the "Charity Miles" program to date has donated over 26 million miles to all charities. We are very thankful that Shriners Hospitals were chosen as one of those recipients.

John Edwardson, President of United Airlines, learned of Shriner's work through his father, who is the Captain of the Hospital Staff at Hadi Temple in Evansville, Indiana. Mr. Edwardson is an active Shriner who transports patients as a volunteer van driver.

As part of the pilot program, Nobles and their friends and families in the participating Temples, are encouraged to donate their miles to Shriners Hospitals. To participate in the Charity Miles Program, United Mileage members must have a minimum of 10,000 miles in their account before they can donate their miles. One of the first examples of how this Program can benefit our kids was the case of Jason Pope, who needed urgent medical help. A ticket was issued from the Charity Miles account to Jason to fly him from Omaha, Nebraska to our Shrine Hospital in Chicago where he received needed treatment.

After careful evaluation of the program in the pilot areas, there is a possibility it will expand to other Temples and hospitals. For further information on this Program, please call United Airlines at 1-800-325-0041 and ask for the United Airlines Mileage Plus Charity Department. □

Membership

By Bruce Chilton

The Shrine has been busy over the Summer having fun and working all at the same time. I had the good fortune of joining approximately 100 of my fellow Shriners and their ladies for a fantastic time at the Annual Convention, which was held in St. Louis. The feeling of pride I got as a Shriner and the way we were welcomed by the city of St. Louis was overwhelming. There were banners all over the city welcoming us. Our group visited the Children's Hospital, Anheuser-Busch Brewery, the Grant Farm, had dinner on a river boat that we had all to ourselves, attended a major league baseball game, did a little gambling, and much more. I even got to drive one of the mini-cars in the parade and that was a lot of fun. Oh, to be a kid again. Next year my whole family is going with me to the Convention in Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Audio Tape complete

The work that we, as the Membership Team finished, is the much talked about audio tape that is designed to assist the Blue Lodge with its membership development efforts. The tape was professionally produced by a man who turned out to be a Mason and lives in this area, but has been inactive. He was raised in the Dansville area and needless to say, he will be active again! All costs for this tape have been paid for by Damascus Temple. The voice for the tape is none other than our wonderful Brother, R. W. Paul Gleason. When you hear the tape you can hear Paul's love for the Craft and it really makes the tape believable and special.

Intent

My Brothers, it is important that you understand the reason that the Shrine has produced this tape. First and foremost, we are Masons. We know that if we as Shriners are to increase our membership roles we have to start at the Blue Lodge level. We want Masonry to flourish and at the same time, we want Shrinedom to prosper and continue to be the greatest philanthropy that exists

today. Our intent is not to make Masons to steal them, but rather to enlighten men to join both organizations to enjoy the benefits of both. I know that I do and I think that there are many men with similar interests. Our job is to portray the Fraternity we love in a way that will attract to its ranks men of good character and moral fiber.

Need information?

Our intent is to give at least one tape to every Lodge in the geographic area that Damascus Temple serves. We would like to have these tapes placed in the hands of the Worshipful Masters of the approximately 80 Lodges in our area. We will have more tapes available at cost and we will start getting them to the Lodges as soon as they open. These tapes will be copywritten and therefore cannot be duplicated. The tape ends with the phone number of Damascus Temple where the gentleman can call for further information if he wishes. We look forward to presenting your Lodge with this tape and sincerely hope that it will generate some interest in our Fraternity. If you would like more information on when the tape will be distributed to your Lodge, you may call the Temple office at 671-7701 and we will try and answer any questions you may have.

Reminders

Worshipful Masters, don't forget the offer that we have made to help you with your Lodge programming. We will come to your Lodge and present a very good program on the "Story of Shrinedom" at your request. Also, don't forget that the Past Masters Degree Team is always prepared to help you by performing the 3rd Degree when you need them.

We look forward to working with you and for you. □



Some nice shots of the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Portland, Oregon taken by Vern and Barbara Goodrich on their travels in the Northwest.



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By SK Lawrence Dunn, Recorder
 Our Eminent Commander, SK Bob Zahn, is on his way to Denver, Colorado, to receive the Order of the Purple Cross from the Sovereign York Rite College of North America. He asked me if I would write the September article for the Masonic Times. Yes, sir!

Join us

Changing the Conclave days from the 2nd and 4th Fridays to the 1st and 3rd Mondays was finally accomplished last Fall. But all of the Sir Knights who complained about having to meet on Friday evenings have yet to show up for a Monday night meeting. We also have not received any petitions from those Companions who were not able to join our Order because of our Friday night meetings. Our Eminent Commander has some very good ideas to promote Templarism, but we could use some help from you in getting the word out. How about attending a meeting, a uniform is not essential until you start progressing upward in line. If that is a problem we can help with that, too.

