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## Brother Charles Frear Honored

**Brother Charles Frear receiving the Salvation Army's "Others Award" from Gen. Paul A. Rader, the Salvation Army's Top Officer.**

*Parts of the following article were taken from information that appeared in the Greece Post on February 10, 1998 in an article written by Susan A. Davis.*

By Don Brugger

The name Frear should not be unfamiliar to the Brothers in the Monroe Districts. Both Charles and Arnold Frear have been active Masons for some time now and both have been honored for their philanthropic and volunteer efforts.

On February 10th at their Annual Meeting at the Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, Charles Frear received the Salvation Army's "Others Award". The Award was presented by the Salvation Army's Top Officer, General Paul A. Rader. Gen. Rader, who lives in England, was also here to dedicate the Master's Degree Program in Social Work at Roberts Wesleyan College.

*"They do something great and I'm really proud to part of that organization ...That's how I look at it. They thank me, but I'm the lucky one."*

*Charles Frear*

After serving in the U.S. Air Force in Korea, Brother Frear returned to Rochester, married and went into the family business, Frear Chevrolet. The business was sold and Brother Frear dedicated his life to volunteerism. In 1976 and '77 he served on the Board of the Otetiana Council, BSA. He served six years on the Town Zoning Board beginning in 1983.

In 1981 and '82 Brother Frear served on the Housing and Foundation Boards of Park Ridge Hospital to work on fundraisers and was a regular visitor at the Park Ridge Village, senior residents, a job temporarily suspended during the illness of his wife. In 1996 Brother Frear was named Greece Citizen of the Year.

In 1997 shortly after the death of his wife, Park Ridge named its third Floor Cardiac Telemetry Unit for Frear and his late wife, Murial.

In 1995 he became involved with the Salvation Army and was appointed to its Advisory Board. For the last three years he has chaired the Salvation Army's Golf Tournament, which benefits the SA Summer camp.

Brother Charley's Masonic connections are well known. He participated in many degrees of the Scottish Rite and in 1996 was awarded the Meritorious Service Award of the New York Council of Deliberation. In 1981 he was Potentate of Damascus Shrine, a post he repeated in 1990. He has since served Damascus as Secretary and Treasurer and for a number of years was the Chairman for the Shrine Circus.

Brother Frear said he is very honored and proud to receive the Salvation Army's Award and called the experience the highlight of his life. ¤

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## Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador for 1998

The Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador for 1998, Jordan Gray Kelley, was born on November 18, 1988 and was diagnosed with Charcot-Marie Tooth Disease. Richmond, Virginia, is home to Jordan, his parents Jeanie and Kenneth, and his sister, Sarah.

Jordan, like all other boys his age, enjoys computers, action figures, movies, music and is known as a jokester. He's won six medals while participating in Harley Davidson wheelchair races and games. His pet is a chocolate Labrador named "Hershey Do Kelley". He has been the guest of Battle Field Forest at our annual Conventions for the past five years and loves "hanging with the Cedars", which he is looking forward to doing during 1998.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organization with over 20,000 members in 110 Chapters (called Forests). Since 1951, the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, contributing over $12,000,000.00 to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, and have the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. ¤

**1998 Muscular Dystrophy Poster Child, Jordan Kelley with Supreme Tall Cedar, James P. Benson.**

## 10th Scottish Rite Learning Center Opens in Bangor, ME

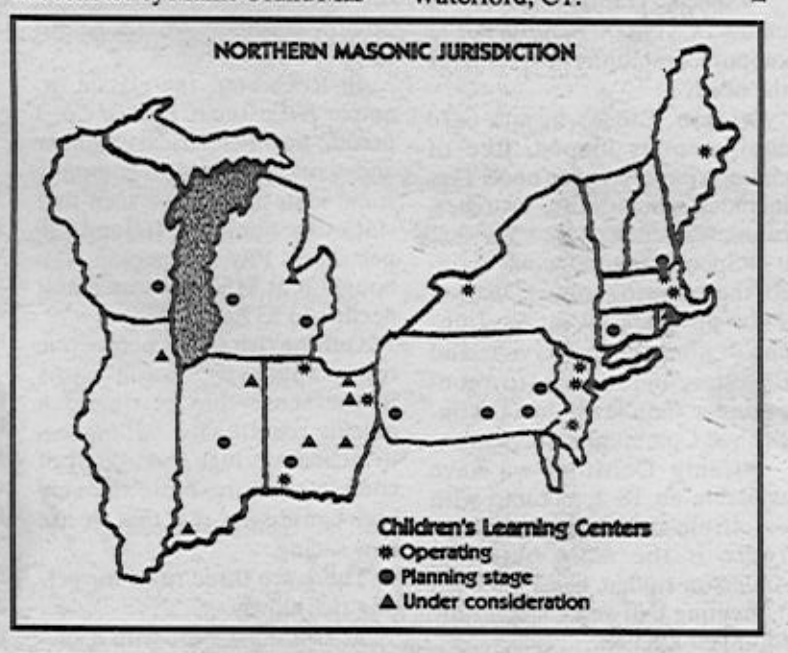
By Don Brugger

A new 32° Masonic Children's Learning Center was dedicated at Bangor, Maine, on October 18, according to the February issue of the "Northern Light". This Center is the tenth to open in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the A.A.S.R. The 2,200 square foot facility has a reception area, administrative offices and six tutorial rooms. Mrs. Patricia Martz was named Director for the Center and they started with two tutors.

At the Dedication, Grand Commander, Robert O. Ralston, 33°, was assisted by Maine Grand Master, M.·.W.·. M. Macdougall, Deputy Gerald Pickard, 33°, and Ill.·. J. Phillip Berquist, 33°, Supreme Council Learning Centers Corporation President. Participating also were the Secretary and members of the Valley of Bangor. The Invocation was given by Rev. and Dr. Foster Williams, 32°, Pastor of Columbia Street Baptist Church. Also in attendance was Representative John Baldacci, U.S. Congressman.

The Bangor site is the seventh to be dedicated. Others are Newtonville and Lowell, MA, Cincinnati and Youngstown, OH, Pemberton, NJ and Rochester, NY.

Those in the planning stages are Pittsburgh, Allentown, Reading and Harrisburg, PA, Milwaukee, WI, Detroit and Grand Rapids, MI, Indianapolis, IN, Dayton, OH, Nashua, NH, and Waterford, CT. ¤




**Save the Date!**

**12th Annual Widows' Luncheon**

**Saturday**

**April 25, 1998**

**Logan's Party House, Scottsville Road**

## Masonic Service Bureau Scholarships

**Reminder**

Be sure all applications are in by midnight, March 30th. Send to Mrs. Erna-Jean T. Walker, 4580 Dewey Ave., Rochester, NY 14612-3951. If you need one, call the Service Bureau or Mrs. Walker at 663-2266. Time is short! ¤

## Attention!

**Due to the Easter Holidays, the Masonic Times deadline has been moved up 3 days The deadline for the May issue will be April 9th. This should not be an inconvenience to most of our authors.**
**Thank you,**
**Editor**

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# Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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### It's your column

It seems the more things change, the more they remain the same. We will soon be getting a new batch of Masters. Some will be new, some will be repeating. I hope that these potential new authors will not be intimidated by the task of reporting their Lodge's news or by some Past Masters who believe that reporting what happened in and about the Lodge in the previous month is "old news". The name of the game is communication.

### Take heart

A member who does not attend Lodge regularly or is not able to attend Lodge functions can only find out what happens by receiving some kind of communication. This can come via a Lodge newsletter or from the Masonic Times.

So, you new authors, don't be intimidated, write about those things that will be of interest to the rusty Brothers as well as those who attend regularly. It is better to have too much old news than none at all. To the Brother who hasn't been to Lodge in awhile, there is no old news.

### On the other side of the coin

I realize that at times it is difficult to guess what the outcome of an event will be, however, that cannot deter us from communicating with our Brothers. From past experience you can make a pretty good guess about the outcome. I hope that it is common knowledge that authors can make adjustments to an article up to the time it goes to the printer. All it takes is a phone call.

The best way to make the job of writing easier is to 1. Outline events, then fill in the details as they happen. Do this as soon as you have sent in your previous article; don't wait. The deadline will come before you know it and you will be behind again. 2. Make notes during your meetings, a short pencil is better than a long memory. 3. If you really don't have the time to do the writing, designate someone to do it for you. Do this on a temporary (vacations etc.) basis or permanently.

### Hunter's Hope

Our local Masonic organizations are responding to the plea for "Hunter's Hope" by sponsoring a fundraiser. The dinner is going to be at the Diplomat Party House on Lyell Avenue. This event is sponsored jointly by the Philalethes and the Masonic Service Bureau and is open to all who wish to come.

### Rainer Tapes

A few months ago I asked for assistance in recovering some tapes that were borrowed from the Service Bureau. These were from a collection of tapes donated by Reverend Eligius Rainer's widow (Nos. 3, 4 & 5). If any Brother knows of the whereabouts of these tapes please try to get them back to us. If you remember seeing them as part of a Lodge Program, please let us know. They were only loaned out once and haven't been returned. I am sure that other Lodges would be interested in using them for a program. ☺

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Are you ready for the Spring activities? Many Lodges are having Degrees, along with the Concordant Organizations such as the Royal Arch, Scottish Rite and the Shrine. Soon will be the Hilton Ox Roast, the Kelly Dinner at the Diplomat and the Scholarship Dinner for the RAM. Please don't forget the new date for the Widows Luncheon on Saturday, April 25th. There are also several significant holidays of remembrance, such as Easter, Passover, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. How about a day to remember your Masonic Service Bureau? Do you really know all the Bureau does? The following list will give you an idea.

- Scholarships-over $10,000 in scholarships are provided every year to local high school seniors and college students. All students must be sponsored by a Mason or a member of a related organization.
- Special grants-each year in excess of $11,000 is provided to support community programs for the needy.
- Loan Closet-home care equipment is loaned, free of charge to any person in need. This includes wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers, etc.
- Special functions-we sponsor the following annual District-wide programs-Widows Luncheon, Interfaith Service and Breakfast, and an award to a non-Masonic individual for Distinguished Community Service.
- Camp DeMolay-we have available an 18 acre camp with waterfront and several buildings. There is the main building, Anderson Lodge, has a 1500 sq. ft. meeting hall and a large, fully equipped kitchen.

The other buildings include mens' and ladies' restrooms with showers, three sleeping cabins, utility building and a recreations building. Our primary focus is on the youth.

- **Masonic Times**-we publish a monthly (10 months per year) tabloid size newspaper of approximately 24 pages. We do our own type setting, pictures and layout.
- Community Service-we provide visitations and gifts to VA hospitals, entertainment at nursing homes, support drives for Ronald McDonald House, personnel for other charitable organizations, and blood drives, support youth camp programs and other youth programs and support the Otetiana Council's Eagle Scout Program.
- Officers Directory-we publish a District wide Masonic Directory of all mens' and ladies' organizations and their top officers.
- Management-we manage the Downtown Masonic Temple.
- Library-We maintain an extensive library of books and articles related to or written by Masons. We also have video equipment and tapes and Masonic artifacts. We also provide brochures on what Masonry is.
- Other support-We provide space and support for educational programs at our facilities.
- Miscellaneous-We provide support for many organizations such as composing and printing programs, printing mailing labels, letters and other material
- The Directors-The Board of Directors and Representatives from all Masonic Organizations meet monthly, except July and August, to review and plan all operations.
- United Way-United Way's Donor Choice number is 1060. ¤

## Financial Planning Solutions

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

This month's program consists of excerpts from a column written by Dr. Gary Carman, who writes about money matters for a paper in Texas.

The classic mistake made by new investors is to purchase the stock of only one corporation, and if the stock does not perform to their satisfaction, they feel cheated, may even feel that the market is rigged, and even wonder if it is possible to make money in the stock market. Of course, if our investor sees the price go up, he now considers what a genius he is.

In Rochester, the classic example is Eastman Kodak Co. I used to be an electrical engineer and worked for that company some years ago. I have seen that stock vary between $160 and $37 per share. Pity the person who bought it at $160 and watched it decline to $37!!! I did.

Getting rich slowly before one retires applies to most investors in the sense that getting rich quickly requires the willingness to incur a very high level of risk of complete failure. Note the very high bankruptcy rate that we are now seeing.

There are three rules for getting rich slowly.

1. You must start with a savings plan. To save today means to control today's consumption of the goodies of life. That is to say, live comfortably within your means and not extravagantly. Savings starts at the beginning of the month, and not at the end of it when your money is depleted. If you do not have it, how can you save it? Pay yourself first.

2. Diversify your investments. Mutual funds are ideal for this purpose. Shares can be purchased with small amounts of money. It is easier to buy shares in one mutual fund than to select the shares of ten corporations.

3. Rely on the compounding of investor returns. This is based on the premise that one's investments increase in value. Unfortunately, most investments do not increase in value every year. Think long term! The financial markets have their historical ups and downs, but the trend is upwards. The world economy is growing! Can investment in stocks be far behind? I think not!

The above comments hold for people of any age. Having a good plan is the best way to become wealthy. ¤

The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.
*William James*

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

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

| Equip. Type | On loan |
|---|---|
| Bathtub equip. | 71 |
| Bed (Acces.) | 2 |
| Canes | 103 |
| Commodes | 89 |
| Crutches | 215 |
| Walkers | 182 |
| Wheelchairs | 118 |
| Miscellaneous | 10 |
| Total | 790 |

## Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

### Identity theft

We all give out our Social Security numbers for the asking. When is the last time you refused to give it out? Legally, we are not required to give this number out unless the law requires it.

The Privacy Act of 1974 requires that if a government agency requests your Social Security number, then it must disclose whether disclosure of your number is required; what law authorizes this request; how your number will be used; and the consequences for not disclosing your number. Only a federal law can make disclosure mandatory. Examples of mandatory disclosure include banks (reporting of interest), employers (disclosure required if hired), public schools and child support collection.

When dealing with a government agency's request for your number, look for the Privacy Act disclosure statement. If you do not see it, then you need not give your number. To the contrary, if you do see this Privacy Act statement, read it to determine whether disclosure of your number is mandatory or not, and what the consequences may be if you do not disclose your number.

Why the fuss, you may ask.

Your Social Security number is the key. With that key, access to personal information and credit can be had for the asking, regardless who's asking. Even more sobering is the fact that this key can be used to create new records. How would you prove that you weren't the one using your number when the record was made?

The best defense against unauthorized use of your Social Security number is to protect it like you would any other valuable. If someone asks you for it, ask them why. Are they legally required to collect it (employers, banks). Can they use alternative ways of identifying you?

To find out if someone is using your number, check your credit report. If someone else is using it to apply for credit, it will show up in the files of the big three credit reporting agencies (Experian-800-353-0809; Equifax-800-556-4711; Trans Union-800-241-2858 or 800-680-7293).

Another database to look at is your Social Security file. If anyone else used your number to apply for a job, their earnings will appear in the Social Security Administration files. To see a copy of your file, file Form 7004 (request for earnings and benefit statement). They are available at all SSA offices (800-772-1213), or online at www.ssa.gov/online/forms.html.

Another source of identity theft is the lost wallet. Immediately contacting all banks who issued you a credit, debit and ATM card may not be enough. Once your identity has been stolen, it can be difficult convincing creditors chasing you for payment of past due bills that they were never yours to begin with.

One strategy to re-establish your credibility would be to call all of the big three reporting agencies, and demand that they flag your account as a possible fraud victim. This warning will caution credit grantors to check with you before approving new loans or cards in your name. You should also consider having your SSN replaced. Call all utilities (gas, phone, cable) and warn them that someone may try to obtain service using your identification. ¤

## Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

Harrisburg, PA

James P. Benson
Supreme Tall Cedar
Albert Hensinger, DSTC
Public Relations

At a Conference held at the Adams Mark Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa., January 15-18, 1998, Brother James J. Benson was installed as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America. It was our distinct pleasure to have M.·.W.·. James B. Wilkinson, Past Grand Master of Virginia, as the keynote speaker at the General Sessions on Saturday morning. The Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania, M.·.W.·. James L. Ernette, addressed those in attendance at the Installation Banquet on Saturday evening.

Brother James J. Benson was raised as a Master Mason in Chamberlain Lodge No. 913, F&AM, Kingsville, Texas on July 15, 1959. In April, 1974, he became a member of Bayside Lodge No. 218, Virginia Beach, Va. In 1993 and 1994 Jim served on the Grand Lodge of Virginia Community Service Committee.

James P. Benson, STC

Brother Benson has served as a Supreme Director at Large on the Supreme Forest Board of Directors in 1992, -1995. In 1994 he served as Assistant Chairman of the Supreme Forest Convention Committee and in 1995 he served as Chairman for the Annual Convention in Virginia Beach, Va. He is a life member of the Tall Cedar Foundation which oversees our charitable objective, Muscular Dystrophy, and is a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Norfolk, Va., since October, 1979.

Brother Jim served 24 years in the US Navy and retired in 1967. In September of 1967 he went to work as an electronics training specialist for the Navy Department, and retired from this position in 1993. ¤

Since 1952, the Tall Cedars have given over $12 million to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, making annual presentations to Jerry Lewis at the Labor Day Telethon. This money is raised through donations received from our Rose Program, hoagie sales, garage sales, pancake breakfasts, dances, etc., with entire families participating in these events.

Our Youth Programs are an integral part of our Tall Cedar agenda. Two $1,000 Scholarships are awarded annually to Masonic affiliated youth. Also, we are proud to underwrite the entire financial cost of the DeMolay Past Master Counselor's Meritorious Service Award every year.

Our leaders continually stress to all of our members that their first allegiance is to their Blue Lodges, the life blood of our Fraternity. ¤

## Rochester Forest No. 133 Tall Cedars of Lebanon

4th Thursday
1822 Penfield Road
Penfield, New York 14526

Thomas Hueston
Grand Tall Cedar
Donald C. Bell, Scribe

Spring is here, I think. As I am writing this and looking out my window, there is snow on the ground and the wind is blowing. Here is hoping that the birds start chirping and our lawns return to green soon.

My thanks to all who helped at this year's "Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart".

### Best wishes

Congratulations to Bob and Janet Johnson, who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

I heard that Vern Bishop retired for the 2nd time, and now has a job working only 1/2 days. So much for retirement.