Annual Conclave

The Grand Commandery's 1997 Annual Conclave will be held in Suffern, NY, on the weekend of September 19, 20, and 21st.

From the Recorder's office

If you have not sent in your dues, please do so.
 Please notify me of a change of address.

If you have been ill, or know of another SK's illness or distress, please contact an officer of Cyrene/Monroe No. 12.

Bob Zahn will be writing the rest of the articles this year.

Until we meet again, may our Lord watch over you and yours. □

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By SK Robert T. Smith
 Buffalo, NY

Lake Erie Commandery No. 20 and Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 30 cordially request you and your Lady's presence at a Reception and Banquet to be held in honor of SK Ronald S. Januszkiewicz, Right Eminent Grand Commander Elect of the Grand Commandery, Knights

Templar of the State of New York. The event is scheduled for November 1, 1997 at the Buffalo/Amherst Marriott Hotel 1340 Millersport Highway (Rte. 263N), Amherst, NY 14221 (Interstate 290, Exit 5B).

The festivities will commence at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar and piano accompaniment. A delicious dinner of either slowly roasted Prime Rib of Beef or Roast Loin of Pork will be served at 7:00 p.m. Following this we will be entertained by the Calvary Episcopal Church 3-octave bell ensemble.

Reservation

The Reservation Chairman is SK Robert T. Smith, 388 Cadman Drive, Buffalo, NY 14221-6946, telephone (716) 634-8306. The cost for the evening is \$27.50 (US) per person. Please make all checks payable to him, indicating the choice of dinner. Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of your check. Your check and reservation must be received no later than October 10, 1997. There is only advance registration and no tickets will be available at the door.

Overnight guests

For those wishing to stay overnight either October 31st or November 1st, special room rates (\$75.00 plus tax) have been made available at the Buffalo/Amherst Marriott Hotel. Call the Hotel directly to make your reservations. Their telephone number is (716) 689-6900 or (800) 228-9290. Tell them you are with the Ronald S. Januszkiewicz Party (Knights Templar). They will make your stay in the area most enjoyable. Being a short 10 miles away, why not plan to visit Niagara Falls while in town? □

Masonic Home

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In addition to providing a "fun run" atmosphere, the run also reminds us of the concerns we all share for missing children. In interviewing some of the children, they felt they had just completed the "Little Boilermaker Race". A great event for all members of the family!

In addition to the Membership and Community Service displays, Masonry showcased the Shrine Hospitals and Burns Institutes, the Scottish Rite Learning Centers and the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. The dinner for Earle Reed, runner's packet pick-up, the Expo, the Boilermaker Volunteer Party and the Youth Run combined brought approximately 25,000 new faces from throughout New York State and the country to the Masonic Home. The Home and the Masonic Fraternity made a highly favorable impression on our visitors. Masonry should be proud of the community service that was provided to the largest 15 km (9.3 miles) road race in the United States. □

Video Available

Words cannot describe the beauty of the Masonic Home Campus in Utica. You have to experience first hand the tall trees, beautiful flower beds and acres of green grass. If a visit is not possible at this time, call to obtain a copy of the Masonic Home video. This 10 minute video shows the beauty of the Masonic Home and the services and programs that are offered.

To receive a copy, contact W. Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator, Masonic Home Of-

Uce, 2150 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY 13501-1788 or call 800-322-8826 or 315-798-4923. Brother Clark will also coordinate your visit to the campus or a program in your Lodge or District. □

Philaethes

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theory of visitors from outer space). VanSertima is at his articulate best when he skewers the short sighted thinking of otherwise respected historians.


And what might this book have to do with the Craft? One section deals with megalithic Masonry practiced only in Egypt and Peru. The author very elaborately lays out the process, and one's understanding of how "at the building of King Solomon's Temple, there was not heard the sound of ax, hammer, or other metallic tool" is complete.

One comes away from this book with the larger understanding that black people are not the only victims of "racism". Non-blacks, whose thinking has been crippled, are damaged, too. Powerful books are empowering!

Some business

Finally, FL Chapter Vice President, Rich Friedman, has decided to relinquish his office in order to have more time for his family. With two young boys to raise, I salute his decision, but have to say that I will miss his support, collegiality, and insight. Rich's contributions to our Chapter and to the International Society have been immeasurable, and in the 90s, perhaps second only to the late Allen Roberts. He is a powerful thinker and an articulate speaker and writer, the sort of Mason you turn to when you need an answer to the question, "Where are we going?" I trust that his positive energy will continue to surface in other ways, to all our benefit. □

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By Wthy. Barbara Spano
 A lot of good could be accomplished in this world if nobody cared who got the credit.
 Time seems to be flying by. September is almost here and it is time to get back to work. The present Grand Officers hope you all have had a great Summer.

Reaching out

The work of the Order continued even through the Summer. On July 12th the District met at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality and served lunch to 100 homeless people. Twenty-two Sisters and Brothers were there to cook and serve. The feelings were that we should do this again as everyone had such a good time. It brought into focus the realization of what the Order is all about.

1998 Grand Officers

The new Grand Officers were announced at the Pilgrimage. The 1998 Grand Officers in the Monroe District will be: DDGM, Wthy. Mary Hall from Leah Chapter; DGL, Wthy. James Spencer from Monroe Chapter and Associate Grand Marshal, Wthy. Marie Knittle from Mary Jane Holmes Chapter. Congratulations to you all and have a wonderful year.

A lot of planning

The Peach Festival is over and we had the Chicken Bar-B-Que on August 16th and the Pancake Breakfast on August 17th. I am sure that these two projects were very successful. A lot of planning, pie baking, jam making and hard work goes into this project. Thanks to all who had a hand in this.

Greatly received

Study Clubs will meet September 6th at 10:00 a.m. at the Penfield Masonic Temple. If you have any NEW toothbrushes, toothpaste or dental floss, Joy Woodley or I will be happy to take them off your hands for the homeless. The first batch of these were very well received and greatly appreciated.

Banquet

Monroe District's Banquet will be October 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Party House on Beahan Road. Come out to support the Associate Matrons as they get their pins. I would imagine that will be the night that the recipient of the Baby Bank will be there to receive the monies from the District.

The Lilac Luncheon's new date is September 11th. Please let Rt. Wthy. Elaine know if you are going by September 1st.

Homecomings

September 13th-Rt. Wthy. Mel Doverspike at 7:30 p.m., Brockport United Methodist Church.

September 29th-Rt. Wthy. Elaine Spiegel at 8:00 p.m. Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge.

October 4th-Rt. Wthy. Bill Cobb at 8:00 p.m. Fairport Masonic Temple.

October 7th-Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi at 7:30 p.m. Nola Chapter in Churchville.

Thanks

Wthy. Debbie and Rt. Wthy. Karen send a thank you to all our members, families and friends who saved and donated pull tabs. On July 1st, 105 pounds of pull tabs were turned in for a total of \$38.55 to be donated to the National Kidney Foundation. A letter was received from Jan Miller, Executive Director, expressing their gratitude for this donation. Funds they receive through the collection of pull tabs are used to benefit dialysis patients through emergency transportation, crisis funds and special education programs.

A very large thank you for all the help and donations of money graciously given at the Children's Corner at Oriskany in July. This year our booth donated \$116.95 to the upkeep of our Home. On August 4th we received a phone call from Rt. Wthy. Ruth Rucci thanking Monroe District for the game booth and face painting which were enjoyed by both young and old.

Thank you to members and friends of the 1993 Goossenspiegels Club who donated and worked so diligently for the success of the Garage Sale in August. Special thanks to Rt. Wthy's. Barbara and Ron Mertens for the use of their garage and yard for this sale. The proceeds of this sale will add to the "Star" Seeing Eye Dog Fund. This brings us to \$3,511.50 towards the total of \$5,000. This is great for only having started our project in May of 1995. The cost of publicity for this event was donated in honor of Rt. Wthy. Ray DiJames' birthday and Wthy. Hildy's exceptional hospitality.

Pilgrimage

The Pilgrimage to Oriskany was very nice. Lots of booths, lots of goodies and lots of people. The Memorial Service was well attended. Sadly, there were 34 Sisters and Brothers who have passed away since the last Memorial Service.

It's been a pleasure

This will be my last article for the Hi-Lites. It has been my pleasure to help Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings, Rt. Wthy. Ray DiJames, Rt. Wthy. Elaine Spiegel and Rt. Wthy. Bill Cobb in this endeavor. Thank you to the staff at the Masonic Service Bureau for all their help, especially to Don Brugger.