### Sickness and distress

Carl Busack is home after hand surgery and his wife, Shirley, recently had some heart problems. We hope they both are feeling better.

### Future meetings

Our next meeting will be on May 28th. We will have dinner at the Winfield Grill at 6:00 p.m., and then a business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mark June 25th on your calendars, as that is our Sausage Roast. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Damascus Temple. I hope to see everybody there. ¤

## Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

The origin of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon goes back to 1843 when some energetic and imaginative Master Masons came up with the idea of the Tall Cedar Degree. It was some time around 1846, after the meetings of some Blue Lodges in Pennsylvania and New Jersey that the Tall Cedar Degree was performed. Glassboro, NJ, seemed to be the focal point for this performance. Finally, on March 18, 1902, in Trenton, NJ, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon were officially constituted and became an appendant body of Freemasons. Individual Lodges are called Forests, and the official headgear is a tri-cornered hat called a "Pyramid" which is tied in with our Ritualistic work. In 1971, the 70th year of our existence, a Forest was instituted in Canada, and since then the Fraternity has been known as the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.

The only requirement for membership in the Tall Cedars is that an applicant be a member in good standing in a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Our objectives are basically to provide social entertainment and clean, wholesome recreation, to promote wider acquaintances and friendships among Master Masons and their families. Our theme, therefore, is "Fun, Frolic and Fellowship" with a purpose. That purpose is to help combat muscular dystrophy, which basically afflicts young people. Tall Cedar involvement with the Muscular Dystrophy Association began in 1951, when we became the first national organization to adopt the Muscular Dystrophy Program as a charity.

## The Philalethes Society

The Masonic Research Society

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FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

William Lindsay, President
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### Plans

As early as January of this year, I had shared some of the plans that the officers of Finger Lakes Chapter were following, to invite Jim Kelly, former Buffalo Bills quarterback, to its Annual Feast and to present him with a DeWitt Clinton Award for his work in raising funds to support research into Krabbes Disease. Kelly's young son, Hunter, has this affliction.

It is not widely know, but Jim Kelly and his wife, Jill, have long been active supporters of programs for young people. The Kelly for Kids Foundation has raised funds and supported programs for youth throughout Western New York. From football field to private life, Jim Kelly has exhibited those characteristics (courage and leadership) which Masons admire and promote.

It has not been possible, however, to schedule Jim Kelly at this time; his commitments and our calendar just don't fit. So, I am sorry to report that he will not be with us at our Annual Feast. We will hold an Annual Feast on the date scheduled, Wed., April 29th.

In preparing this column to meet the Editor's deadline, the solid information I have is the announcement above. I have not received a confirmation on our guest speaker for the evening, but Philalethes members will be notified in writing, and I will try to get a flyer out to all Lodges so that all Masons and their guests can participate.

### Need a program?

On another topic, our Secretary, Bill Edwards, has an excellent presentation on Prince Henry Sinclair and Rosslyn Chapel which he can bring to your Lodge. He can be reached at 872-3993.

In closing this month's article, I take some solace in the words of a wise friend who said, "If we only tried to do things that we knew we could succeed at, life would be pretty boring." ¤

## Bureau of Masonic Education

Monroe County

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By V.·.W.·. John E. Zabel

### Leadership Development Course

Your Bureau of Masonic Education presented the Grand Lodge Leadership Development Course on Saturday, March 7th. We had 10 attendees from all the Districts in Area 15. The Course was presented by R.·.W.·. Gene Brendel, W.·. Bill Lindsay and myself. Lunch was brought in by R.·.W.·. Bill Spillane. The attendees had a great time and each one learned and/or contributed something to the event.

The Course was developed around 1987 through the efforts of R.·.W.·. George Peters. It is intended to supply instruction in the history and philosophy of Freemasonry, discuss the duties and responsibilities of Lodge Officers, teach the basics of effective writing and oral presentation, build a base for good program planning, teach motivation and team building skills and impart the structure of Grand Lodge and our Masonic Charities. Much of the program can be used outside the Fraternity in our everyday lives and jobs.

We will be presenting the Course again in 8 - 10 months. In the meantime, if you are interested in taking the Course by mail, see the information in the back of the current version of the "24 Inch Gauge" handbook. This handbook can be obtained from Grand Lodge through your Secretary.

George and his adventures are on an early Spring break, actually a late Winter break. He will return next month. ¤


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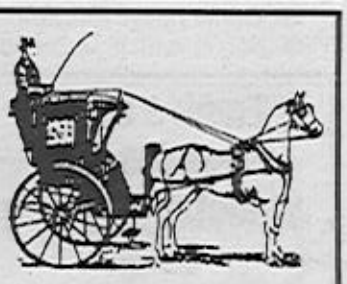

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By R.·.W.·. Cyrus Kloner

Due to the alternating cycle which we have utilized in the Monroe Districts the past two years this will be my last article as DDGM for the 1st Monroe District. For that reason and because R.·.W.·. David W. Jones, DDGM for the 2nd Monroe District will be continuing in that position, this article will be devoted solely to my views.

It doesn't seem as though two years have passed since my appointment to serve the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and the 1st Monroe District. Prior to embarking on my appointed duties I, as well as all of the appointed Grand Lodge Officers, received the most intensive, well planned and informative training by the Grand Lodge Educational Task Force, which included a number of recent Past Grand Lodge Officers from the Monroe Districts.

During the past two years I have traveled throughout the 1st Monroe District in an effort to contribute wherever and whatever I could to maintain the high ideals and goals of my predecessors. It is my fervent hope that what has been accomplished during my tenure will be a foundation for my successors to build upon and that any failures that occurred were so insignificant that nobody noticed them. We must all endeavor to aid and support our great Fraternity and not worry about failing. For it has been said, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained" and even if you try and fail you can draw solace from the fact that you have defeated the fear of trying.

When I look back over my tenure as DDGM and try to determine what was the most significant and/or memorable event or activity I would have to say it was the pleasure of meeting so many caring and concerned Masons, with the possibility that I may have inspired some of them into action so as to aid and assist our great Fraternity.

During the past two years I have had the distinct pleasure to have as my traveling companion and Staff Officer from the 1st Monroe District, R.·.W.·. Eugene G. Brendel, Grand Steward. His leadership qualities, his undying energy and commitment to the Craft deserve praise from on high. Before our respective appointments I was not familiar with him, but during our travels together I was fortunate to have become acquainted with the attributes of this dedicated Mason. But I am most fortunate because I now consider him not only my Brother, but also my friend.

A future issue of the Times will carry the article of the new Grand Lodge Officer Team from the 1st Monroe District. These Brothers deserve your support for all of their Masonic activity in the District since they are commencing to devote two years to our great Fraternity and particularly to the District.

"No man is an island" and, therefore, I would like to extend my thanks to the entire Masonic family for the support that you have given me. No one can devote the time and energy that is necessary to make a worthwhile contribution without the aid and comfort of his family. Therefore, although stated in the most simple form and carrying with it much more unspoken meaning, thank you Suzie!

In closing, I would like to say that it has been my privilege and pleasure to have been able to serve the Grand Lodge and 1st Monroe District in the capacity of DDGM. Look forward to meeting you on the level. ¤

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## Editor's Award for Non-Lodge Articles

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

## Grand Lodge Staff Officers of the Monroes

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

By R.·.W.·. William D. Spillane

### New Brothers

As I travel around the Districts I notice that a lot of the Lodges are raising a number of new Brothers. This is fantastic for Masonry and great for the Lodges who bring new blood into the Fraternity. To keep these new Brothers coming back we have the Shepherding Program in which the Lodge assigns a well educated Brother to act as his mentor, educator, and companion for one year.

After the new Brother receives the 3rd Degree he needs to know and understand his duties as a Master Mason, what his rights and privileges are, and the customs and practices of our Craft. The Ritual of the 3rd Degree is interpreted by the Lodge shepherd and the education team. Lodge organization and Lodge etiquette are also presented at this time.

A problem in our Craft is that so often the new Brother is permitted to drop from sight after he has received the 3rd Degree. If the Lodge can retain his interest during this most critical period of his Masonic career, and give him guidance and encouragement until he has had time to form habits of interest and activity for himself, he will develop into a working, active Mason. Otherwise, he is likely to stop attending after a few meetings.

The new Mason needs to know and understand his duties as a Master Mason and what his rights and privileges are. He should be taught how to visit other Lodges. He needs information about the tradition and work of the Craft as a whole. Topics to cover are Masonic etiquette, protocol, Lodge and officer duties, leadership skills, and our rights and privileges.

The new Brother brings with him - enthusiasm, unique skills, and interest. It is the duty of the Lodge and its members to ignite his Masonic pride. The Lodge must be aware of those activities that interest the new Brother. When he is ready, assign him to a function that he enjoys. All Lodges have administrative needs, officer needs, and program and planning needs. Remember, every new Brother brings new ideas and skills to a Lodge.

See you in the trenches. ¤

## Assistant Grand Lecturers

**R.·.W.·. D. Scott Selzer**
**2nd Monroe District**

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

By V.·.W.·. John E. Zabel

How often have you heard from a long absent Brother of your Lodge, "I haven't been to Lodge for years and don't know if I remember the signs and words." How many of you have an answer to this? I would suspect that many of you would say, "Why don't you come to the Lodge and I'll go over everything with you before the meeting starts." I would like to suggest a different way. This can also be used as a Lodge Program (Junior Wardens take note).

What I am talking about is the Rusty Nail Degree or the Order of the Rusty Nail. This idea comes from a "Short Talk Bulletin" of the Masonic Service Association dated March, 1994. The program takes place during a tiled communication of the Lodge. The intent is to inform long absent Brethren of the basics of Freemasonry that they have forgotten. The "Bulletin" contains several suggested methods to accomplish this aim. For the details you need to get a copy of the "Bulletin" and possibly permission from your DDGM to follow the form in that publication. The "Short Talk Bulletin" can be obtained for 50 cents from the Masonic Service Association, 8120 Fenton St., Silver Springs, MD 20910-4785, phone 301-588-4010. You may also contact me or any member of your Lodge who receives the Lodge's copy of this publication.

Why do I bring all this up? You will discover that the Rituals of the three Degrees are far more impressive if the Lodge room has many Brothers in attendance. Every Lodge has many members who haven't been in Lodge for years and may feel uncomfortable because they have forgotten much. By helping these Brethren, and all Brethren of the Lodge to be comfortable in Lodge, attendance may improve.

Our Ritual has so much to give to every Mason. Any Mason can learn something new every time he witnesses a Degree, be it the 1st, 2nd or 3rd. We each have a duty to help every Mason to learn what he can from the Ritual. The best way is to see that every Lodge member is comfortable coming to Lodge and is ready to learn what he can.

Note: Will the Brother who mistakenly left ERAC Lodge on March 9th with my Apron case please call me at 223-3228 in the evening or 722-7620 during the day. Thank you. ¤

## Membership Retention

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

### Activities and Brother retention

I have received some favorable comments about last month's article on Membership Retention. However, one comment was: what does community involvement and Ritual have to do with the retention of Brothers? The answer is that we are all individuals with different interests. Some of the Brothers have more interest in participating and volunteering their time on community activities. They do this for self-satisfaction and to get Masonry known in the community. Other Brothers enjoy the Ritual and care how it is performed. The result is that we retain Brothers by keeping them active in Lodge activities and in areas where they have an interest. If we fail in this, the Brothers go someplace where their talents and interests can be used. Enough of the preaching, let us get to some examples.

A big thumbs up to W.·. Brian Keery and W.·. Don Darrohn for all the work they did organizing the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks also to all the Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters, Youth Organizations and Concordant Bodies for all their help in this Campaign.

A thumbs up to Union Star Lodge for improving the Lodge room, hallways, and other rooms in their building. This work started in 1992 and the Brothers have been gradually moving up from the 2nd floor, up through the hallway, and into the Lodge room. What I'd like to see is the two lane bowling alley in the basement become operational. Only kidding guys.

On the same line, a big thumbs down to Lodges who use their preparation rooms for junk storage. Imagine the impression it must leave on new Brothers and visitors, not to mention the fire inspectors.

A thumbs up to R.·.W.·. Tom Paglia and R.·.W.·. Harold Bollotin, and especially their wives, Cora and Sylvia, for all the years of service at the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital. Words cannot describe the devotion these people have given to our veterans. They need help in their work. Please call Tom and ask how you can be of assistance.

A thumbs up to Etolian Lodge. Whoever is in charge of publicity out there (I have a feeling who it is, but have no proof) got the front page of the North Edition of the "Suburban News", March 9th issue. The article headlined and featured a story on the presentation of the Dedicated Service Award to W.·. E. J. Wilson, a 60 year member of Etolian Lodge. This type of publicity not only makes you proud to be a member of Etolian Lodge, but a Mason in whatever community or Lodge you belong to. The point is that we all have the same tool available to us in the suburban papers. We have many "tools" in our Masonry tool box just waiting to be used.

Remember, comments, questions, and help are only a phone call away. See you in the trenches. ¤

## Attention!

**Due to the Easter Holidays, the Masonic Times deadline has been moved up 3 days. The deadline for the May issue will be April 9th. This should not be an inconvenience to most of our authors. Thank you,**
**Don Brugger**

## P. I. & A.

Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention

Robert D. Mix - 798-0335
Vice Chmn. Western Region

**Brethren**

Spring is here. I see all the familiar faces on the same street corners as last year. They still pass packets and money back and forth, not caring who sees them.

It seems the harder we fight the drug problem, the more plentiful and available the drugs become. There are drugs out there now that we haven't even heard of.

Some of you may remember that I quit this program once because I got the idea nobody cared about the drug and alcohol problem. I wasn't getting any cooperation from Grand Lodge and there just wasn't anything going on anywhere. Now it's getting that way again. Nobody is requesting programs, nothing is coming from the Grand Lodge Chairman. It's discouraging.

When I was Area 16 Chairman, we used to meet every three months at Ismalia Temple for dinner, talk about our problems and set up new programs. I tried to get that going again, and send the dinner bill to the Grand Lodge Chairman like we used to and I was told no, there is not money in the budget. Where did the money go? We sure didn't get any of it.

I am still trying to find out why the legislation never got passed down to the courts that would allow them to double the penalty on those convicted of possessing/dealing drugs too close to drug free school zones.

How important is drug and alcohol abuse prevention? Do we need it? Does anyone care about it anymore? Evidently not. Since I was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Western Region, my program has been requested four times. All four of these were repeats. All four of these were in the Niagara/Orleans District. What about the rest of you? Is there no drug and alcohol problem in your area? Don't you care?

We have videos, we have facts that will shock you, we have people ready, willing and waiting to come and put on a program.

When I go to Grand Lodge in May I plan on getting some of my questions answered. I also plan on getting some kind of a budget for some programs. It will be a lot easier if I can tell them that people are still interested in the program. Give me a call. ¤

## 2nd Monroe District

Fame Lodge still has dates available for rent to any group in need of meeting space. Contact Brother Charles Peterson at 663-7661. ¤

## FAME
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**Brethren**

At our February 10th meeting Dr. John Looney, a faculty member in the Department of Medicine's Division of Immunology at the University of Rochester, spoke to us about his research in the process of aging. Dr. Looney told us that many of the degenerative changes associated with aging may not be inevitable. Recent studies have shown that certain cellular processes seen in aging may be reversible. Dr. Looney's current research looks at the aging immune system's response to flu, vaccinations, and the effects of vitamin supplements. The goal of this work is to improve the effectiveness of immunizations in older individuals and maximize the function of the immune system. Anyone interested in being part of these studies may contact Dr. Looney or Research Assistant, Debbie Campbell, at 275-5308 or 275-1635.

On February 11th at the Oatka Lodge, Brother Oscar Wilson was raised to Master Mason. W.·. Donald A. Tubman thanked all the involved persons in his last month's *Masonic Times* article. I echo his sentiments and thank him and his Lodge for sharing this important night in Masonry with our Lodge.

## Craftsman/ Robertson
### Lodge No. 969

W.·. William R. Hook, Master
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1st & 3rd Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

Thomas W. Kendig
Secretary 265-2624
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By Robert Ogden

**1st Degree**

The 1st Degree was conferred on 3 candidates and went very well with approximately 30 members and candidates attending. Our hats off to Brother Mike Schum (his first as subbing as Master) and Brother Joe Steffen for doing such a fine job. R.·.W.·. Dave Jones gave the Charge with R.·.W.·. Ed Walker following up with the Historical Lecture. Brother Norm Gauch presented the Working Tools.

Next month we can report on the 2nd Degree.

**Dinner meeting**

Our dinner meeting on March 3rd, with ladies invited, was a pleasant evening with 36 in attendance, including the new Brothers and their wives.

**From the Secretary's corner**

W.·. Thomas Kendig reports February was a big month for one of our new Brothers. Bob Burns married his sweetheart, Barbara, and was appointed to a new position in the Civil Air Patrol. He is now Director of Communications Training-New York Wing. Congratulations, Brother Bob.

A special "hello" to Brother John Merrick and all the Brothers who would like to come to Lodge, but for one reason or another cannot. You are not forgotten.

W.·. Chuck and Karen Strickland are the proud first time grandparents of a baby girl! Congratulations!

Brother Jack Grover is recovering from dental surgery.

**Polo shirts**

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge will be ordering blue polo shirts. There will be a pocket over the left breast and a logo over the right breast. The price is yet undetermined. For more details, give Tom a call at 265-2624.

**Sickness and distress**

I had a nice visit with Brother Bob Thompson, who seemed in good spirits. He wants to be remembered to all the Brothers. I also saw Brother Stan Nash, whose wife, Bessie, fell and broke her pelvis and right wrist. She is in therapy and doing fairly well. Brother Stan is enjoying dancing is spite of his knee problems.

**Brotherhood Fund**

To date there are 117 contributors totaling $4,321.00. The deadline for donations is the end of May. Brothers who have not contributed, please mark this date on your calendar.

**Fellowcraft dinner meeting**

There will be a dinner meeting and Election of Officers on April 14th. We will convene at the Maplewood Inn. Please call Jack Grover for details.

**Two dinner meetings**

On April 7th we will have the regular dinner meeting with our wives invited. On April 21st the Past Masters Degree Team will join us for dinner and confer the 3rd Degree on 5 candidates.