God bless and I wish you peace. □

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September

Can you believe it?? Summer is almost over and we have a Chapter meeting on September 6th. Speaking of which, there will be a dinner before the meeting. I mean we're talking Ham and Scalloped Potatoes. Sounds good to me! \$4.50 will let you enjoy this fine meal. Please let Sharon King know by August 30th if you are going to be there. Call her at 647-2422. We will be entertained by two Triangle girls. They are doing a skit at their Convention in October and they would like to try it out on us. We will also have Rt. Wtly. Bill Baxter give us his presentation on the 5 Heroines of the Order.

We will be doing Ample Form at the September meeting. I know, I forgot to do it in June. What do you expect from a 5 time Matron?

Good time

I realize May was a long time past, but, I would like to say that our 93rd Birthday Banquet was fantastic. It was so good to see so many of our members and their families there.

Thanks

A great big thank you to Sister Dianne Johnson and her husband, George, for entertaining us at their home for the Chapter Picnic. The weather was perfect, the food delicious and the fellowship was out of sight. We were surprised and very happy to have Wtly. Diana and Wtly. Jim Woodruff with us.

Oriskany

Four of us from Chapter went on the Pilgrimage to Oriskany in July. Sisters Audrey, Evy Ann, Sharon K. and yours truly. It was quite nice. Weather was hot and sticky, as usual. It was good to see old friends, and I of course, had to get an angel painted on my face at the Children's Corner, which was run by Debbie and Karen Leopold. They were so patient and caring with all the munchkins that went to their booth.

Welcome

A hearty welcome to Rt. Wtly. Sue Huff, Rt. Wtly. Karen Leopold and Wtly. Debbie Leopold. We hope you enjoy many years with Rochester Chapter.

October

October's meeting will be Master Masons' Night. We will have a speaker, hang onto your hats! Rt. Wtly. Bill Zufall will give the Morgan Affair talk. Let us have a good showing for this evening, because if we don't, he will pout and whine for at least a month!! THIS IS A TEST!!

October 9, 10 and 11th is our Fall Bazaar. If you are planning on contributing or working, please let Rt. Wtly. Audrey know.

Sickness and distress

On July 30th we lost Sister Alice Ellis. She fought cancer for a long time, and we all mourn her passing.

Sister Sharon King is fighting a case of phlebitis at this time. Words of encouragement are keep that leg up and get better.

Sister Deavera had surgery on August 20th. Please remember these Sister in your prayers.

Angel hugs to all the folks who are out of town or not able to join us.

Until next time, I wish you peace.

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Rt. Wtly. Carol Wynings
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By Wtly. Avis Theis

It is always sad to see the end of Summer, but it's also good to look forward to some nice events ahead of us.

Sympathy

We send our prayers to the family of Sister Carol Pickworth on the death of her father and to the family of Wtly. Eleanor Gascon on the death of Dorothy Volk.

Illness

We send our best wishes to Rt. Wtly. Lucille Mason and Wtly. Sula Baxter, who are both home from the hospital. We were sorry Sister Kathryn Fieret had a fire at her home and hope they are back to normal.

Congratulations

We are proud to know Sister Pat Alexander is now at the Eastman School of Music.

Happy 90th birthday to Brother Dwight Vail.

We welcome Wtly. Mary Ann Sovocool into the Past Matrons group.

Meetings

On September 16th we will have a speaker at 7:30 p.m., after which Rt. Wtly. Susan Huff and Rt. Wtly. Bill Baxter will open the meeting. District Line Officers and Nola's will be honored and the Oriskany report will be given. Colored gowns and tux, please.

The Committee for October: Wtly. Anita Drake, Wtly. Sara Stephens, Wtly. Sherre Albright, Sister Diane Drake and Wtly. Sheila McDonald. Be sure to save October 7th for Rt. Wtly. Judy Lenzi's Homecoming.

Thanks

We thank all who donated and helped at the June Dinner and Rummage Sale. You all helped to make them a success. Things that were left went to other Chapters for their sales, Volunteers of America and the Open Door Mission.

Remember, "We do what we want to do".

See you in Chapter.

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After a busy Summer, including a two week trip to the National Rally of Masonic Campers (NCT) with ten other families from Genesee Valley Chapter No. 46 to Sedalia, Missouri, and a visit to Branson to see wonderful shows, we feel refreshed and ready for Fall events.

Best wishes

Congratulations to our new grandmothers, Ruth Peck and Cathy McLymond. Have fun!

Handicap accessible

The Webster Masonic Temple is now handicap accessible, with new chair lifts installed to both upstairs and downstairs. We hope members will come, use them and enjoy our fraternal life.

Future meetings

Webster Past Matrons and Past Patrons will be honored at a Turcon Dinner (6:30 p.m.) and entertainment before our September 16th meeting.