**Milestones**

Many happy returns to Brothers with birthdays in March: Herb Becks, Earl Buckley, Tom Davis, Glen Ide, Earl Lenhard, Howie Marchak, Earl Martin, Dick Militello, W. Mitchell, Arnie Raymond, Ron Sterling, Christ Stock, Dick Stone, Chuck Sutton, Bob Thompson, Mikolaj Tworek, Dave Ververs, Carm Vitali and Al Froelicher.

**April meetings**

There will be a dinner meeting with the ladies invited on April 7th.

The Fellowcraft dinner and Election of Officers at the Maplewood Inn is April 14th.

The 3rd Degree will be conferred at a dinner meeting on April 21st.

**Letter of Thanks**

The following letter was sent to me to thank everyone involved in the Have-a-Heart Project.

"Dear Friends-On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald House, a heartfelt thank you to all who participated in this year's Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart fundraiser. For nine days you filled the booths at three local malls asking the Community to help our home-away-from-home. Your hard work resulted in contributions of over $5,700 that will continue to keep our doors open for many more families needing the hope, courage and strength to help their loved ones towards recovery.

God bless everyone of you who loyally respond to the call for help each year. You continue to be an inspiration to me and your community.

With warmest regards,
Bonnie L. Vahey, Exe. Dir." ¤

## Union Star
### Lodge No. 320

W.·.Lloyd A. Wood, Master
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2nd Monday
7:30 P.M.

W.·. Joseph Cotteleer, Sec.
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3 North Main St.
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

By JW John Williams

**Work time**

Many of our Lodge Brothers have been pitching in to complete the painting in our Lodge rooms. The kitchen is now completed, and work still needs to be done in the main Lodge meeting room. The walls have been painted and we are now doing the woodwork around the windows. Another project that is slated for the near future is to re-cover the officer seats and the sideline benches. We are getting quotations from various vendors on the upholstery work.

**Affiliation**

Brother Jim Nersinger has officially become affiliated with our Lodge. His petition for Affiliation was voted on at our February meeting. Jim has been on our visitor's list for quite a while. He will retain a dual membership with his Lodge in Yokohama, Japan.

**Brotherhood Fund**

As Brotherhood Fund Chairman, I report that we have 42 donations, but are looking for many more. We hope that more Brothers will take the time and make the effort to send in their contributions.

**Widows Luncheon**

This event will soon be here. We will be needing drivers to pick up widows needing transportation to Logan's Party House on Saturday, April 25th. They will need to arrive there by 11:30a.m. If you can help, let the Master know.

**2nd Degree**

The rehearsal for the 2nd Degree will be on Sunday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. The Degree will be on Monday the 27th. We will have dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the Degree at 7:30 p.m. Oatka Lodge No. 759 will also be participating in our Degree work. We want as many officers and Brothers as possible to be attired in their formal wear.

Join us at our meetings and Degrees so that you can see the changes that are being made in our Lodge.

**Words from the Master**

As an aside; this is Brother John William's first article and I think he did a great job. Thanks, John. I also take this opportunity to thank all the people who helped paint and finish the Lodge. Most of them were Brothers, but a few were their wives and they deserve special thanks. Most notable is Linda Cotteleer who painted most of the window frames in our Lodge room. She spent many hours over the last few months helping Joe and Bud with the detailing. Thanks, Linda.

Well, that's it for me. ¤

## 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

**More light!!**

On March 11th, Dep. Edward Ramsberger of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department gave a Crime Prevention Seminar at Oatka Lodge to 35 Webelo Cub Scouts, their leaders and siblings. Ramsberger, a DeWitt Clinton recipient through Fairport Lodge, thought that he was going to be presenting the program to Senior Citizens. Did we fool him! He immediately reacted and provided a well thought out program tailored to the Scouts' interests and needs. He explained that it was organizations like Scouts and Masons that build character and that it was the individual's choice to take responsibility for their own actions. The boys expressed their total understanding of this concept. They pledged that they would apply what he had told them in their everyday lives. Several of the Oatkan Brethren expressed that they had wished that they had such a positive role model as Dep. Ramsberger when they were growing up. Ramsberger also related the several crime reduction programs and services provided by the Sheriff's Office and I recommend that you urge your Masters to have a speaker from the MCSD come to your Lodge.

I intended to contact Brother Andrew Meloni personally to express my appreciation for allowing Ramsberger to present his program to us!

**More good news**

I still have the audiotape prepared by the Shrine, "What is Freemasonry?". This tape is narrated by Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., Grand Chaplain, and is superbly done. The tapes have been distributed to all Monroe Masters. Mine are available to be loaned.

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If you have a prospective candidate, mention his name to me and I will try to get a tape to him.

I still have the tape, "Exploring Life's Mysteries", the story of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory from the fine folks in Utica. This tape is well done and illuminates the fine work being done at the Lab.

**March**

On March 14th we had our traditional St. Patty's Day Party. Thanks to all who supported this event.

On March 28th we had an Awards Night for 60 Fifty Year recipients.

**April**

The Widows Luncheon will be April 28th at Logan's Party House. See me for tickets.

Also in April we are hoping to present the DSA and York Rite Golden Award to one of Oakta's most deserving members. You out of State guys call me about this. I would especially enjoy hearing from Walt Lindemuth and Bob Moore, as the recipient was in their Lines. We will probably have a dinner that night.

I am still tracking the Buffalo Soldiers.

Support Oatka Lodge! ¤

**Charlotte/Corinthian**
**Lodge No. 1088**

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**Thanks**

I would like to start out this article by thanking the following Brothers for their help with the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center. They are Brothers Frank Jansson, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, Mike Staub, John Bennett, George Frame, Art Maupin and, from Churchville Lodge, Dick Bean.

**Degree**

On March 3rd we had our 2nd Degree. A great job was done by our SW, Andy Alverez, who was in the East. Everyone did an excellent job. Our Lodge can take great pride in the Ritual work that we do.

**Future events**

Here we are into April and I cannot believe how fast my term is going. There are still a few events that are coming up. On April 7th will be our 3rd Degree with Past Master Mike Staub in the East. Mike takes great pride in his work and this will be an excellent Degree.

On April 21st we will have our Table Lodge.

May 5th will be our Move-Up Night, as I will be in New York City at Grand Lodge. This I am looking forward to, as I have never been to New York City.

**Savings Bonds**

On March 17th we gave out two $50.00 Savings Bonds to two students from Charlotte Middle School. The same night Paul Stillman was there as Teddy Roosevelt. Once again, Paul did an excellent job. If you ever get a chance to see this man in action, please do so, as you think that you have gone back in history to visit the real person.

Until next time, good health and happiness. ¤

**Churchville**
**Lodge No. 667**

W.·. George Burke,
Master
293-1629

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

R.·.W.·.Earl C. Steffen
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Churchville, N.Y. 14428

**Welcome**

On February 25th, Vernon Henderson, Franklin Higgins, Tim Key and Anthony Micciche were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

First, a great dinner was prepared by Chef Bill Dunn and JW, George Pfleger, and was enjoyed by all in attendance. The Shrine Past Masters Degree Team followed the dinner with a splendid job on the 3rd Degree and the Hiramic Legend. R.·.W.·. David Jones was in the East for the 3rd Degree. On behalf of Churchville Lodge No. 667, I thank the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team for a great turnout and a great Degree program.

**2nd Degree**

Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night scheduled for March 25th was replaced with a 2nd Degree for three new Brothers. The 3rd Degree for these Brothers will be on April 22nd. We are going to need help, so the Past Masters of Churchville Lodge are encouraged to call me at 293-1629 and volunteer to be a part of this Degree. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. before the Degree and reservations can be made with George Pfleger at 426-0603.

**Reminder**

Here's a reminder for those Brothers who haven't paid their dues yet. Dues are an important part of keeping your Lodge running and should be made in a timely manner. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so now so we can keep our Lodge on time with its expenses. Thank you! ¤

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7:30 P.M.

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E. Rochester, NY 14445

**Thanks for a little Irish culture**

Our special thanks to Brothers Dan Emerson and Bill Lindsay. Bill recently educated us on Irish culture, history and Masonry in Ireland. Dan treated us to a bagpipe concert, complete with a lecture about the origins and use of the instrument. It was a very special evening in Lodge. In addition, our trivia master, R.·.W.·. Bill Zufall, quizzed us on Masonic and other trivia. Thanks to all.

**Upcoming education**

April promises to be another great month in the life of the Lodge, with presentations planned on symbols and allegories of the first two Degrees, and an intriguing presentation on postal stamps of Masonic and other subjects. Join your Brothers in Lodge for these educational experiences.

**Soap Box update**

Our 1998 Soap Box Derby driver is Joshua Folino. He is an energetic seventh grade student in the East Rochester Middle School. A busy young man, Josh is active in a local Boy Scout Troup, and also studies Karate. Joshua also likes to build things. He displayed enthusiasm, focus and patience while recently participating in a building session of the racer Towpath No. 163 has purchased.

JW Phil Hurwitz reports that the racer is 95% complete, as they await just a few pieces from the factory. It was a pleasure to have his mom, Emily, his dad, and other family members join us at the February 20th fundraising Spaghetti Dinner. JW Hurwitz, and all the Brothers involved in this project are to be commended for the success of the project.

The 1998 Greater Rochester Soap Box Derby competition will beheld on May 30th and 31st at Durand Eastman. Plan now to be there to cheer Josh and all the competitors. ¤

**1st Monroe District**

**WEBSTER**
**Lodge No. 538**

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

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

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

**Greetings**

We are now into 1998 with the following special meetings, such as Past Masters Night in April and Move-Up Night with the Senior Warden in the East in May. Please read on for details.

**Anniversary Awards Night**

On March 5th we honored our members with many years in Masonry, with Service Award Certificates and Pins. We started the meeting off with Webster OES serving a Ham Dinner. The following members had anniversaries in 1998: 75 years-Irving Walz; 55 years-John DeRoos, Norman Hilfiker, and Elmer Kober; 50 years-Walter Campbell, Lawrence Cole, Ralph Donehew, Lester Landon and Russell Schneider; 45 years-Russell Binggeli, Frederick Dorwald, Richard Laitenberger and Robert Sayer; 40 years-Elmer Anderson, R.·.W.·.Clinton Ballard, W.·. W. Scott Hollander, Richard Saxman, and Donald Whitmore; 35 years-Wilber Hinkston, David Williams and W.·. G. Robert Witmer, Jr.; 30 years-Richard Patterson. Nine of the local members were in attendance to receive their Certificates and Pins.

**Feast of Paschal Lamb**

On April 2nd three of our departed Brothers will be honored at the Scottish Rite Ceremony of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. So that we may attend, Lodge will be opened at 7:00 p.m., conduct a short meeting and go Downtown to the Scottish Rite. Meet us Downtown, or come to the Lodge and car pool.

**Past Masters Night**

On April 16th, R.·.W.·. Bruce Chilton is organizing the Past Masters and having a Table Lodge. The Calling Committee will again be called on to contact the members to get reservations for the dinner preceding the Table Lodge. If you get a message to make a reservation, please call our Junior Warden, Bernie Russell, at 872-1353.

**Move-Up Night**

On May 2nd we will have our Move-Up Night for your next year's officers. Brother John Ponshock will be in the East and is planning a program for the evening. Come out and show them your support.

**Annual Communication**

On May 21st we will have our Summoned Annual Communication. Reports, election of next year's officers and my Grand Lodge report will be the business of the evening.

**Brotherhood Fund**

Your Senior Warden, Brother John Ponshock, is collecting your donations. Please remember the 1997-1998 Campaign will end shortly, and if you haven't donated yet, please send it to Brother John soon.

**Trustee needed**

W.·. Daniel VanDorn is planning to step down when his term runs out this May. We want to thank W.·. Dan for his dedication these last three years as a Trustee. We will miss his hard work and time he has put into his duties as a Trustee for Webster Lodge. Please let the officers know if you are interested in filling this important position.

**Spaghetti Dinners**

Please remember our monthly Spaghetti Dinners on the first Friday of the month. Our Winter travelers will not be back until sometime in April, so please sign up and help Brother Doug Koenig on the monthly fundraiser for the Lodge and OES.

**Closing**

Please come out and support your Lodge and officers. Join the fellowship. Our activities and meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. ¤

**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

**Reflections**

On March 3rd we passed three new Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft. It was another excellent Degree conferred by JW Jeff Ross sitting in the East. The Middle Chamber Lecture presented by Brother Joe Ulrich was an inspiration to all of us. Thanks to all for their efforts in making the Degree so successful.

Our Investigating Committee reported favorably on two more petitions which obtained a clear ballot. As a result, we will be doing Degree work twice this year, thanks to you Brothers that brought in these petitions. Remember, this is what we are supposed to do, make good men Masons.

The Nominating Committee was appointed which makes us realize the May Election of Officers will be here soon.

**April**

We will be raising our present class of new Brothers to the 3rd Degree on April 7th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the Degree will be conferred at 7:30 p.m. On April 21st we will be welcoming another class to the Lodge and SW Sean Noonan will confer the 1st Degree on them. We have had good attendance at the Degrees this year. Please continue to show your support for this class.

**Ox Roast**

Our 33rd Ox Roast (Roast Beef) will be held on Saturday, April 25th. This is our major dinner of the year, and as always, we need all of your help on this activity. Nothing has changed this year, including a great meal for the money. Serving will be from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and the cost is $7.00 regular, $6.00 seniors and $3.00 for children.

**33rd Annual Ox Roast Dinner**

**Sat., April 25, 1998**

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### Spaghetti Dinners

Mark your calendars for April 15th this month. As I have stated before, the workers have good fellowship, but they can always use help. If you are free, stop in and give us a hand, or at least come and enjoy a good dinner. Still the best deal in town at $3.95 for Salad, Italian Bread, Spaghetti and Meatballs, and beverage. We will look for you between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m.

### Closing

It has been great having so many Brothers on the sidelines observing the great Degree work. These Degrees take time and effort and it has shown this year. I thank all of you and hope we can keep the momentum going. ¤


**Wakan/Hubbard**
**Lodge No. 154**

W.·. Frank Briffa, Master
(h)392-7665
(w)588-8364

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

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


### Have-a-Heart

The Masters and Wardens Association, W.·. Brian Keery, Chairman, and I thank all the Brothers of Wakan/Hubbard, the Eastern Star Chapters and the Tall Cedars for helping do their part in the 1998 Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign. This year we once again volunteered to take a day at the Irondequoit Mall. The Campaign raised $5,780 for the Ronald McDonald House. On behalf of all the families that will use the facility, thank you very much.

### Just say hello

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of visiting Robert and Lee Ewart. They now live in a townhouse in Victor. They used to spend the Winter months in Florida, but not this year. Robert had major surgery and lost one of his kidneys. In the process he has found out that he has cancer again, for the third time. Once can be a battle in itself, let alone twice, then a third time. Lee and Robert have now decided to sell their park trailer home in Florida, just North of Clearwater. If you are interested and are planning to retire to that location, give them a call.

Bob has a wonderful outlook on life. It was amazing to find out that he was in his eighties. He told me that he used to run several miles a day and has won many races in his age group. Since his last operation he has had a terrible struggle getting back into shape, but has managed to build up his stamina enough to walk two miles.

He and Lee want to get their life back to normal so they can once again volunteer at one of the local hospitals. They used to deliver "Meals on Wheels" for the local Chapter. On top of that they help out the local neighbors in need. Talk about spirit and putting other peoples needs in place of theirs! We all need to think the next time we stub our toe or break a nail...life isn't so bad after all, is it? Give them a call and let them know that we are in their corner.

Brother W.·. Walter Wright and his wife, Edith, will be traveling to Washington, DC, for an operation for her. I don't have all the details, but keep in touch with them and let them know we care.

### Grand Ball

The Grand Ball is over and our Lodge showed up in force. I thank everyone who attended. We had a great time.

### Thanks

Our organ was sick for the past few weeks, but thanks to Brother Bill Fay's son, Bill, it is once again playing the music enjoyed so much by all of us. Let it be known that Bill's son did not want any monetary benefits for this deed. We all want to express our gratitude to them for their time and craftsmanship in doing this for us. Thank you!

### Upcoming events

The first meeting in April is Doll and Train Collecting. These programs will be put on by Virginia and Sherwin Isaacs. You won't want to miss it!

The end of the month brings us to the 3rd Degree when I will be in the East. Let's all make a concerted effort to attend and make this a memorable Degree. It is nice to have a great turnout. A dinner will precede the Degree.

Our Election of Officers and Ladies Night will be held in May. More about these events in the next issue. ¤


**Flower City**
**Lodge No. 910**

W.·. William Nardone, Master
458-7512

2nd Thursday
7:30 P.M.

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

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


### Happy holidays

As I write this month's article, the cold and snow have rolled back into town again. After such a mild Winter, a forecast of "one to three inches of snow" really sounded terrible. I remember one warm and sunny Easter weekend when I was little, and my parents and I visited Boston to see our family. We were completely unprepared when a foot of snow blew in late Saturday night! I believe our situation this coming month will be mild by comparison, but if you will be traveling out of town to celebrate Easter or Passover with loved ones, or if they are coming here to see you, I wish everyone a safe and pleasant trip and a beautiful holiday together.

### Ladies Night

Thanks to all who attended our Ladies Night Dinner! It was a lot of fun to get out for a social gathering with our Brothers and families, and we all had a great meal and an enjoyable evening. We are already talking about when and where to hold our next dinner night out, so if you missed this one, try to make it next time!

### Next meeting

Our next regular Lodge communication will be on Thursday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Temple. We will talk about our next dinner/social event, and we also have to start making plans for our Summer activities (it's really not that far away).

As always, I hope to see you at Lodge in April. ¤


**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


### A great evening

It was so nice to see so many ladies out to our last meeting and the "Dish to Pass Dinner". In fact, the ladies outnumbered the men. The food was just great. Deputy Tom Jaminson did a great job. He spoke on the many varieties of scams and everyday crimes we read about. At the same time, he was humorous. I for one appreciated his presentation.

### Sickness and Distress

W.·. Nels is in Highland Hospital where he had two toes removed from his right foot. They did tests and found a blockage in his right leg and one in his heart. He has a staph infection and is not allowed visitors at this time. Please send him cards and let him know you care. R.·.W.·. John Moll is much better, but Brother Ed Skeates is till confined to his home.