All officers must be prepared for Initiation Degree work for our two new petitioners on October 7th. How pleased we are to have them.

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

Grand Sessions

Your officers look forward to the New York State Grand Sessions on October 16th-18th at Lake Placid. We will be meeting old friends and getting a peak at the Fall colors.

The best!

Thanks to Wtly. Joy Woodley for so ably representing me while I was on vacation. You are tops!

Grant us brotherhood, not only for this day, but for all our years—a brotherhood not of words, but of acts and deeds.
 God Bless you all.

Editor's Award for Non-Lodge Articles

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

Fidelity Triangle No. 4
2nd & 4th Saturdays

Erika Hansen
 Beloved Queen
 637-0811



By Erika Hansen, Beloved Queen
 Summertime weather and Triangle get-togethers

Well, the Summer is coming to a close and soon it will be time for us to make our way back to the classrooms-be it for school or college. The Triangle Girls have been busy this Summer. Here is what has been happening since May.

June

On June 1st three girls and two supervisors endured the dreary weather and walked six miles to raise money for the AIDS Walk. We all made it to the end and we were very thankful that it didn't rain. We enjoyed all the iced tea, popsicles, water, pizza and Bruegger's Bagels we could stand. I think this charitable act is a keeper! We encourage you all to dig out your walking shoes for next year.

Our meeting on June 14th was pretty hectic. The first half of the meeting was closed to non-members so we could initiate our newest member, Jessica Kerr. (Hurray!) We then opened the meeting to honor our parents, grandparents and friends. The women received roses and the men were given Hershey Kisses!

On June 28th the Triangle Girls were all dolled up to spend the night partying at our 70th Birthday Celebration. The festivities started at 5:30 p.m. with a Coke-tail party. Our guests watched a video depicting the magical moments in Fidelity's history. They also browsed our photo albums and other paraphernalia. Our meeting began at 7:00 p.m. and we honored our past members and Queens as well as Rose E. Scherer, the founder of the Organization of Triangles.

I would like to thank the Triangle Girls and advisors for their hard work and dedication. The stress of this night was worth it! Bravo! To all the past members and Queens, thanks for sharing all of your memories. I hope the video sparked more memories that you will come back and share. It was a wonderful night and I thank all those who came out in the hot, muggy weather to share it with us.

July and August

Most recently, Triangle has met twice in July and August to work towards our Bi-Annual Convention in early October. Fourteen girls and advisors are planning to make the long haul down to the Catskills.

Departing words

If anyone would like a copy of the 70th Birthday video, contact me at 637-0811.

I will end with the words of Amy Lynch, Past Queen and Jr. Advisor. If you know of any girls ages 11-21 whom you think would make good Triangle Girls, please have them contact our Jr. Deputy, Mrs. Lynch at 334-7953 or myself.

And the crystal ball predicts...

September 13-First meeting back from Summer. Possible Sideline's Night. Come out and we may put you to work.

September 27th-Regular meeting. Initiation planned.

October 10-13-Convention.

October 25th-Election of Officers.

November 8th-Public Installation of Officers.

70th Birthday of Fidelity Triangle No. 4

Speech of 140th Beloved Queen
 Our Past, Present and Future

As I stand up here on this special night, I am honored to be the 140th Beloved Queen of Fidelity Triangle No. 4. Just the thought that there were 139 other Queens before me gives me a feeling of pride and intense excitement that I can hardly begin to explain.

This being our 70th Birthday, there are three things that we Triangle Girls must reflect on. They are the past, the present and the future.

The past is marked by precedents, struggle and an overall sense of history. The precedent for the members of Fidelity Triangle is living up to the expectations of those before us. We can see that in the past, Triangle Girls faced some of the same struggles that we face today. We can gather inspiration from them as we encounter struggles of our own. We can also take some of the history and apply it to today. Looking back on the past, we see examples of what makes Triangle so great. The friendships, the hard work and most importantly, the fun.

The present is faced with membership problems, caused by lack of involvement and interest. As you see here, this is our current membership. In the past six months, our membership has increased by three and our prospect list is getting longer.

Which leaves a rather exciting future for not only this Triangle, but the whole Organization of Triangles. Triangle is faced with the question of change. To what measures must we go to, to evoke the interest of not only future generations, but adult organizations as well. The survival of Triangle is dependent upon the current members and the people who guide their footsteps. In order for this Triangle to strive for new horizons and set new precedents, we need support and interest to carry on.

So, on this 70th anniversary of our Triangle, I would like to issue a few challenges based on Robert Frost's poem, "The Road Not Taken". The last few lines are, "Two paths diverged in the road ahead, and I, I took the road less traveled by and that has made all the difference."

To Fidelity, my challenge is this: let's take that lesser traveled road to the future. As a team, as a group, let's strive for excellence and push each other to our limits. If for nothing else but to prove to everyone we can do it.

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To the adult organizations, my challenge is to take a chance and get involved with Triangle and the other youth groups. Invest your time and energy in the future and you will be rewarded. You will see that it makes a difference.

To everyone, put your trust and beliefs into the unexpected. There is always a light at the end of a dark tunnel. For Fidelity it may be a long tunnel, but we will surely find the light. For those who do not believe in miracles, I hope that being here tonight has changed your mind because the existence of this Triangle is indeed a miracle. Thanks to all, whatever your reasons may be, for being here tonight.

This is not part of the speech, but I would like to make a few comments regarding the interaction between the youth groups and the adult organizations. As both the Beloved Queen of Fidelity Triangle and the Chapter Sweetheart of Rochester DeMolay, I must say that I am very disappointed to see how small the circle of support is.

We, the youth, do not ask for much. What we do ask is for your support and involvement in what we do, two things which are not that hard to give, but are wonderful to receive.

Support means attending our meetings and being a person the youth can depend on. Involvement is not just "being there", but asking the youth to participate in your activities (picnics, open meetings, baked food sales, serving and cleaning up dinners, etc.). I'm not talking about just once or twice; I'm talking about constant support and constant involvement so that these young people can become acquainted with the adult groups they may want to be associated with in their later years.

All of our organizations are struggling with membership problems. The solution lies in the youth groups. Today's Triangle Girls and DeMolay Guys are from all around Monroe County and will be the ones who will lead your groups in the near future. Please, do not think that your efforts won't be worthwhile.

Here is another challenge, aside from those above. Why not designate some people from each of your Chapters and Lodges to be youth group representatives. Let's communicate with spoken words and not just the written ones. □

New York State Order of DeMolay



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Where were you first prepared to be made a Mason?

By Paul R. Chisholm, Executive Officer New York State, Order of DeMolay

As a candidate, you were asked this question to which you replied, "In my heart." You had a conductor who whispered that response in your ear so that the appropriate answer was given. Had it not been for that conductor, you might have given any of several responses like, "while talking with my neighbor," or "when I completed the application for Degrees," or "when my father-in-law talked with me about it," or "as I noticed several prominent civic leaders, who are Masons, advance politically," or "when I was a young man, I was in DeMolay." All these answers are right for the person who becomes a Mason as Masonry asks that a man has made the request to be a Mason of his own free will and accord, belief in a Supreme Being, immortality of the soul, that he is at least twenty-one years of age, free born, worthy and well qualified.

No matter why you sought out Masonry, the only correct answer in the Grand Jurisdiction of New York is, "In my heart." Today, talking with a man who is worthy and well qualified to be a Mason is accepted, thus enabling this man to knock at the door of Freemasonry who, otherwise, may never have done so of his own free will and accord. Thus, Freemasonry is enriched by adding to its roles, a man whom another who is already a Mason holds in high esteem. We have come a long way from the days when we said, "To be one, ask one," meaning that it was the non-Mason's responsibility to ask a Mason for entrance into this time-honored Fraternity.

When was the last time you found a man, someone you respect, and asked him to be your Brother in Freemasonry? For many of us, the answer is that we have not done it. You may know such a person, but to approach him about Freemasonry is not easy. For those who have spoken with a man about becoming a Mason, it is not an easy task and, for this reason, the Brother-Bring-A-Friend Night was developed. Whether the man is spoken with directly by a Masonic Brother or introduced to Freemasonry through a Masonic membership program such as the Brother-Bring-A-Friend Night, the result may be that we never lead this man to knock thrice on the inner door as many a worthy friend and fellow has done before.

If talking about Freemasonry does not result in a man asking to become a Mason, then it seems that early training and active exposure to Freemasonry holds a promising key. As a Mason in the Grand Jurisdiction of New York, you know that we are enriched with four Masonic Youth Organizations: Rainbow for Girls, Constellation of Junior Stars, Triangle and the Order of DeMolay. The first three are designed for young ladies while the Order of DeMolay is for young men between the ages of thirteen and twenty-one. For purposes of this discourse, let's look to the Order of DeMolay.