### 2nd Degree

Our next meeting will be the 2nd Degree with JW Doug Skelton in the East. Please try to attend and help out if asked. The 3rd Degree will be on Saturday, April 18th. The 1st Section is at 11:00 a.m., lunch at noon and the 2nd Section will commence at 1:00 p.m. Please volunteer your services and plan to attend and break bread with us.

### Come on out

On Saturday evening, April 4th at 6:00 p.m. we will all meet at our Perinton Memorial Post V.F.W. Home at 300 Macedon Ctr. Rd. (31F). Cocktails are 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and a great buffet at 7:00 p.m. It will be a fun filled evening. Bring your ladies and friends. The cost is $12.00 per person. Call JW Doug Skelton or me for reservations.

### Canal Days

Finally, Fairport Canal Days are fast approaching. I will most certainly need a lot of help. Please sign the board at Lodge or call me at home to volunteer. Set-up is Friday, June 5th, at 5:30 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday we will need all the help we can get. It starts at 8:30 a.m. both of these days. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and helps us maintain the Lodge. Remember, this is your Lodge!

I would like to hear from more Brothers, Doug Snyder, Tom Trapanoski, John Holliday, and a few more. Be careful and God Bless. So Mote It Be. ¤


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

W.·. Robert E. Carlson, Master
426-8572

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

R.·. W.·. Richard C. Friedman
Sec. (h) 377-6175 (w) 271-2775
152 Commercial St. West
East Rochester, N.Y. 14445


### Degree work

Our Junior Warden, Sean King, started off the Degree work in fine fashion for our three candidates. It sure is nice to have our current officer line willing and able to step to the East. Yours truly was in the East for the 2nd Degree as we worked with Valley/Simes and their two new Brothers. We will finish up this year's raising on April 27th as R.·.W.·. Pat McNenny will preside in the East. Hope to see as many of you as possible on the sidelines. Valley/Simes will also participate in that Degree.

### Packed House!

ERAC No. 943 had over 90 attend our DeWitt Clinton Award Ceremony for Dorothy Chilton. Masonic dignitaries, Brothers, friends and family honored our recipient. Thanks to all who made that evening very special and memorable! From the East it was a wonderful site to see our Lodge jam packed.

### Close to the end

It is hard to believe that my year as Master ends in four meetings! It truly has been an honor and privilege to be in the East leading such a great group of Brothers. All the hard work in advance truly does pay off. So many Brothers have risen to the occasion to support me during this year. I am proud to be an ERAC Brother.

### Sickness and distress

Brother Fred Holderle has recently been struggling with a number of physical ailments that have limited his ability to get to Lodge. We miss him and wish him a speedy recovery. A phone call to wish him well can only help in the recovery.

### Closing

Hope to see you at an upcoming meeting or hear from you via phone or pen. Winter has been friendly and the hope is that Spring follows suit. My best to you and yours. ¤


**ETOLIAN**
**Lodge No. 479**

W.·. Brian P. Keery Master
352-6292

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

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


### March events

March was a busy month for Etolian Lodge. For some of our Brothers March came in like a lamb with the Ladies Night in Bergen. On March 9th we held a Table Lodge where several "moments" of Etolian History were shared through the Ceremony of the Seven Toasts. Where can one go and receive a 16-20 oz.steak with all the trimmings including wine and fellowship for only $8.00. On March 18th Etolian sponsored the School of Ritual and demonstrated the 2nd Degree. On March 23rd we passed two Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

### Sickness and distress

When you have a moment, please visit or call the following Brothers: W.·. Marty Zillman, W.·. Marty Michaels, Art Rudig, W.·. Ed Hoak and family, W.·. E.J. Wilson, Harold and Millie Beatson, Alvin "Curly" Zarnstorff, W.·. Norm Rollo, W.·. Bill Mason, and R.·.W.·. James Powell.

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## Etolian No. 479

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**April**

The program for April 13th will be held during yet another Table Lodge. I plan to put on a simple dinner which will not be pasta. While the dinner will be simple, the fellowship will be grand. Please call me with your reservations.

April 23rd is the rehearsal for the 3rd Degree. I expect that all participants in the Degree will be there at 7:00 p.m.

April 27th is the conferring of the 3rd Degree where we will raise our two latest Brothers. This meeting will commence at 5:30 p.m. sharp and Etolian Chapter will put on the dinner which will be served at 6:30 p.m. Please call R.·.W.·. James Powell with your reservation. ¤


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

W.·. Donald A. Rose, Master
(h)458-9005
Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary
233-5953
30 Orchard St.,
Webster, N.Y. 14580


**Brethren**

As I prepare this article, Mother Nature has withheld her normal Winter assault 'til March just to teach us the important lesson, which is "...that assuming that March is the end of Winter and that the weather will only to become nicer and nicer each day. It is as safe as walking in a snake pit and thinking you won't get bitten". This should remind all of us that assuming our Lodges are healthy and running well does not make it so. We should always be asking if there is anything I can do to make my Lodge stronger and more attractive to a new member or prospective member. This concern runs deep in many Lodges, and they are the ones with active and strong programs, meetings and participation.

**Information**

To those members of Seneca Lodge who are shut in and unable to regularly attend meetings, let me inform you that we have recently held a Masonic Information Meeting to encourage new membership. It was chaired by the Senior Warden, with assistance from other members of the Lodge.

Seneca Lodge will be preparing an Awards Meeting to present Certificates and Pins to those members, who over the past year, have reached Masonic milestones.

**Widows Luncheon**

April is the month now designated for the Widows Luncheon, to be held at Logan's Party House. We will be extremely proud to attend on behalf of our Lodge and escort the ladies present that day.

I wish all Masons an enjoyable Spring and fruitful new year, wherever so dispersed. ¤

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

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


MONROE
Lodge No. 173
W.·. Keith Denton
Master
637-9318
2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.
Roy D. Goold, Secretary
637-6419
67 Main Street
Brockport, N.Y. 14420


**Meditation room furnished!**

The furniture finally arrived for the Lakeside-Beikirch Care Center. For those of you who don't know, our Lodge voted to fund the furnishing of the Chapel (Meditation Room) at the Lakeside Nursing Home (Care Center). This endeavor has been the special project of Gerald Werner and now that it's finally coming together, he's as proud as a new father! The Chapel has not been opened to the public yet, but we look forward to seeing it very soon. Every member of our Lodge can be proud of our continued commitment to and support of Lakeside Hospital. What we lack in active membership we more than compensate for with financial community support!

**Brotherhood Fund at 50%**

To date we have only collected about half as much as last year. I know the recent layoffs have everyone a little unsettled and that for some of you money is tight, but the rest of us need to dig a little deeper and support this effort! Please send your checks to the Lodge in care of Mel Doverspike, Brotherhood Fund Chairman. Thank you!!

**Pork Roast tickets?**

Our last Pork Roast Dinner at the Brockport Methodist Church was such a success we decided to do it again! Tickets are now available for the May 2nd Pork Roast Dinner. Servings will be at 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $7.00 for adults, $3.50 for kids. Please call or write for a dozen or two!

**Widows Luncheon-April 25th**

Mark your calendars for the Annual Widows Luncheon at Logan's Party House on April 25th at noon. The menu consists of a choice of Roast Beef with Gravy, Baked Ham or Chicken. Invitations have been sent to our ladies requesting reservations. Have you received your invitation? Don't be shy, our records are not always as good as we would like them to be. If you are a widow of one of our members and would like spend the afternoon socializing with friends, please call Gerald Werner at 637-4785 or Mel Mosher at 637-6189 for reservations. Lunch and transportation is on us!

**April 14th**

We have budgets to approve, By-Laws to finalize and chairs to fill for next year. I am planning on repeating as Master. I am committed to making this next year the most productive we have had in recent times, but I can't do it alone. Please help keep our Lodge alive. All I'm asking for is an effort, a belief in what Masonry stands for and a commitment of one night a month. PLEASE HELP! ¤


Past Master's
Supper Club
President
W.·. Ruel R. Lovett
494-2546
Secretary
R.·.W.·. Robert Sanford
292-6383


**Worshipful Brothers**

We had a very good time on February 27th. The evening started with an enjoyable social hour, which included Euchre and maybe a little good natured razzing! It seems that R.·.W.·. Powell prefers pipes to cigars. I'm not sure if he likes Cuban Twisted. Bring your favorite cigar or pipe to the next session. Let Jim be the judge! Do they still make corncob pipes?

The dinner was excellent, with choices of veal parmesan, spaghetti with meatballs, and three kinds of fish listed as specials. Prices were good, too.

R.·. W.·. Vernon Goodrich acted as the Chaplain for the evening. After business was concluded, Mr. Ed Forest, Sachem of Rochester, was introduced. He in turn introduced Mr. Harold McMann, Great Sachem of Red Men of the State of New York.

Harold gave a very interesting talk on the Red Men. We learned something of the beginning of the organization at the time of the Boston Tea Party. He gave us a brief history to the present. After the talk, both Harold and Ed answered questions. Ed gave a good explanation of the many pictures on the walls of the club. He also explained some of the jewelry and paraphernalia in the glassed cases on the walls.

My thanks to both Ed and Harold for taking time out and spending some quality time with us. I, for one, enjoyed every minute.

The next two meetings will have guest speakers. I will wait until meeting time to announce the names. I hope you will be surprised and happy with these choices.

Have a good day. ¤

**District Deputy Grand Master**

**Genesee/Wyoming District**

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

Just having finished putting together the latest listing of 'coming events' for the Genesee/Wyoming District, I was quite pleasantly surprised and thrilled by all the functions in process. Degree work, that in numerous cases is the result of 'Brother Bring-a-Friend' Programs recently presented, the interlodge competition in the form of 'Euchre Tournaments', Child ID Programs and programs of special interest being planned, just to mention a few. You, my Brothers, are to be commended for your interest and efforts-*Masonry* in the Genesee/Wyoming District is 'alive and well', to say the very least. Where is Molly?? Have you seen her lately?

**Brotherhood Fund Drive**

At this time in the Masonic year, I would like to expound a bit on our 'Challenge for Charity', more commonly known as our Brotherhood Fund Drive.

Quoting from the book titled, "New York Masonry", charity has ever been one of the basic underlying concepts of Masonry. "Masonry teaches man to practice charity and benevolence, to assist the feeble, guide the blind, raise up the down trodden, and shelter the orphan." Every Mason undertakes to help, aid, and assist his Brother Masons and their families, according to his ability to do so, and in line with their necessities. Every Lodge has the same obligation. Our Grand Lodge not only provides for the less fortunate among us, but also reaches out to serve our communities, our state, and mankind in general. Masons are justifiably proud of the good deeds performed by the Fraternity during the two hundred years since we received our Grand Lodge Charter.

**Obligation**

The foregoing should remind us all of the obligation that we each assumed when we became a Mason and a member of this great Fraternity. While making my journey throughout the District this past Fall, along with presenting the Grand Master's Message, I stressed the importance of this program we have come to know as the 'Challenge for Charity', the several varied charities that we each can specifically support. I would like to make a personal appeal to each of you who have not yet contributed to this worthy endeavor to do so at your earliest convenience, it being part of your obligation as a Mason, if within the length of your respective cabletows.

May God Bless us all. ¤

**Grand Sword Bearer**

**Genesee/Wyoming District**

R.·.W.·. Richard C. Anderson

**Grand Lodge**

Brethren, time is getting short to make your plans for the Grand Lodge Communication in May. Again, I hope that the District Lodges will be well represented this year in support of the DDGM and the Grand Master. Keep in mind that four Lodges of the Genesee/Wyoming District have qualified to receive the Potts Award. It will be a great honor for these Lodges and their Masters to receive this Award at Grand Lodge.

**Concordant Bodies**

I would like to suggest to each Master Mason to further your experience in Masonry by joining a Concordant Body. If you can give the time, try the Royal Arch Masons, The Council or Commandery. These groups will expand your knowledge in Masonry. I just experienced my first Grand Chapter Convocation in Albany and was very pleased to have gained two more Degrees. It was educational and I had a very good time.

**Degrees**

Many of the Lodges in the District are doing Degree work, a result of involvement and hard work. Congratulations to these Lodges for their fruitful work. ¤

**Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities**

W.·. Arthur E. Drew, Pres.
Bro. George Springett, Sec.

**What a waste**

A child who is lost is a great tragedy to the family of the child. A trauma that the child will never lose the memory thereof regardless of the outcome of the situation. The education of the parents to guard against the possibility of this occurrence happening to their sibling is a major necessity and a primary concern for all parents and family members. Television, schools and the family are constantly training the children to "Stranger Danger" This is a major step towards protecting the children before the loss happens.

If and when a child is lost, and the authorities have been notified, that is the time that the services of the Masons can be put to the best aid to the family. How, you ask, can the Masons aid a grief stricken family in this situation? You have heard about the Child ID Program and the video tapes that the Masons produced for showing how a child looks and


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acts. Well, this video tape has just the information that the authorities can use to help find that missing and lost child. When a parent gives this tape to the authorities, it gives them a moving picture of the child. The size, build, complexion, and their body actions, as well as, the way the child talks. The child also expresses some of the things that they like (colors, toys, etc.), the places they like to hang out at, who some of their friends are, which are some things a stressful parent may not think of when the child is first taken or lost. This is what the video will show immediately to the authorities.

Now that the equipment is available and the personnel to operate the program have been trained to produce this important video tape, it is time that all good Masons do what they do best and inform their community of this service. Not just talk in passing to some neighbors and other Masons, but tell your clergymen, school board members and administrators. Do not forget the youth organizations in your area. Try to talk to any organization that works with the parents like PTA, Boys and Girls Clubs, and even the area Scouting and sporting groups in your community.

We, my Brothers, must change our secret ways and go out into the community and sell this idea to them for the sake of that child who may become lost or stolen. Put aside that thought that this will enhance the Fraternity and let us assist in having that lost child returned to the grieving parent NOW.

If you look at the missing child reports, you will find that there are thousands of lost and missing children all around this great country. Think of it, if you had pursued this program to its full potential, the number of missing and lost children can be reduced to the point that professional kidnappers and dissentient parents would be the fearful recipients of our actions.

Let us not loose this opportunity now and let the expense we have undertaken go for the lack of your participation and service to the children. Get the parents to ask when and where do we go to obtain their video. DO IT NOW! ¤


Take a nice drive in the beautiful Genesee Country and enjoy a great dinner

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities

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**Friday, April 17, 1998**
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**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


Thoughts and prayers go out to Brother Raymond Hart for his recent health setback and R.·.W.·.John Bater for a speedy recovery from arm surgery. Get well soon! Happy Birthday wishes to R.·.W.·.John on March 26th.

**Special members**

I extend my sincere thanks to all Brothers who live so far away, but who have remained members of Hesperus. Although some of us have never met, we share common beliefs and practices which bring all good men together - Freemasonry.: R.·.W.·. Robert Hebner, IN; W.·. Nelson Swartz, NC; W.·. John Mayne, MI; W.·. Charles Mierke, SC; Brothers: Jack Chapell, GA; Raymond Dewey, FL; Fred Dykins, CA; Richard Fee, FL; Walter Hoffman, NC; James Kief, IN; William Kiser, PA; Maruice Mix, VT; Ronald Rich, FL; David Selnick, OH; Richard Leavitt, CT; Roger Sackett, IN; Raymond Santoro, AZ; and Douglas Squires, NC.

**Looking back**

March 5th was our Annual Past Masters's Night. It was very enjoyable looking back in time with the aid of the photos provided by the 10 Past Masters who attended. Thanks to all Past Masters for all you have given to Hesperus and to the Fraternity.

**Scholarships**

Grand Lodge and George Walker Scholarship applications are available. The deadlines are April 30th and May 1st respectively. Contact W.·. John Specht, 548-2694 or me, 494-2422.

**2nd Degree**

W.·. Garry Hutchurson conferred the 2nd Degree upon four Brothers on March 19th. Thanks to all who attended and took part in the conferral and the OES for the superb dinner.

**Euchre Tournament**

The Interlodge Tournament takes place on March 30th at Hesperus. Come out for some good fellowship.

**Memorial Service**

April 16th will be a communication paying tribute to those members of Hesperus who have been called to the Great Architect of the Universe. Your sharing in this service would be greatly appreciated.

**Brother Bring-a-Friend**

April 30th will be our 2nd Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We hope to attain the same success that we reaped from the first, where we successfully obtained five new members. Dinner will be served at 6:30 with the open meeting to follow. Come out and show your support for these prospective candidates.

**Dates**

April 1st is the Morgan Affair Lecture at Attica Lodge, 7:30 p.m. This is an open meeting.

Our regular communication and Move-Up Night is April 2nd.

The Fish Fry by the OES at Hesperus is April 3rd. Take-outs are from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dinner is served from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The price for adults is $6.00, under 12 - $3.50.

The regular communication and Memorial Night is April 16th.

The District Fish Fry at Attica Lodge is April 17th, 4:30 p.m. - ?

**June 10th is the new date for "Hunter's Hope" with Jim Kelly at the Diplomat Party House.** ¤


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

W.·.Bill Mammosser
786-5896

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

W.·. Allen L. Capwell
Secretary 786-8989
75 South Main St.
Warsaw, N.Y. 14569


**Winter is finally here!**

It's Sunday evening and I'm looking out at 10 inches of lake-effect snow. OK El Nino, what's the story? First we get a Winter of early Spring weather, and now that early Spring is here, we get the mid-Winter stuff. I don't understand at all. The good part of all this snow is that I put about 50 miles on the Ski-Doo this afternoon. The bad part is that attendance at our Country Breakfast this morning was down a bit. Speaking of snow, if any of you listen to WCJW (Warsaw's outstanding AM station), you no doubt heard the great build-up that Jenny Snow, the afternoon DJ, gave our Breakfast. If you get a chance, call WCJW at 786-8131, ask for Jenny and tell her you appreciate her good words. It's good to have friends in the media.

**Confusion in the Craft!**

At least on the part of the Master, that is. Help me to understand something. We've got about 90 members at Warsaw Lodge, but generally only 12 show up for meetings. My arithmetic says that leaves 78 guys sitting home on meeting nights. What's keeping you away? If it's your health, a personal problem, or geographical distance. I fully understand. If however, you think that Lodge has nothing to offer you, or you have a personal problem with a Brother, or you don't remember the Ritual, or you don't want to dress up, or simply don't want to drive, give me a call, 786-5896. We need to talk. If you're a Mason, I want you to get more from your dues than just the right to wear a ring bearing a square and compasses.