The Order of DeMolay holds these as its tenets, the Seven Cardinal Virtues: Filial Love, Reverence for Sacred Things, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanliness and Patriotism. As a Mason, we hold three basic tenets: Relief, Truth and Brotherly Love. When looking at those tenets held by DeMolays and those by Masons, is there any doubt that a DeMolay is being prepared, not only to deal with life overall, but with an eye toward becoming a Mason? The very Ritual the Order of DeMolay uses is modeled after Freemasonry, offering the DeMolay a portal to Freema-

sonry. Provided with these necessary tools, we indoctrinate a DeMolay in Freemasonry as early as thirteen years of age thus giving as many as eight years of healthy exposure to Masons and Masonry so that this young man, while maturing, will naturally and willingly knock at the door of Freemasonry.

You have the tools to make a difference in a young man's life today. As a Freemason in this Grand Jurisdiction, you can help to support the Order of DeMolay as an Advisor, Chapter Chairman, Adult Worker or by offering support when called on. As a Senior DeMolay, I knocked at the door of Freemasonry as a natural progression. Many others, who were DeMolays as young men, became a Mason because of what they experienced in the Order of DeMolay. In all of history, the future of any great society and nation was left to the youth who would become its leaders. The close ties of DeMolay and Masonry are no different.

Since 1919, when Brother Frank S. Land founded the Order of DeMolay, he knew that Masonry would find its members and leaders from those in DeMolay. The dream is as real today as it was then. The candle of the Order of DeMolay will burn bright with your support for the Order, and Freemasonry will reap the rewards of a job well done.

Never has the support for the Order of DeMolay and the future of Freemasonry been so closely tied. □

In Memoriam

May

Goethals, Eugene J.

A member of Union Star Lodge No. 320 and Rochester Consistory, Eugene was called Home on May 22nd. He is survived by his children, 3 grandchildren and other family members.

Wernham, Joseph T.

Joseph was a 55 year member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 when he passed away on May 27th. He is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Vita.

Thomas, Arthur R.

Arthur joined the Great Architect above on May 29th at the age of 85. He was a member of Germania Lodge No. 722, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Arline, 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Hargrave, Edward L.

Rochester Consistory lost a member with the death of Edward on May 30th. He was 88 years old and is survived by his children, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Kennedy, Ernest W.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 lost another member with the death of Ernest on May 31st. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, 2 children and one granddaughter.

June

Bartusek, Edward R.

A member of Webster Lodge No. 538, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine, Edward passed away on June 9th. He is survived by his wife, children, 3 grandchildren, mother and other family members.

Rice, Harold E.

Harold was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 when he died on June 6th. He is survived by his 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Coleman, James D., Jr.

James died on June 11th at the age of 86. He was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 and is survived by his wife of 64 years, Esther, one son, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Gee, James H.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 lost yet another member on June 11th with the passing of James. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, children and 2 grandsons.

Schultz, George W.

A 55 year member and Past Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 (Penfield Union Lodge), George died on June 15th at the age of 95. Survivors include his children and one grandson.

Smith, Walter B.

Walter was a member of Germania Lodge No. 722, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine when he entered into eternal rest on June 16th. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, and other family members.

Speer, Allen F.

Allen was 104 years old when death claimed him on June 19th. He was a member and Past Master (1927) of Clio Lodge No. 779. Survivors include his children, 16 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

White, Lester M.

Lester was living in Oregon when death claimed him on June 21st after a long illness. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and is survived by his daughter, 3 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Smith, James Willard

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Rochester Consistory and Lalla Rookh Grotto all lost a member with the passing of James on June 23rd. He is survived by his wife, Esther, children and 4 granddaughters.

July

Fulton, Joseph S.

Joseph was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 when he met his Maker on July 1st. He is survived by his wife, Laura Jean, children and 2 grandchildren.

Schell, Lyndsay, Jr.

Lyndsay was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 when he died on July 1st at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife, Beta, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Wood, John A.

John was a member and Past Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 (Penfield Lodge), when he died on July 10th at the age of 82. Survivors include his wife, Leora, children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Crane, James

Webster Lodge No. 538 lost a member with the passing of James on July 13th at the age of 78. He leaves his wife, Marjorie, children, 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Dinger, Chalmers L., Jr.

"Chuck" was a Past Master (1976) of Etolian Lodge No. 479. He died on July 17th and is survived by his wife, Hilda, children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Maxwell, Roy E.

A 47 year member and Past Master of Monroe Lodge No. 173, Roy passed away on July 18th. He is survived by his children, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Albrighton, Reginald F.

Death claimed Reginald on July 20th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and is survived by his wife, Florence, and relatives in England.

Goldenberg, Marcel S.

July 29th was the date Marcel was called Home. He was a member of Fairport Lodge No. 476 and is survived by his wife, Isobella, children and 6 grandchildren.