**Fellowcraft Degree at Perry**

On February 19th our Entered Apprentice was advanced to Fellowcraft at Constellation Lodge in Perry. The guys from Perry did a great job with the Ritual. As many times as I've seen the Middle Chamber Lecture, I'm still impressed whenever it's performed. My thanks to Warsaw Brothers, Doc Benn, Mike Smith, Dave Martin and John Sunderland for being there. I remember when I went through the Degrees. It was nice to see a friendly and familiar face upon being brought to light.

**Dinner-Dance**

On February 21st a record crowd of 107 enjoyed the best Washington's Dinner-Dance that I've ever attended. The Turkey Dinner, prepared by the Sisters of the Eastern Star, was delicious. Brother John "The Hustler" Sunderland did a magnificent job in chairing the event. I call John "The Hustler" because of his innate ability to sell dinner tickets. I'm glad I didn't live in Warsaw when John had his clothing store. I would have owned 75 suits.

**Euchre Tournament**

Well guys, March 5th was the final night of the District Euchre Tournament, and attendant with that are the results. It grieves me to tell you this, but for the 2nd consecutive year, Chuck Krause is the undisputed Euchre Champion of the Genesee/Wyoming District. I guess we're just going to have to deal with it, but next year, look out! Our newest Master Mason, Dick Colton, is the Euchre equivalent of a Stealth Bomber. In fact Chuckles, just to save time and embarrassment, you probably ought to concede next year's Tourney now, 'cause Dickie C. is gonna whip your tail!

**Breakfasts**

We've put five of our monthly Country Breakfasts behind us, and the public response continues to be fantastic. It appears that the masters of the stove, Brothers Mike Smith and Dick Colton, have elevated ham, eggs, and pancakes to a degree of perfection rarely equaled by mere mortals. OK, I get a little heavy with the prose from time to time. Just the same, these guys know how to cook! Conversely, I also realize that the best cooks in the world are nothing without a good support crew. So, big thanks to Doc Benn, Bill Danley, Gene Hartman, Norb Klopfer, Ted LaWall, Harry Litz, and John Sunderland for making my pet project a winner. I'm proud of you guys.

**Dedicated Service Award**

I'm real happy about this one. On Tuesday, March 17th, W.·. Richard C. (Doc) Benn was presented with the Dedicated Service Award. Dinner was at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Heidelburg Restaurant, followed by the Award Presentation at Warsaw by R.·.W.·. Robert Dagen, DDGM. A large crowd of Brothers witnessed Doc receive long overdue honors for his many years of faithful dedication to the Craft. During my term as Master, Doc has become my strong right arm. Never shy, Doc's not afraid to tell me when I'm wrong, but equally, he's always there to let me know when I'm on the right track. You can't ask more from a friend.

**Coming events**

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night is Tuesday, April 7th.

All-You-Can-Eat Country Breakfast at our Lodge is Sunday, April 19th from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Call me at 786-5896 if you want to help.

The planning session for the Child ID Program will be on Tuesday, April 21st, our regular meeting night.

Saturday, April 25th is our 2nd Child ID Program at the Warsaw Baptist Church. Just like the last one, this is going to be a big job and I need your help. This Program will run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Advertising will be in the **Pennysavers, Batavia Daily, Batavia Cable, and WCJW.**

Let's keep working together. See you next month. ¤

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

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


**Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161**

W.·. William Olsowsky
Master
567-8384
2nd & 4th Thursdays
8:00 p.m.

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


By Ed Law, Sr. Deacon

**Greetings, Brothers**

By this writing, be informed that Eagle Valley Lodge will meet Thursday, March 28th, Thursday, April 9th and Thursday, April 23rd, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. on each date stated.

**Chicken Bar-B-Q**

The time is again drawing near when the delightful aroma of barbecuing chicken will be discernible in the otherwise clear, clean atmosphere of Bliss, NY! The Eagle Valley Lodge's Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. Feasting should begin after 4:00 p.m. at the Eagle Valley Masonic Temple on Liberty Street in Bliss. Take-out orders will be available.

**Sowing and reaping**

This is the season of the year not only for a Bar-B-Q and feasting; it is also the season for renewal of vigor, resolve and effort

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**Brother Gordon Klump receiving his 55 Year Certificate and Pin from W.·. William Oslowski - Master of Eagle Valley Lodge (right) assisted by W.·. Richard Moden (left).** ***(Photo courtesy Ed Law)***

## Eagle Valley No. 1161

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after the dormancy of late Autumn and Winter. Many Brothers in our District depend on crops of fodder, grain and potatoes for their livelihood. Soon seeds of those crops must be sown if there is to be a harvest in its season. The operative principles of sowing and reaping are well understood in our District. The Holy Bible offers much on the subject of sowing and reaping. In St. Paul's letter to the Galations, Ch. 6:7, it is stated:"...whatsoever a man soweth, that he shall reap." Further in verse 9, St. Paul encourages: "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season, we shall reap if we faint not".

Brothers, it is hoped and desired that you attend scheduled meetings where together we can sow the seeds that will produce the desired "harvest" of renewed vigor and activity within our Lodge, as well as a revival of interest in Freemasonry in our Community. ¤

**West Star**
**Lodge No. 413**
**F. & A.M.**
W.·.William Geltner, Master
535-7874
*1st & 3rd Mondays*
R.·.W.·. Kenneth E. Kohlhagen, Secretary 591-9598
*2473 Route 20A*
*Varysburg, N.Y. 14167*

**Dear Brethren**

Hello, Brothers. Holy mackerel, did this month every go by fast! It's hard to keep up with what's going on.

Winter is back and everyone is getting ready to go to Grand Lodge in New York City. I hope we have a good turnout. I'm looking forward to the trip.

**March meetings**

We had two nice meetings since we talked last. On March 2nd the Mountain Men did a great job at putting on their program.

W.·. Neil Parmerter had two tables filled with his display. There was a lot of history and information, thanks to Neil, Dennis and Steve.

**April**

On April 6th, don't forget about Uniform Night. All Lodges are welcome, and we would like a nice turnout. If you are coming with a large crowd, give me a call so I can be sure to have enough refreshments.

Well, I'll have more news next month, so I'll say so long for now. Stop up and see us sometime.¤

**Attica Lodge**
**No. 462**
**F. & A.M.**
W.·. Robert Strang, Master
(718)591-2888
*1st and 3rd Wednesday*
*(Jan-Feb-Mar 3rd Wed Only)*
R.·.W.·. Donald Van Son, Secretary 591-1390
*39 Main Street*
*Attica, N. Y. 14011*

By R.·.W.·. Donald VanSon

**Changing times**

In the past three months we had Lodge just once a month. Starting in April we go back to the regular two meetings a month. So get ready, Brothers, it is here again.

**Will the truth ever be known?**

As I reported earlier in the *Masonic Times*, on April 1st we will be hearing from Brother Harold August concerning the Morgan Affair. Our Master, Robert Strang, wants to meet at 7:30 p.m. for a quick meeting and by 8:00 p.m. we will have the presentation by Brother August. This program will give us the complete truth concerning all the things we have heard, and things we haven't, concerning the Morgan Affair. Bring-a-Friend Night is a must for this meeting.

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**Let's play Bingo**

On March 17th it was Attica's turn to help the Veterans play Bingo. There were seven members of our Lodge who went to the VA Hospital in Batavia to help the vets play and transport them back and forth to their rooms. A good time was had by all and we look forward to doing it again next year.

**Public Fish Fry**

On March 20th Attica Lodge, along with the OES, held another public Fish Fry. We had a full crew on hand and served nearly 200 dinners. It was a lot of fun, but we make more money having the monthly Pancake Breakfast from November to April. The next Fish Fry will be April 17th when we host the District Fish Fry at Attica Lodge from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Dues and Brotherhood Fund**

Lodge dues have taken a back seat to other events in the past several months. In January we reported that less than 15% of all dues were received. That seems to be our average because we still are less than 12% from our goal. Let's get the dues paid Brothers, it is our only hope of survival.

The Annual Brotherhood Fund is doing somewhat better, but we still have a ways to go. If you haven't given yet, please do so now, it means so much to so many.

**Let's not forget**

May 3rd is our Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q. This is our largest event of the year and needs our individual attention. More on this next month. ¤

**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*

**Degrees**

On March 11th we had a 1st Degree for two new candidates. On March 25th we conferred the 3rd Degree, and raised three Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Congratulations to our new Brothers and a thank you to our Degree Team.

On April 8th we will confer the 2nd Degree on the new class at Triluminar Lodge; 7:30 p.m. We will be having a Master Mason Degree on April 22nd starting at 6:30 p.m. with Dennis Quackenbush in the East. A dinner by Stebbins Chapter, OES, will be served. We thank them for the fantastic dinner prepared for us in March. Thank you, Chuck and Waneta, you are always there to lend a helping hand.

**Golf Tournament**

Our Annual Golf Tournament will be held on June 6th at Rolling Acres Golf Course in Pike. Last year's was an outstanding success. This year I expect will be no different. For more information please call 567-8557. Don't wait too long to register.

**Euchre Tournament**

Our Lodge can again say that we have the best Euchre player in the Genesee/Wyoming District. W.·. Chuck Krauss again prevailed as the Champion of our Round Robin Tournament. He says, "Rattle your sabres all you want, I have whipped them all." Congratulations, Chuck! ¤

**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*

A change is in the air. It is this time of year when the warm winds and sun bring change to the countryside by promoting new growth and regrowth of plants that have gone dormant through the Winter. The Nominating Committee has put this same concept to work for the upcoming elections at Batavia Lodge No. 475. Our JW, Mike Willwerth, has graciously and enthusiastically accepted the challenge to move to the East over the past few months. Brother Willwerth has attended and completed the "Road to the East" Program. He has also completed the "Leadership Development Course" and has been hard at work completing a trestleboard for our Lodge.

**Widows Program**

R.·.W.·. Bob Dagen and Brother Paul McCullough have been busy setting up our Annual Widows Program and Dinner. This year we will be combining the presentation of Longevity Awards. We will be meeting at Bohn's Restaurant on Clinton Street Road on Saturday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Invitations will be forthcoming. Widows and Longevity Award recipients will be guests of the Lodge. The cost will be $9.00 to Lodge members and guests. Any questions, please contact R.·.W.·. Bob Dagen at 548-7182.

**Fish Fry**

I also have tickets for our Masonic Fish Fry to be held at Attica Lodge on Friday, April 17th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The cost is $6.00 for adults and under 10 is $3.50. Come and enjoy a good Fish Fry and help support the Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities. ¤

**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

**Temple Roof**

The present roofing, installed over 30 years ago, leaks and must be replaced. The job will be put up for bids. Representatives of the Temple Corporation, Constellation Lodge, and Perry Chapter, OES, decided to set up a Roof Repair Benefit Fund to defray some of the expense of installing the new roofing. Profits realized from a Swiss Steak Dinner provided at the Temple at noon on Sunday, March 29th, will be used to defray some of the expense. Members who wish to show their support may donate to the Fund.

**Brotherhood Fund**

If you have not done so, send in a check for this most worthy cause. Do not forget to include your Symbolic Lodge number, as well as the Grand Lodge Number you will find on your dues card.

**Master Organist**

We are indeed fortunate to have in our midst, a Master Mason skilled in playing the kind of music appropriate for our stated communications. Brother John Barnard's talent has been recognized by a number of Lodges in our District. He was recently made an honorary member of Triluminar Lodge No. 543 in appreciation of his contribution during Degree work.

**Thanks**

The masterful talents of Brothers Steven L. Wing and Douglas J. Kelly, who sat in the East for our 2nd and 3rd Degrees, must be heralded. Thanks also to Brothers William Swyers, William A. Mammosser, Richard C. Benn and Clark Rice, all of whom responded to a last minute call for help. ¤

**Oakland Lodge**
**No. 379**
**F. & A.M.**
W.·. Henry Robinson Master
322-7545
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
(Jan/Feb/Mar: 1st Tues only)
W.·. Richard L. Smith, Secretary
493-5408
134 South Main St.
Castile, N.Y. 14427

**Greetings, Brothers**

Goodbye Winter-hello Spring. Although this Winter has been exceptionally mild, it will sure be nice to get back outside and enjoy the fresh air and all of nature's beauty.

**Thank you**

I would like to take this time to personally thank the Brothers of Oakland for the financial assistance that I received for my trip to Grand Lodge in New York City. I am very excited and look forward to a great time. It will definitely be a thrill and a highlight for me in Masonry.

**Challenge for Charity**

If you have not yet donated to the Brotherhood Fund, please contact W.·. D.J. Beardsley as soon as possible. One of the cornerstones of Masonry is certainly our charitable donations. As a whole, Oakland Lodge needs to step up our contributions and become more involved. These funds go to a good cause, and are desperately needed.

**Coming events**

Several events are planned this Spring at Oakland. The first is our Annual Fish Fry to be held Good Friday, April 10th. The starting time will be 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Extra fish has been ordered this year to anticipate the fantastic turnout we most certainly will have. All you can eat, with dessert for only $6.00. What a deal!

Later on this Spring we will have a Child ID Program, roadside cleanup and another Brother Bring-a-Friend Program.

**Closing**

What makes a successful Mason and upstanding citizen? The answer actually is quite simple. Live your life, one day at a time. Put as much vitality and energy into your daily activities as you can and it will soon become a habit. This energy will be reflected upon your family, friends, and Brothers. Your Masonic pride will shine clearly and great things will begin to happen. The best time to begin is right now. Let's make Oakland Lodge an example of the future and not a thing of the past.

God bless and good health. ¤

## Ellsworth J. Wilson Receives Grand Lodge DSA

By F. Jay McCullough

On February 24th, 1998, E.J. "Tiny" Wilson received several Masonic Brothers from Etolian Lodge No. 479 in Spencerport at his home on Union Street. They were there for the purpose of presenting him with the Dedicated Service Award from the Grand Lodge of New York which had been approved by the Grand Master, M.·.W.·. Earle J. Hino, Jr. The Award is composed of a special Masonic Apron, a sealed Certificate, lapel pin and letters of endorsement.

On March 23, 1936, Wilson became a Mason in Etolian Lodge. He was recognized for 60 years of service in 1996. He spoke eloquently of his pride in his Masonic heritage at that time and offered some poignant vignettes. One of those was printed in a 1997 issue of the *Masonic Times*, having to do with a WW II experience.

In 1947 he became Master of the Lodge after having served in several other Lodge offices. There have been few absences during his long tenure. In WW II he did take some time away from local activities when he joined the US Army, did some training stateside and then spent 18 months in the South Pacific.

The name E.J. Wilson is prominent in the annals of the Village of Spencerport and the Town of Ogden. It appears on the Spencerport High School building, named in his honor. He had served the schools in this area over 40 years, starting in 1931 as a classroom teacher, and progressing through the administrative posts of School Principal, District Principal and Superintendent of Schools, from which position he retired in 1971. He served in myriad education related organizations representing the School District.

**Personal**

He was born September 25, 1909 in York, NY. He had graduated from LeRoy High School in 1927 and entered the University of Rochester, graduating the year he started his Spencerport teaching career.

The nickname, "Tiny", is from his diminutive stature, but to all who know him, he is a giant of a man. His has been a most prominent figure on South Union Street during parades at holidays honoring veterans. He would still dress in his original uniform (how many of us can do that?). He would be seen standing at attention as the Flag of our Country went by. He has been a long standing member of the local Ferris-Goodrich Post No. 330 of the American Legion on Trimmer Road.

**Unsung member**

Some of what distinguishes Mr. Wilson in Masonic circles, aside from his regular attendance at Lodge meetings, include being counted upon to be among the first at volunteer kitchen duty, serving in the Lodge dining room at dinners, and public events held for charitable purposes, being part of Lodge gatherings and traveling to other Lodges in the Western NY region. He was noted for participation in special programs when invited, and making fascinating, often extemporaneous presentations and offering wise counsel whenever called upon to share his insights. He has ever been present when the Lodge was called out for Masonic memorial or funeral services. Those who know him have found a ready and willing listener who will offer sound, practical advice and attainable solutions to their problems. He was that unsung member, going about doing the tasks he saw needing to be done, without being asked, or without expectation of recognition for his actions.

He has been a long standing and faithfully attending member of the United Church of Christ in Spencerport. There he could be counted on for work details in the years, cleaning tasks inside and out, painting and repairing chores and participating in special need programs of the Church.

Mr. Wilson has lived on "the main street" of Spencerport for over 50 of his 66 years in the village, in the same house. His wife, Mae, passed away in 1988, they having been married 50 years and a month at the time. They raised two sons who have families of their own and have established professional careers.

Local Masons nominated this member of their Lodge, calling him to the Grand Master's attention. They know him to be a fitting example of one for whom the Award was fashioned. They strongly desired special recognition for this man whom they regard as a dearly beloved Brother. ¤

### Suggestion

**Save your coins throughout the year, then at the end of the year write a check for that amount to the Masonic Service Bureau. This way, you will not even feel the additional gift.** ¤

## Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee

R.·.W.·. Thomas M. Paglia
Representative
& Upstate Coordinator

This information was rewritten from the Bureau of Naval Personnel newsletter for Navy retirees called "Shift Colors". I would say that the same goes for Army personnel, only you will have to get information from the Army to be sure. Any Army personnel may write to the addresses listed and maybe they can direct you to the proper centers.

**Preparing families**

Family members can quickly become overwhelmed with details in the event of an unexpected death. Are there any extra measures you can take to ensure your family and friends are prepared? Yes. The following is a list of important documents that should be readily available, and a list of questions that could be answered, while there is ample time to answer them.

**Making final preparations**

Survivors should have a copy of the military retiree's DD-214. This form is required in order to take advantage of all the services available through military and veteran's affairs resources. If you do not have a DD-214, you can request one by contacting the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, Mo 63132.

**Navy records**

A response may take 4-6 months. You should file this document at the State Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or the local county registrar, for safekeeping. It is recommended that retirees keep a copy available at all times, particularly when traveling.

**Questions**

Listed below are questions you should answer and place in safekeeping along with other important documents.

1. Do you want your remains buried in a casket or cremated?

2. Do you wish to be buried at sea? If so, this must be indicated in writing and placed with other important papers. Next of kin or executor of the estate should notify the nearest US Coast Guard to coordinate arrangements.

3. If burial is preferred, do you wish to be buried in uniform? If so, do you have a service dress uniform complete with all rank, ribbons, insignia, badges and other items? Uniforms should be current as of your retirement date. If you need to replace any uniform items, do so now. If you are not certain what medals/ribbons you are entitled to wear, you may contact the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) at the address listed above.

You can purchase uniform items at any uniform center, or you may write or phone the Uniform Support Center using the following information: Uniform Support Center, 1545 Crossways Blvd., Suite 200, Chesapeake, VA 23320.

4. Where do you want your remains interred, inurned?

5. Do you wish military honors? You family's funeral director must contact your area Funeral Honors Support/Casualty Area Coordinator's Office in Northeast United States.

Unfortunately these arrangements cannot be made in advance, so a great deal will depend on the resources available. At a minimum, the Navy will send a representative to funerals of their retirees to present a flag to the family and express condolences. Defense Department guidelines also allow the services to provide additional honors as resources permit. Therefore, funeral locations may impact on what resources may be available to provide additional honors. If your desire is to be interred in a national or state cemetery, contact the cemetery nearest you and investigate the application procedures.

6. Do you want a private marker or the government supplied grave marker? What do you want on your marker (i.e., WW II, Korea, Vietnam, etc.?) For burials at sea, a memorial marker may be placed in a national cemetery. Survivors should contact the nearest VA Regional Office (800-827-1000) or national cemetery to obtain grave markers.

7. Do you want family clergy to preside over the funeral service? If so, who is your preference?

8. If you prefer a military chaplain, what is your religious preference?

9. Do you have a preference on flowers or donations? If you prefer to have friends make a donation in your memory, to what organization would you like them to contribute?

10. Do you want your funeral service to include a eulogy? If so, who would you like to deliver the comments?

11. Who would you choose as your pall bearers? (List names, address and telephone number).

12. Where are your disability records located? What are the VA file and claim numbers?

**Notifying correct offices**

Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Cleveland Center (DFAS-CL) should be notified as soon after the death as possible. Notification can be done by either a family member, or a watchstander at the nearest Retired Activities Office. A condolence letter and an information booklet will be sent to the next of kin listed with DFAS-CL, and an SBP claim package will be sent to the designated beneficiary. These are two more very good reasons to make sure your information is up to date.

As more information is available, I will forward it to you. ¤

By Harold Bollotin

**Ward Visit**

On Sunday, March 8th, we made our 3rd visit for this year. Tom and Cora Paglia, Courtland Young, Don Rose, June Moon, and Sylvia and I were there. As usual, we made the rounds distributing ice cream and cookies, and visited and brought cheer to veterans. We missed Larry and Marge Hood as he had surgery. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**Special patient**

As usual, we spent additional time with Susie. Tom and I joked with her and tried to cheer her up. She rewarded us with a few smiles and a couple of laughs. She tried to utter some words in response.

**Coming events**

The volunteer program is continuing unabated. Our next and final visit until Fall will be Sunday, April 5th. The Annual Volunteers' Awards Banquet will be held at the Burgundy Basin Inn on Thursday, April 30th. We will again be making visits starting Sunday, October 11th. ¤


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## Masonic Home Renovations Now Complete

Phase II of the renovations in the Rehabilitation Center are now complete. Phase I included the creation of ten private rooms for residents in the Short Term Rehabilitation Program on the first floor. The Nursing Station was relocated and a lounge area with a fish tank was created.

Phase II continued the renovations around the corner into the Smith Wing. This wing was constructed in the early 50s, long before the requirements for handicap accessibility. One of the purposes of the construction was to enhance the quality of life of the residents living in this area. Doorways were relocated and made wheelchair width. Bathrooms were also reconfigured for wheelchair usage and constructed so two resident rooms would share a bathroom. New cabinets with a built in sink area were installed. This has increased the amount of space for the display and storage of personal items. New lighting was installed to brighten the hallways and other common areas. Carpet was laid in the common areas and each individual room has a new linoleum floor.

On the ground floor in the Therapy areas, new lighting was also installed to brighten the hallways and the treatment room. Wall tile was installed from the floor to the handrail and new wallpaper was hung in the corridor. Each room was repainted and some doorways were relocated and made wheelchair width.

The residents receiving Physical, Occupational or Speech/Hearing Therapy are excited about the newly renovated areas. The residents moving to the beautifully decorated first floor rooms on the Smith Wing are joyful about the updated facilities. ¤

The Gift of Love keeps on giving. ¤

## Shrine Hospitals to Receive Teddy Bears

The Masonic Home Care Bears Club, whose motto is "We Care", presented over 151 Teddy Bears to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children in Springfield and Boston, Massachusetts. The presentation was made during the Wiley Hall residents' "Tis the Season" Party.

Helen Buttiglieri, Activities Leader for Wiley Hall, presented, on behalf of the Club, the cuddly bears to Brother Louis Leogrande, Oriental Faxton Lodge No. 224, F&AM, who was the Illustrious Potentate of Ziyara Temple, AAONMS, at the time. The holidays are a time for caring, sharing and giving and the Club members believed there was no better way to do this than by giving the colorful and cheery Teddy Bears to those children who have been hospitalized with orthopedic concerns or injuries resulting from severe burns. The Potentate thanked the Club members for their donations and conveyed his deep gratitude to the Club for their concern for the children at the Shriner's Hospitals.

Mrs. Evelyn Sturgis, a member of the Care Bear Club, has been a resident at the Masonic Home for almost two years. Each Club member has a specific assignment in the making of the bears. Some cut the material while others stuff the bears. Evelyn sews the eyes for these special "friends" for the children. Mrs. Sturgis' husband, Ray, was a member of Weedsport Lodge No. 385 F&AM, Cayuga/Tompkins District. ¤

### St. John's Day Scheduled

Mark June 20, 1998 on your calendar today!! You don't want to miss Grand Lodge's annual St. John's Day festivities on the Masonic Campus in Utica. Everyone will want to be a part of the District's celebration for your new District Deputy Grand Master and Staff Officer as they receive their "charge" for their first year in office. The day promises to be full of fun and exciting events for everyone in the family.

Crafters from the community and our residents show their creative and artistic talents. Your Lodge and/or District can become one of the crafters or vendors who display their talents for the Fraternity and the people from the community. For the last five years the arts and craft fair has grown and we expect that 1998 will also be bigger and better. Masonic and community groups will also offer a wide variety of food items that will please the palates. This increased participation by the Fraternity, coupled with the involvement of local organizations, enhances our image with the community and makes our St. John's Day an event that people look forward to attending. It is a great opportunity for Masonry to showcase the good works that are being done on our campus and in the Northeast.

Fun is the key word for the events planned for the children. Clowns from across the State, magicians, dance and gymnastic demonstrations, Buster the Bus and McGruff the Crime Dog will be on the campus entertaining. There will also be a K-9 demonstration, fire truck on display, musical entertainment, gymnastics and dance demonstration, and the parade, with a marching band, the Grand Lodge Officers and all the groups including the Shrine's Motor Corp. The children can even have their faces painted.

Scheduled tours of the facilities on the campus including the Retirement Community-Acacia Village; the Health Facility for long term care services; Wiley Hall-the residential adult care facility; and the world renowned Masonic Medical Research Lab will be available. You won't want to miss seeing the newly remodeled Short Term Rehabilitation wing. The Rehab program is the fastest growing new service available to the Fraternity members.

The residents from your Lodge and/or District eagerly look forward to the extra activity that St. John's Day bring. They would welcome a visit from their family, friends, and especially their Lodge and District Brothers. The residents look forward to talking with their visitors and discussing the events that created the fond memories of yesterday. They also want to know all the news from "back home".

While you are in the Utica area, there are other activities to enjoy. Munson Williams Proctor Institute is an internationally recognized fine arts center. It serves diverse audiences through the Museum of Art, the art reference and music libraries, the School of Art and the sponsorship of more than 100 Performing Arts events during the year. The F.X. Matt Brewing Company offers an interesting tour of their facility. The Children's Museum near the Utica Train Station has "children friendly" displays that will keep the children's attention and interest because they are so unique. The polar bears at the Utica Zoo are always looking to welcome the family and "entertain" the visitors as they play in their pool. The Utica Blue Sox baseball team is home on Friday evening. If your schedule permits, the local golf courses will be able to accommodate you.

The St. John's Day events will be fun and exciting for all members of the family. Please contact W.·. Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator, Masonic Home, 2150 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY 13501-1788; 315-798-4923 or 800-322-8826 with any questions you may have about the events or to confirm your participation as a crafter or vendor.

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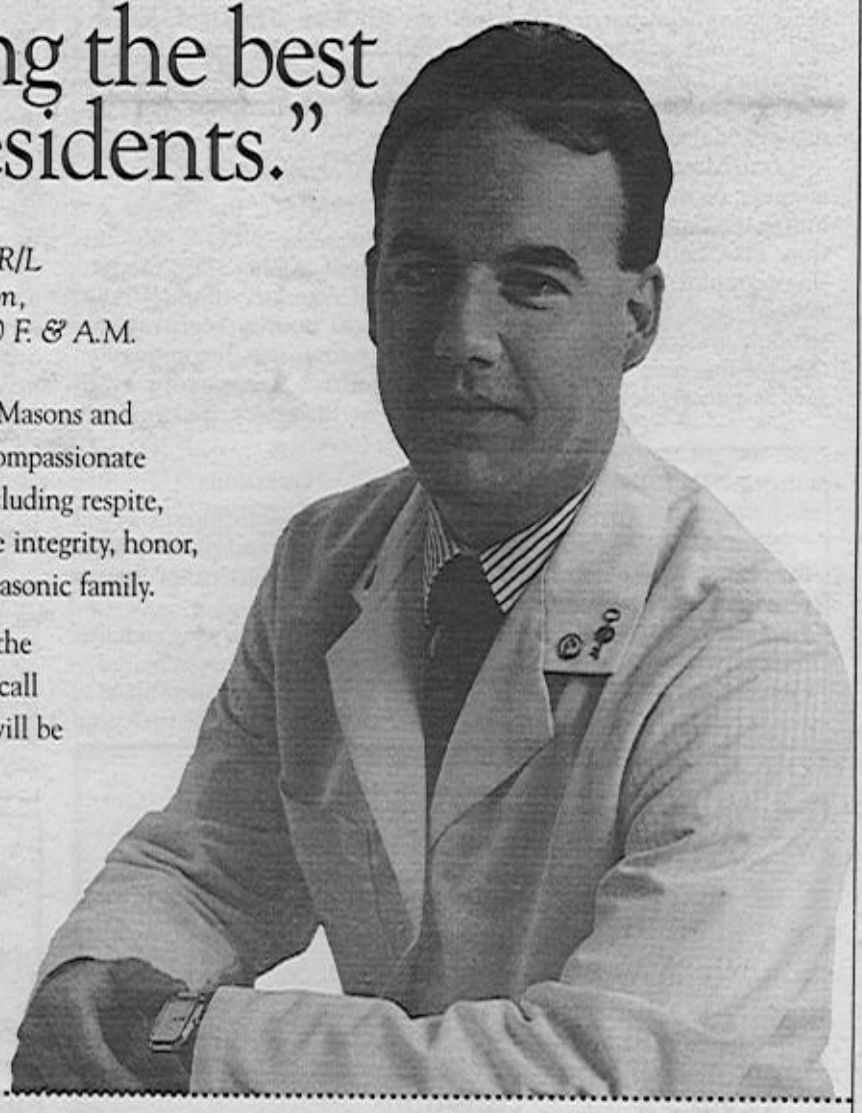

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Patrol Legion Caldron

Richard Topel, Monarch

## Monarch's Message

I would like to thank the Caldron for another great meal that was served for our February meeting. Afterwards we had a short meeting and our Euchre Tournament. The winners were: 1st place-Steve Thayer; 2nd place-Dick Topel; 3rd place-Frank Murrer. I was disappointed at the poor turnout we had for the Tournament. Has the Euchre Tournament lost it's usefulness?

**Future events**

Our April 15th meeting will be Award's Night. We will be honoring 25, 30, 35, 45 and 50 year members. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the price is $5.00 per person. Make your reservations with Prophet Leon VanHuben at 647-1391, by April 10th. **Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.** Those Prophets receiving an Award will receive a FREE dinner. Prophets, let's come out and support our Grotto.

On April 9th the Caldron is having Prophet's Night. Prophets, considering the time and effort these ladies go to in putting on a program for us, the least we can do is have a good turn out for them.

April 20th is Master Mason Night. Remember, get a Master Mason and bring him out to Henrietta Town Park for a night of good fellowship.

**Summer plans**

The "Day at the Races" will be Sunday, July 26th.

We will have a night at Frontier Field when the weather is warmer. I would like some feedback on when we should go. Would you like a weekend night or a week day night? ¤

## Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson, Comm.

The next Legion meeting will be the 2nd Monday of the month, April 13th at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Avenue. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

**Enjoyable evening**

A tip of the Fez to Prophet Chuck White for taking us down memory lane at our last meeting. It was very enjoyable.

**Reservations needed**

At our April meeting I would ask Prophet Mike Bell and all who plan to attend, to bring their favorite joke with them to liven up the evening!

Please call Leon VanHuben at 647-1391 with your reservation before April 9th. ¤

## Spring Round Up

By Ken Hutchinson

Whoa, Prophets. Put the date down now! The first Chuckwagon Dinner of the Spring Round Up will be held on Monday, April 20th from 5:00 p.m. 'til 9:00 p.m. at the Roberts Cabin, Henrietta Park, off Calkins Road.

**Reminder**

Our Monarch has challenged me to bring in twice as many candidates for 1998. If I do, I'll have a Steak Dinner, if not, I eat beans! "Old Chief Thunder Cloud" VanHuben, has been fattening up the pigs and chickens, and chopping wood for the campfire. He now has backaches and blisters on his hands, but all is ready-food, drink, and most of all, good fellowship.

**Dates to Remember**

*Mon., Apr. 6th-Board of Governors Meeting*
*Thurs., Apr. 9th-Caldron Prophets Night 8 p.m.*
*Mon. Apr. 13th-Legion of Honor-Dutch Mill Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.*
*Wed., Apr. 15th-Grotto Awards Night 8:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.*
*Mon. Apr. 20th-Spring Round Up Henrietta Town Park*
*Sat., Apr. 25th-Caldron Smorgasbord Downtown Temple*

**Attend Grotto Meetings Enjoy the Fellowship**

Prophets, we're off to a good start. Everything is in our favor. Hopefully we will have a successful Round Up on April 20th. Another is planned for the Fall.

Call in your reservations to "Old Chief Thunder Cloud" VanHuben at 647-1391 no later than April 16th. ¤

**Membership Chairman Ken Hutchinson and Leon VanHuben work out the final plans for the "Spring Round Up - 98".**

## Caldron News

How lovely are the April days
When Winter slips away,
And bright faced little flowers peek
Along the garden way.

After our April 9th meeting, we invite the Prophets of Lalla Rookh Grotto to join us at 8:30 p.m. for our Annual Prophets' Night. If your lady would like to attend with you, we will be pleased to welcome her. There will be special entertainment.

On April 16th, the Executive Council will meet at the home of Christina Eeckhout.

**Attention**

April 25th will be our Annual Smorgasbord. All the profits from this dinner are donated to the care of Cerebral Palsy children and Dentistry for the Handicapped. Come and join us at this charity event. Tickets will be available at the door or from any Caldron officer. They are $6.00 for adults and $2.50 for children.

**Advance notice**

On May 2nd, the New York State White Fez Club will meet at the Cartwright Inn at noon.

May 14th will be our Supreme Visit by Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Florence Howlett. There will be a dinner prior to the meeting, cooked by our Master Chef, Michael Bell. I urge all officers to study their Rituals. This is the most important meeting of the year.

**Welcome**

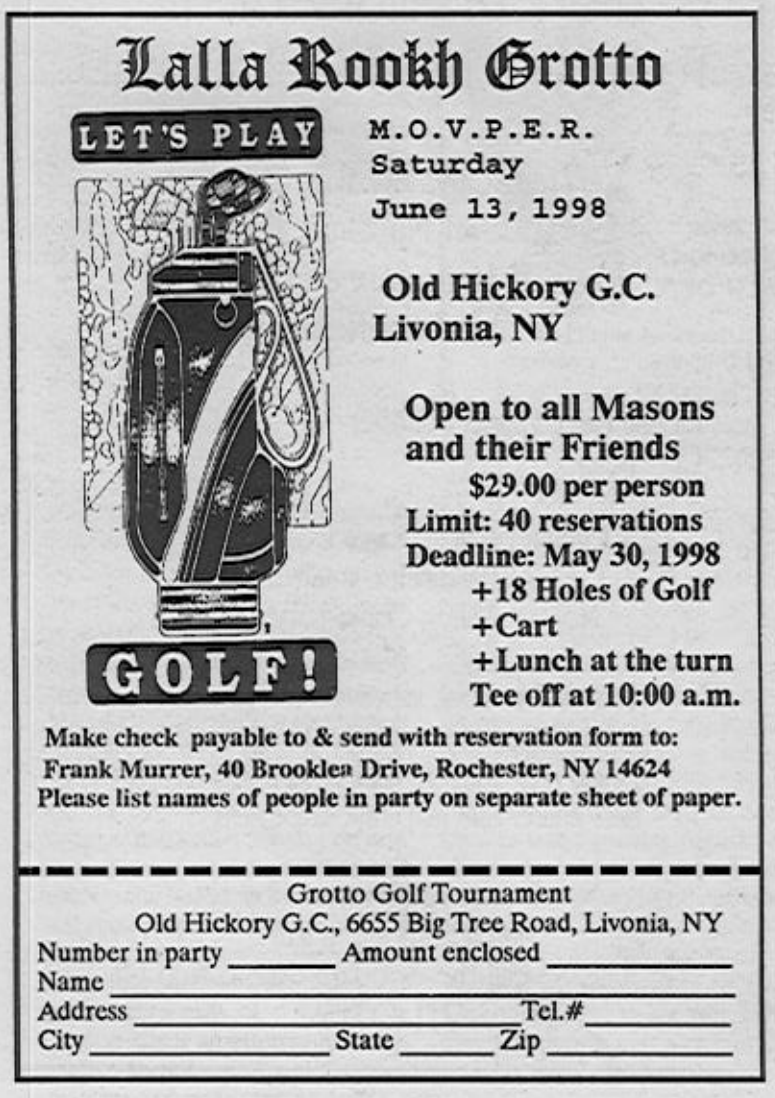
On March 12th we were pleased to welcome Daughter Alida Doud into our midst. I'm sure that she will be a plus to our Caldron.