Doescher, Edward O.

A member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine, Edward passed away on July 30th in Florida. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Thelma, children, 10 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Stahlbrodt, John A.

John was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797 when he was called Home on July 31st at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife, Betty, children, 6 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

August

Francis, George W.

George joined the Great Architect above on August 5th. He was a member and Past Master of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109, Lalla Rookh Grotto, Past Commander of the Legion of Honor and a member of Fairport Chapter No. 444, OES. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Helen, daughter and grandson.

Barcus, James R.

A member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, James died on August 5th. He was predeceased by his wife and is survived by other family members.

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

Churchill, Warren L.

Warren was a member of Fairport Lodge No. 476.

Gates, Lloyd E.

May 2nd was the date that Lloyd passed away. He belonged to Constellation Lodge No. 404.

Ryser, Richard

Richard belonged to Fairport Lodge No. 476 and Rochester Consistory. He died on May 8th in Virginia.

Ellis, Alice

Alice was a member of Rochester Chapter No. 314, OES and passed away July 30th. She had been ill with cancer for a long time.

Rhebergen, Fred

The July 30th death of Fred was reported to us. He was a member of West Star Lodge No. 413.

Clark, John

West Star Lodge No. 413 lost another member with the death of John on August 4th. □

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. 20 & 22 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion

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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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M. Cathy Helmes

The Fool's Prayer

The royal feast was done; the King
Sought some new sport to banish care,
And to his jester cried: "Sir Fool,
Kneel now, and make for us a prayer!"

The jester doffed his cap and bells,
And stood the mocking court before;
They could not see the bitter smile
Behind the painted grin he wore.

He bowed his head, and bent his knee
Upon the monarch's silken stool;
His pleading voice arose: "O Lord,
Be merciful to me, a Fool!"

"No pity, Lord, could change the heart
From red with wrong to white as wool:
The rod must heal the sin; But, Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool!"

"T is not by guilt the onward sweep
Of truth and right, O Lord, we stay;
T is by follies that so long
We hold the earth from heaven away.

"These clumsy feet, still in the mire,
Go crushing blossoms without end;
These hard, well-meaning hands we trust
Among the heart-strings of a friend.

"The ill-timed truth we might have kept-
Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung!
The word we had not sense to say-
Who knows how grandly it had rung.

"Our faults no tenderness should ask,
The chastening stripes must cleanse
them all;
But for our blunders-oh, in shame
Before the eyes of heaven we fall.

"Earth bears no balsam for mistakes;
Men crown the knave, and scourge the
tool
That did his will; but thou, O Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool!"

The room was hushed; in silence rose
The King and sought his gardens cool,
And walked apart, and murmured low,
"Be merciful to me, a fool!"

Edward Rowland Sill

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288-5513

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Various Masonic Topics

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"The Morgan Affair"

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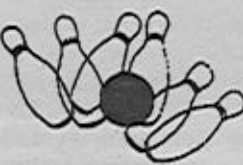

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September Gem - Sapphire
September Flower - Aster

Calendar September 1997

Deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1	 2	Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster Divan Meeting	Attica Damascus Shrine	Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite - Dinner RAM - Western Star OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.	5	6 OES - Rochester Chapter DeMolay
7 Grandparents' Day	8 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Arcade OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	9 Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah	10 Service Bureau Luncheon Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike RAM - Webster OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia Shrine Legion of Honor	11 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Lalla Rookh Caldron Shrine Greeters	12	13 Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile - Fairport
14 	15 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Clowns	16 Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson Cilo - Hilton Germania - Irondequoit Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster Shrine Wheelers	17 Citizenship Day Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Grotto RSM - Doric Council RAM - 3X3 Shrine Patrol, Dinner	18 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RAM - Western Star Grand Lecturer's Convention - Mosque, Dinner OES - Oatka, Lea Ct.	19 Penn Yan Shrine Club	20
21	22 First Day of Fall ERAC - E. Rochester Fairport Union Star - Honeoye Falls RAM - Arcade RSM - Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	23 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Geneva Shrine Club	24 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia Shrine Director's Staff	25 Eagle Valley - Bliss RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Perry Shrine Horse Patrol Shrine Color Guard NYOSA/ NYC	26 Nile 75th NYOSA/ NYC	27 Nile 75th Dinner NYOSA/ NYC
28 NYOSA/ NYC	29 Shrine Lunch Club Divan Meeting	30 	If you are interested in Bowling Sign up! Two options Gothic - Wed. nights Tues. afternoons - Mid-day			
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