**Sunshine**

Daughter Pat Slack is having therapy on her right shoulder. Daughter Merline Bueg is still having problems. Daughter Mildred Painton had an operation on her left wrist. She is doing well and hopes to be driving again soon. Hurry and get well, Daughters. We miss you. Please call Daughter Arline Topel with any news, good or bad.

**In closing**

I hope your Easter is warm with sunshine and bright with happiness. ¤




## Masonic Home News

*Continued*

### Acacia Village News

The last few weeks have been busy times for our residents. Presentations included "When The Hop Was King in Central NY", by the Madison County Historical Society; a local college professor discussed Lithuania's history, culture, travel and politics after showing a video; and resident Jeanette Martin gave a slide presentation about her award winning flower garden. On January 31st, the First Oneida Masonic District Team sponsored a Masonic Information Session based on the "Brother Bring-a-Friend" Program. Attendance from the Masonic community and our residents was very good. We all learned something about Masonry making the afternoon very successful.

February was heart month and we put our heart into the 24th "Annual America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk" for the American Heart Association. Accacia Village residents, Staff and friends, 38 in all, ran or walked three to five miles and raised $782,000 for the fight against heart Disease.

**Employees respond**

The call was made...and the Masonic Home's employees answered the call.

Following the news of the widespread damage following the ice storm in Northeastern part of the United States and Canada, the Masonic Home's Department managers responded favorably to a call for action. A flyer was distributed to the Home's employees asking them to donate non-perishable items that could be transported to the local collection point, Wal Mart.

The response was overwhelming! 316 pounds of food items were collected; 22 pounds of personal items; 36 pounds of essentials; 38 pounds of baby products (diapers, etc.); 96 pounds of bottled water; 9 pounds of cleaning supplies; 50 pounds of paper products; 110 pounds of bedding; and 25 pounds of pet food. The total amounts of items collected were 702 pounds in the nine different categories. These items were sorted and packed in 25 boxes and taken to Wal Mart for delivery to those in Northern New York State who were in desperate need.

This is just another example of the fine employees who work at the Masonic Home. Not only do they provide quality care for our residents, but they also are concerned with the welfare of their fellow human beings. Thanks to all who supported this project. You set a fine example for the employees of other businesses.

If you would like more information about Acacia Village, please contact Cindy, the Leasing Coordinator, at 315-798-4775 or 800-593-3353. Ask about the "Try It On for Size" Program. ¤

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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

**Thank you**

Many thanks to Don Rose for chairing the Bring-a-Brother Night on March 20th and to Erwin Newell and Damascus Temple for the excellent meal.

**Feast of the Paschal Lamb**

April's programs start the final flurry of activities that leads to the end of the Masonic year. I highly recommend the Feast of the Paschal Lamb on April 2nd to anyone who hasn't witnessed it before. It is one of the most impressive open-to-the-public Ceremonies that Masonry presents. Brother Paul Moore has worked hard to get it organized. Ill.·. Donald C. Vetal, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of Mohawk Valley Consistory of the Valley of Utica, is the guest speaker.

**Reunion**

We will have six full form Degrees for our Reunion on April 16th and 18th. The 10° and 14° will be conferred on Thursday and the 16°, 18°, 22° and 32° will be on Saturday. This will be the third performance for the newly organized cast of the 22°. They are working to build up their confidence and competence with the hope of eventually being able to take the show on the road.

**Banquet**

Our Annual Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet will be held after the Degrees on Saturday, April 18th, at the Marriott Thruway Hotel. There is no hospitality room. A cash bar will open at 6:30 p.m. and we hope to seat everyone at 7:15 p.m. so that dinner can be served promptly at 7:30 p.m. Brother Paul Moore is the Chairman for this event and has arranged for the George Schiel Trio to provide music for the evening.

**Election of Officers**

The Election of Officers in all four Bodies will be on May 7th. There will be a Public Installation on Saturday, May 9th. Ill.·. Harold L. Aldrich, 33° Active, will be the Installing Officer and Ill.·. Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Deputy's Representative, will be the Installing Marshal. It is my understanding Illustrious Brother Aldrich conducts an impressive Installation Ceremony that is well worth seeing. I am looking forward to it for more than one reason. ¤

## The Feast of the Paschal Lamb

By Paul Moore

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb, a public open Ceremony, will be held on Thursday, April 2nd in Cathedral Hall in the Downtown Masonic Temple. This is one of our most beautiful Ceremonies and it is an excellent opportunity for you to introduce our Craft to your wives, neighbors, and friends. The evening starts with a delicious Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required and may be made by calling the Scottish Rite Office at 271-0715.

There is always confusion regarding what this Ceremony is, or is not.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb is neither the Feast of the Passover nor the Institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, although it commemorates both. The Jewish Feast of the Passover commemorates the escape of the Hebrews from harm, when God, smiting the first born of the Egyptians, passed over the houses of the Israelites whose door posts were marked with blood. This, the blood of the paschal lamb, has symbolized the redemption. For the observance of this feast, Jesus gathered his disciples on the night he was betrayed. In their midst he instituted the sacrament which Christians revere as the Last Supper.

Chapters of Rose Croix observe this beautiful and symbolic representation of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb as a Memorial Service honoring our Brethren who have passed to their eternal reward during the preceding year. In spirit we seem to sense their presence at the Mystic Banquet as we seek to strengthen the ties of Brotherly Love which binds our hearts in holy remembrance.

In the fellowship of kindred minds, we meet to express our faith as symbolically we break the bread, and drink the wine of Fraternal love, becoming aware once more that the only hope of a better world in the simple command of our great Exemplar, "Love one another."

The ordinance establishing the Feast of the Paschal Lamb dates back to an Old Testament narrative, "And this day shall be unto you a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generation, ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever." ¤

## 10°

**Master Elect of Fifteen.**
**Thursday, April 16, 1998**
**7:30 p.m.**

***This degree teaches that a violator of his obligations and commitments will not go unpunished and, further, that excuses, rationalizations, and other evidences of lack of repentance, will very likely increase the severity of the penalties.***

Directed by:
**Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA**
**458-6125)**
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**Members of the Class** ¤

## 14°

**Grand Elect Mason**
**Following the 10°**

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

Directed by:
**Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°**
**(W475-5261, H461-1254)**
**and Thomas O'Leary**
**(288-7381)**
Prologue:
**Robert Franzen**
Thrice Potent Master:
**Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°**
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**Robert E. Cameron**
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**Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA**
Inquisitor:

Moses:
**Bernard F. Russell**
Master of Ceremonies:
**Lawrence K. Canfield**
Guards
**Mathew Gingold, 32° MSA**
**Peter S. Nichols**
**David W. Taber**
**John E. Zabel, 33°**
*Will take part ¤

## 16°

**Prince of Jerusalem**
**Saturday, April 18, 1998**
**9:00 a.m.**

***This Degree teaches loyalty to truth, and fidelity to duty.***

Directed by:
**John E. Zabel, 33°**
**(223-3228)**
Prologue:
**Glenn A. Hedges, 32° MSA**
**Council Chamber in**
**Temple in Jerusalem**
Zerubbabel, Sovereign Prince:

Joshua, High Priest:
**Norman P. Austin**
Seriah, Senior Warden:
**Craig T. Mollon**
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Darius, King of Persia:
**John E. Zabel**
Araspes, Satrap of Babylon:
**Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA**
Artaban, Satrap of Assyria:
**Lawrence K. Canfield**
Bartacus, Satrap of Media:
**Thomas C. Foote or**
***Bruce R. Horncastle**
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**Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA**
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Feast of the Paschal Lamb

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Harry W. Ellender
Prompter:
Donald A. Rose
*Will take part. ¤

## 18°

**Knight of Rose Croix of H.R.D.M. Following the 16°**

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

*This degree affirms the broad principles of universality and tolerance.*

Directed by:
Donald A. Rose (458-9005)
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Philip A. Trautman
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Prologue:

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William R. Zufall
Knight Captain of the Guard:
Eldon N. White
Assisting Voice:
Donald A. Rose
* Will take part. ¤

## 22°

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

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

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

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

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

Directed by:
Charles O. Hancock (223-1850) and
Philip Trautman (394-6976)
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Bernard F. Russell
Master of Ceremonies:

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George T. Gannon
Claude E. Gramse
John F. Hunt
Robert W. Scherberger ¤

## 32°

**Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret Following the 22°**

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

Directed by:
Ronald D. Mertens (482-0994)

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Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA
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William H. Russell, 32° MSA ¤

## 32°

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Charles O. Hancock
Constans:
Craig T. Mollon
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Ronald L. Weber
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Joseph E. Bourcy III
Knight Lodge of Perfection:
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Herald:
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Bruce R. Horncastle
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Rufus:
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## Masonic Q & A

*from "One Hundred One Questions About Freemasonry" (Masonic Service Association)*

Q. Why are Masonic Rituals not the same in all states?

A. Freemasonry came to the United States from several different sources, (England, Ireland, Scotland) and it spread Westward and formed Grand Lodges from Lodges which [came] from the thirteen original colonies. These admixtures of Rituals produced variations which were occasionally increased by... Grand Lodges acting on recommendations of Grand Lecturers and Ritual Committees. In the early days of Freemasonry in the United States many "traveling lecturers" brought their own conceptions of the "true Masonic work" to far areas and taught these. All Rituals are "correct." What a Grand Lodge approves as its Ritual is "correct" for its Lodges. No Rituals in the United States contradict each other.; they vary in words and details, not in the essentials.

Q. What is legal (or lawful) Masonic Information?

A. Legal or lawful Masonic information [with respect to identifying Masons] can be obtained in three ways; "legal Masonic information that Mr. A is a Mason is attained by sitting in Lodge with him; when he is vouched for by someone with whom the Brother has sat in Lodge; when he passes an examination before a committee appointed by the Master (or Grand Master)."

A letter from a friend introducing "Brother A" as a Mason is not legal Masonic information. The real Brother A may have lost the letter and it may be presented by a stranger. No Brother is at liberty to accept a voucher that a man is a Mason by talking on the telephone with one who knows him to be a Mason. Unless in his presence, and that of the man vouched for, no one can know that the Mr. A spoken of over the telephone is the Mr. A in [question]. Only by strict adherence to these principles can Masons be sure that no Cowans or eavesdropper sits in their Lodge. ¤

## Did You Know?

Compiled By
Jay McCullough

●The widow of a Mason may wear his ring unless it violates the penal law. [Supplement to NY Masonic Law 1073, Re-Waddington Lodge 393, 1958]

●The permanent hanging of portraits of living persons in a Lodge room is not permitted by Masonic Law. [Supplement to ML 778, Matter of Tyrian Lodge, 1956]

●All officers may be elected if the by-laws so provide. [Supplement to NY Masonic Law 887, Matter of Syria-Lebanon District 1955]

## Little Known Facts

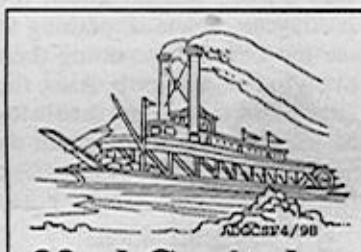
The world's largest pyramid near Puebla, Mexico, is almost a million cubic yards larger than the Egyptian pyramid of Cheops.

The first movie in an airplane was shown in 1929.

Benjamin Franklin suggested setting the clocks ahead an hour, or "Daylight Saving Time", as a joke.

In 1928, Leon Vanderstuyft bicycled 76 miles in one hour.

Legend says, George Washington wanted six pointed stars on our flag, but Betsy Ross convinced him otherwise. ¤



## 22nd Capitular District to Sponsor Keuka Lake Cruise

In conjunction with the 200 Year Anniversary Celebration of the Grand Chapter of New York State, the 22nd Capitular District will sponsor a Luncheon Cruise out of Hammondsport, N.Y. The Cruise vessel, the Keuka Maid, will load at noon on July 11, 1998 and return at 3 p.m. The price will be $22 per person. This is a fundraiser for the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund

In order to fill out the day you may want to visit a local winery or the Curtis Aircraft Museum at Hammondsport. Further information will be made available soon through your local Royal Arch Chapter Secretary or High Priest. There is limited space so, plan to attend this event by sending your check to me, Harvey E. Payne, 16 Beach Road, Lansing, N.Y. 14882-9011.

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# York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
Judas Maccabeus

**District Deputy Grand High Priest**
*Royal Arch Masons*
*29th Capitular District*

R.·.E.·. Daniel N. Evans

### Grand Chapter

Well Companions, Grand Chapter is now a time in history. This was, as you all know, the 200th year. It was something to see the Grand Line doing their thing in colonial garb. Also, the 29th District congratulates M.·.E.·. Edward S. Newsham on becoming the new Grand High Priest of the State of New York.

### Congratulations

Congratulations, too, to E.·. Richard Anderson on his appointment as High Priest of Arcade Chapter No. 322 and at this time congratulate him and Companion Dennis Turton, Sr. on their becoming new members of "The Order of Old Saratoga". They are now entitled to all benefits and privileges of this Ancient Order.

### Chapter years 1798-1998

When visiting the Chapters of the 29th District I will deliver the Grand High Priest's Message. Moving ahead in this 201st year, we must, as the Grand High Priest stated, strive for excellence. It will be up to the High Priest of each Chapter to see that their individual Chapters run smoothly. As you hear many times, the saying, "The Marines need a few good men". We must say we need many good men who are interested in the Craft. By obtaining more good men we can make our Chapters more active and strong.

### Communications

The High Priest of each Chapter will also have to establish the following Committees:

1. Benevolence - a person to handle seals and charities.
2. Publicity Chairman.
3. Membership Chairman.
4. Scholarship Chairman.

The names of your Chapter's Chairpersons must be ready when I make my Official Visit.

The District Deputy will have a team to give aid and assistance to each and every Chapter. A Benevolence Chairman for the District has already been appointed. V.·.E.·. Stephen Licht will assist each Chapter where and when needed.

I am looking forward to another year, hoping that it will be as successful as last year. The Chapters have come a long way in improving the work. However, there is still room for improvement. Don't forget to inform me of what your Chapter is doing so that I might help if needed.

### Degrees

There is a possibility that we may have Spring Degrees. If this is not possible, we will make plans for the Fall. Do not forget my challenge to the High Priest of each District, each Chapter should strive to acquire at least five new members, but not less than three. ¤

**Assistant Grand Lecturer - 29th Capitular District**
V.·.E.·. Stephen Licht

### What's it all about?

"...to dispense Light and Truth to the uninformed Mason...", these words are heard by every York Rite Mason as they are charged in their responsibilities and all too often get lost in the myriad of lectures, charges and obligations presented to and undertaken by us.

Historically, our Royal Craft is fascinating, growing, changing and maturing since the 17th Century. Schisms, unions, revisions and modifications have led to the system of Royal Arch Masonry we now practice. 1724 ushered in major changes in Masonry, with the symbolism of the Master's part, being the legend of *our ancient, operative Grand Master*. A new Degree, that of Master Mason, came into being and admission was opened to Fellows of the Craft, free from the previous restriction limiting admission to those who had previously been installed as a Master of a Lodge.

This innovation, coupled with other modifications in the Craft, gave rise to much more than a simple controversy; it split Freemasonry into two distinct factions. Members of the Fraternity who refused to accept any innovation in the Ritual withdrew from association with those who accepted changes and additions to the early Ritual. The Ancient Grand Lodge introduced the Royal Arch Degree. The faction who would accept no innovations in the Ritual, withdrew and termed their Grand Lodge the MODERN GRAND LODGE. At this juncture it becomes very confusing because of the terminology employed; those who accepted innovations took the name of ANCIENT, whereas those who refused to accept changes took the name MODERN.

1813 was a year of many great Masonic events; besides being at war with Great Britain, Western Star Chapter No. 35, in Batavia, NY, was chartered. Of somewhat greater Masonic significance, the two Grand Lodges, the "Moderns and the Ancients", were combined to form the United Grand Lodge of England. In the interim, both Grand Lodges had exercised "their authority and had chartered Lodges throughout their spheres of influence. Their independent actions gave rise to some jurisdictions being titled "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons", whereas others simply "Free and Accepted Masons". During this era the origins of Prince Hall Masonry may be found. The Articles of Union of the two rival Grand Lodges proclaim: "Pure Ancient Masonry consists of three Degrees and no more, namely: those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellowcraft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch". ¤

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By V.·.E.·. Stephen Licht

Western Star was well represented at Grand Chapter's 200th Convocation in Albany. Your High Priest, accompanied by the King, Captain of the Host, Sentinel and their ladies made the trek East. Many others from the 29th District joined with us to make this Convocation a success. The Thursday Banquet was very much an over capacity crowd.

Friday and Saturday we were treated to seeing our Grand Officers dressed in period clothing. Silk knee breeches, waistcoats and even a powdered wig brought comments of levity from our Most Worshipful Grand Master. Anyone not present to see this sight will have to wait for the video to be released, along with the photographs.

### New regime

Our new Grand High Priest, M.·.E.·. Edward S. Newsham, spoke on striving for excellence in all our endeavors. New Committee Chairmen in each Chapter, as well as the Districts, are being appointed to specific tasks, the goal is to improve our Chapters. An evaluation tool to assess a Chapter's functionality has been developed and will be used to identify problems and take corrective actions.

### Dues

The subject of delinquent dues has plagued us long enough! The Secretary has prepared a listing of those in arrears and you will be contacted. Our dues are only $19.50 for which you were billed in early November. What is the reason for not responding? Certainly if you are financially indisposed at the moment, your Chapter will take appropriate, brotherly action.

From your dues we must pay the Grand Chapter Assessment and your subscription to the **Masonic Times**. This subscription is $4.00 per year if your Symbolic Lodge is not a subscriber. In addition we have operating expenses for postage, printing and meetings. Simply stated, if you are delinquent in paying your dues, correct the situation, please.

### April

April 16th will be a regular convocation at 8:00 p.m. We have been asked to assist in the conferral of Degrees for our Companions in Hornell. As we have all had practice in the Degrees and we have mighty long cabletows to extend, open up your Rituals and refresh your memories. More information will be available shortly. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

The Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner is April 25th at Ripa's Restaurant in Lancaster. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at $19.00 each from the DDGHP; High Priest, R.·.E.·. Jerry Brade; and me. Advance sales only! The Grand High Priest will be present to address the Companions and ladies. The local 1997 scholarship winners have been invited to attend and share their thoughts with us. ¤

**District Deputy Grand High Priest**
*Royal Arch Masons*
*27th Capitular District*

*R.·.E.·. William J. Kuehne*
*671-8774*

Companions, Brethren and friends; Greetings from Grand Chapter! I just returned from Albany and the celebration of our 200th year. I am honored to be able to represent your District for the next year. This being the 200th year, I know it will be a very exciting and busy. There are many activities planned including District-wide events to help celebrate this great occasion. During the coming months I will detail many of these activities including, membership, scholarships, medical research and, of course, don't forget we will take time to have fun and continue our fervency and zeal.

Our District has the honor of having several Grand Chapter Officers including R.·.E.·. Arnold Palmer - Grand King, R.·.E.·. Vern Goodrich - Grand Treasurer, R.·.E.·. Jay McCullough - Grand Master of the 1st Veil, R.·.E.·. Ted Diehl and R.·.E.·. Larry Dunn - Assistant Grand Treasurers, R.·.E.·. Robert Cook - Grand Musician, R.·.E.·. Charles Roberts - Grand Chaplain and R.·.E.·. Richard Oliver - Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

Our newly elected Grand High Priest, M.·.E.·. Edward Newsham delivered a challenging message which I shall carry to the Chapters in the District during the next few months. I will strive to assist you in making the coming year a success for you, your Chapters and our Grand Chapter.

I wish to extend my gratitude to those responsible for my selection to this honorable position. To my predecessor, R.·.E.·. Donald Brugger, our thanks and appreciation for your excellent advice and all your endeavors to make the 27th District the finest in the State! Until next month, remember, success is only second to excellence.

### GC Business

By Don Brugger

At Grand Chapter there were several items that should be of interest to the general membership. Your new Deputy will be discussing these and and more recent developments in the coming months.

### York Rite Unity

R.·.E.·. Arnold Palmer reported on the York Rite Unity Committee. Here are some tentative suggestions that were discussed. 1. First proposed date for a Joint Annual Meeting - 2002. 2. The agenda will probably be Thursday-Friday-Saturday. 3. Each Grand Body would have the same day each year rather than rotate. The most feasible would be Grand Chapter - Thursday, Grand Council - Friday and Grand Commandery-Saturday. 4. The location would, of necessity, have to be central in the State rather than roving; probably in the Syracuse area. Of course numerous details such as banquet times, committee meetings, guest receptions, church services and drills etc., will have to be worked out within and about the overall time frame.

### Scholarships

In conjunction with the Medical Research Foundation, one $1000 scholarship was granted this year. The goal of raising all scholarships to $1000 will have to wait until the Fund tops $200,000. We expect this to happen in the very near future if the Companions continue their generosity. Note from the Grand Secretary: All candidates must submit final College tuition receipts, receive and cash grant checks before December 31 of the year the grant is offered.

### Telephone Cards

The sale of Telephone cards has been below expectations at only 25% of the initial commitment. The Committee will strengthen its actions in order to achieve the splendid goals that some top Chapters have achieved. It can be done. The cards are an excellent product and we have no quality complaints thus far. Let's get behind this effort.

### Ritual Tapes

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introduction by R.·.E.·. John Mauk Hilliard. Hopefully, these tapes will be available soon.

**Bicentennial**

The Bicentennial Committee's work will be completed in 1998. Several events are scheduled. Grand Chapter will participate in the Investiture Service at Utica in June. Many Districts are planning events to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Grand Chapter. In October a class of candidates will be exalted at the Masonic Home with the assistance of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Hopefully the number of candidates will match the age of our Grand Chapter. ¤

R.·.E.·. Larry Dunn, Asst. Grand Treasurer waits in the wings.

R.·.E.·. Jay McCullough, GM 1st Veil outdoing DG Master, R.·.W.·. Stewart McCloud.

M.·.E.·. Charles Reilly discussing important business with immediate Past Grand High Priest, M.·.E.·. C. Richard Trust at the Saturday meeting of Grand Chapter. *(Photos courtesy of Linda Zahn)*

M.·.E.·. Ed Trosin presenting Grand High Priest's Apron to M.·.E.·. Ed Newsham at his Public Installation as the new Grand High Priest.

R.·.E.·. Vern L. Goodrich - Grand Treasurer. The only Grand Officer to wear an authentic costume.

R.·.E.·.Charles Roberts - Grand Chaplain (center), getting installed with other GCs, R.·.E.·. Walter Collins and R.·.E.·. Don Markham.

**Hiram Chapter**
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Does March come in like a lion? The weather has been gentle enough to enable travel for this High Priest and many other Hiram Chapter Companions and their families. The trip to the Grand Convocation of Grand Chapter in Albany is frequently marked with hazardous driving conditions rendering terrible visibility, high winds, large snowfalls and the like: all of the ingredients of early March. In New York State we call that the Winter season!

R.·.E.·. Arnold Palmer - Grand King sporting a scarlet costume.

R.·.E.·. William Kuehne - New DDGHP for the 27th District.

**Grand Chapter**

To the best of my count, if correct, a total of 20 Companions of Hiram Chapter attended the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, RAM, State of New York at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road in Albany.

The Grand Chapter was attended by over 300 Companions, some of whom were dignitaries representing their own state or provincial Grand Chapters. All elections and business during the proceedings went smoothly on Friday, followed by a large banquet that evening. 1998 being the 200th year of RAM activities in our State, this Convocation was indeed lined with numerous references and summaries of our rich legacy in Capitular Masonry; throughout the references of what we treasure and have a right to be proud of was indelibly and repeatedly brought forth to the Companions and visitors. Friday and Saturday saw the Grand Line Officers dressed in period garb of the late 18th Century, reminding us all of the men who bravely took the destiny of our land into their own hands, and who risked everything they had, including their freedom and lives, to create this country and practice their labors, in and out of the quarries.

Oh, well, there was some banter when R.·.E.·. Vern Goodrich walked in and out the the Hospitality Room in his lavender, white and pink, (yes, I said pink) Louis XIV style breeches, wig, tunic, vest and stockings. The Grand King, our own R.·.E.·. Arnold Palmer, was dressed impeccably in a scarlet and white ensemble. The Grand Secretary, M.·.E.·. Charles Reilly, was a close double for Ben Franklin, par excellence. All of this certainly placed our Convocation in the right flavor for the Bi-Centennial.

Saturday found an expedient and efficient Installation of all the Grand Line Officers via the Grand Master of F&AM, M.·.W.·. Earle J. Hino, Jr., and the Deputy Grand Master, R.·.W.·. Stewart C. McCloud. When the Grand Treasurer and the two assistants were installed, the light comedy of the playing of the tunes of "Pennies from Heaven", and "We're in the money", made the moment, as the Grand Master repeatedly commented on R.·.E.·. Vern's garb and how he looked. The two assistants are Hiram's King, R.·.E.·. Lawrence W. Dunn and R.·.E.·. Ted Diehl, affectionately referred to by Grand Master Hino as "cohorts". This was indeed a treasured moment.

R.·.E.·. F. Jay McCullough was appointed as the Grand Master of the 3rd Veil (also in fine 18th garb) and R.·.E.·. Arnold Palmer as Grand King: R.·.E.·. Charles M. Roberts as Grand Chaplain; R.·.E.·. Robert C. Cook as Grand Musician. Elected as District Deputy Grand High Priest was R.·.E.·. William Kuehne for the 27th Capitular District, relieving R.·.E.·. Donald J. Brugger. V.·.E.·. William R. Zufall was re-appointed as the Assistant Grand Lecturer of our District to ensure that we will continue doing a fine job.

In all, a total of 9 members of Hiram Chapter were either elected or appointed to positions in and for the Grand Chapter. Hiram Chapter is certainly quite involved and well represented in Capitular Masonic labors statewide.

**Old Saratoga**

R.·.E.·. William Kuehne of Hiram Chapter, the brand new DDGHP, had experienced being bestowed the Order of Old Saratoga on Friday evening, along with about 20 other candidates. A highly treasured and revered Degree and known for its solemn and sober notes (!?). A total of $500 was raised through the Ritual and presented to the outgoing Grand High Priest, M.·.E.·. C. Richard Trust, during the Saturday morning Grand Chapter meeting, that money being called to the purpose of the RAM Scholarship Fund.

All in all, it appeared that everyone enjoyed the proceedings and social activities and time there was well spent.

**Degrees**

On Thursday, March 12th, Brothers were admitted to receive the Degrees of MMM and PM, conferred in Cathedral Hall at the Downtown Masonic Temple. The subsequent Degrees, MEM and HRA, will be held there on March 30th and April 23rd, respectively. If you are available for assisting in either of these Degrees, please notify me soon, so the Director and I can make the list and plan accordingly.

**Installation Journal for R.·.E.·. Arnold Palmer**

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## Hiram Chapter

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That's it for now. Until next month, take care. ¤


**Grand Council Cryptic Masons State of New York**

R.·.I.·. Stephen A. Licht
Grand Steward


### Symbolism and History of the Degree of Royal Master

By R.·.I.·. Stephen A. Licht, Grand Steward

"This is the first Degree of the Cryptic system and the eighth Degree of the York Rite. The principal characters are Solomon and his royal associates. The Royal Master represents a fellow-craft in search of the ultimate secret of Freemasonry. He finds, however, that the temple in which he has been laboring is the temple of his life and that the ultimate secret can only be disclosed after death and with the erection of the second temple. He must be content with the substitute in the first temple." *i*

"The historical setting of the Royal Master Degree is just before the completion of the Temple and chronologically precedes the Degree of Master Mason. The chief personages therein are our three Ancient Grand Masters and a Fellowcraft in search of and making his demand for that reward which was to elevate him to the rank of Master Mason, and the seeker for more Light, for more Masonic knowledge, will find in the Royal Master the answer to the startling assertion of our Grand Master: "I fear the Master's Word is forever lost."

This Degree is preparatory to and intimately connected with that of Select Master and contains most valuable information necessary to understand correctly all the preceding Degrees. It also presents one great Masonic idea-that of a laborer seeking his reward. That idea is most beautifully symbolized in the Degree of Royal Master, and is appreciated by all candidates, and should actuate all Royal Arch Masons to that proficiency, fervency and zeal that should characterize those who have been exalted to the august and sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason." *ii*

"The Royal Master Degree was first conferred in this country by Thomas Lounds in New York City in 1805. The earliest written record of this Degree is in the minutes of the Columbian Council No. 1 in New York City, on September 10, 1810, when its first meeting was opened on this Degree. The Select Master Degree was initially recorded on December 2, 1821, "Resolved that the fees for the Degree of Select Master be two (2) dollars", and on April 30, 1822, the Constitution reads, "and two dollars for the Select of 27." It is further pointed out that the Royal and Select Master Degrees were first combined in this council during this period." *i*

*i Historical Sketch by William G. Peacher*
*ii History of the Cryptic Rite Vol. 1 by Hinman pp. 667-668* ¤


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If you haven't been to a conclave lately, it's worth a night to see us in action! All of the Knights have worked hard on their tactics. Especially our newest officers, Norm Austin (JW) and Jim MacConnell (SW), who are putting the rest of us to shame. As a member of Batavia No. 34 you can be proud of the fact that both Steve Wing, Past Grand Commander, and Ken Kohlhagen, Zone Commander, say, "Batavia No. 34 looks good! The best Batavia has looked in years!"

**Afghan**

Tickets for the KT Afghan (as advertised in the Knight Templar Magazine) have been printed and were distributed to the Knights at the last conclave. They are $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00. If anyone would like some tickets please contact one of Batavia's Knights or me at 716-637-9318, after 5:00 p.m. ( E-Mail: pegasus@frontiernet.net). You will learn if it is yours at Batavia's Installation on May 28th.

**Inspection**

A Pot Luck Dinner at 7:00 p.m. will precede our Annual Inspection on April 23rd. All Sir Knights and their ladies are encouraged to attend. With a good turnout it will be a very memorable evening! ¤


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**Y'all come**

The Easter Season is upon us and we will celebrate with a special observance on April 6th at 7:45 p.m. This will be an open conclave and we welcome our ladies and guests to attend. Refreshments will be provided by the Schicker Club.

**Vacation time**

As you read this Linda and I should be in Florida on vacation. We plan to walk the beach and do lots of nothing. SK Laszlo Tuczai will assume command. He will also write the article for the May issue of this paper.

**Eye Foundation**

It is not too late to contribute to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Please send your check to John Dudley, 57 Park Rd., Pittsford, NY 14534. Do it now before you forget.

Have a joyous Easter. See you in May. ¤


**Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109**
W.·.Michael G. Batz, Master
(h) 237-2070
(w)346-6067
2nd Tuesday 7:30 P.M.
R.·.W.·. Herbert Spencer, Sec.
271-8577
875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y.
14605-2789


**June meeting**

It will NOT be on the 2nd Tuesday. Details to follow. This is the meeting where we will honor the DSA recipient, W.·. Glenn Stahl, and present the Grand Lodge Service Awards. The dinner and meeting will be open to family and friends.

**May meeting**

Nominating Committee will consist of W.·. Glenn Stahl, R.·.W.·. Herb Spencer, and R.·.W.·. David Clarke. Let them hear from you if you have leadership choices. Nomination, election and installation of officers will take place on May 12th. Please plan to be there for balloting and support. The yearly budget reports will be read at this meeting. We will have a dinner before the tiled meeting with refreshments afterward.

**April meeting**

Fellowship has been great this year in spite of the large numbers of snowbirds who aren't around. Our April meeting program will be R.·.W.·. Paul Gleason reflecting on the parallel activities of Masonry and religion. His presentation is called "Touchstone". There will be a great dinner before the meeting. I hope to see you there.

**Grand Ball**

The Grand Ball on March 28th may be history by the time you get your Masonic Times. If all goes as planned, a great time will be had by all!

**Membership**

We have initiated two men and will be conferring the 2nd Degree at ERAC on Monday, March 23rd and the 3rd at ERAC on Monday, April 27th. Please come out in support.

**Condolences**

Brother Ralph Christ passed away on January 19th and Brother Clarence Conrad on February 23rd. A page has been suitably inscribed, the Altar draped in memoriam, and a donation made to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in their memory. ¤

Give to your Masonic Service Bureau. Sooner is better than later! ¤


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


By Wthy. Barbara Spano

Something to be happy about: Spring lay strewn lightly like a fragrant gauzy scarf upon the earth; the night was a cool bowl of lilac darkness, filled with fresh orchard scents.

Spring greetings from Rt. Wthy. Mary and Rt. Wthy. Jim.

April 18th will find the Sisters and Brothers gathering under Wthy. Debbie Leipold's tent for the Walk-a-Thon at Charlotte Beach. The starting time for this event will be at 9:00 a.m. The Conductress from each Chapter has the information and the sponsor sheets. This is a 5 mile walk. Phew, I'm tired just writing this! If you can't walk, you can still help. Bring your lunch and beverage of choice or visit the hamburg and hot dog stands. Dress accordingly. (I'll be there in my bikini). This will surely be a fun time for all.

**Luncheon**

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron will be visiting us on May 16th at Arena's Party House in Webster. Gathering for the Luncheon is at 11:30 a.m.-lunch is at noon. The cost for the Luncheon is $10.00. The evening schedule is cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m., the meeting is at 8:00 p.m. The cost for the dinner is $18.00. Reservations must be into Chapter Secretaries by April 28th. Please make checks payable to Monroe District OES. Rt. Wthy. Mary asked me to remind all the Line Officers to wear white gowns and gloves. (No...this does not mean the male officers. Tuxedos, please!).

**Reminders**

The State Walk-a-Thon is May 23rd in Olean, NY. Your Chapter Secretary should have all the information on this project. If not, I would suggest you talk to Rt. Wthy. Mary.

Keep the Center for Youth banks circulating in your Chapters.

Peaches II will meet March 31st at 7:30 p.m. at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in Penfield. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The 1998 Line Officers will meet April 4, 1998 at Clio Lodge Hilton at 10:00 a.m. Henrietta and Rochester Chapters will host the coffee and goodies. Please bring your Rituals and Constitutions.

On April 19th there will be a Breakfast Buffet at Clio Lodge sponsored by Leah Chapter. This will start at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 1:00 p.m. (or until they run out of food). The cost for the Buffet is $4.00. I am sure this will be a most enjoyable breakfast, as we know there are a lot of excellent cooks in Leah Chapter.

(back) Rt. Wthy. Dee Seeley, Rt. Wthy. Marie Knittel, Rt. Wthy. Martha Loomis. (Seated) Rt. Wthy. Mary Hall-District Deputy Grand Matron and Rt. Wthy. James Spencer-District Grand Lecturer.


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**Official Visits**

Oatka Chapter No. 320-Thurs., April 16th at 8:00 p.m.

Germania Chapter No. 72-Mon., April 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Nola Chapter No. 368-Tues., April 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Charlotte Chapter No. 507-Mon., April 27th at 8:00 p.m.

Henrietta Chapter No. 475-Wed., April 29th at 7:30 p.m.

If there are any Chapters out there that would like information included in future articles, please let me know. Call me at 244-1530 or send it to me in the mail at 92 Lansdale St., Rochester, NY 14620-1530.

To live is to love, to love is to live.

Until next time, I wish you peace. ¤

## NOLA Chapter No. 368

*Order of the Eastern Star*

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

Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff
Matron
Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings
Secretary

20 South Main Street
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Wthy. Avis Theis

**Happy Spring**

Summer, Winter, Fall. Spring stands for life and rebirth, so perhaps you're the best of all.

**Concerns**

We send our best to Brother Enid Parry, who is ill in Florida and send our prayers to him and wife, Wthy. Jane. We hope Wthy. Bernie Riley is better after a few days in the hospital.

**Meetings**

Master Masons Night will be April 7th. Design and wear your Easter bonnet to this meeting!

There will be a rehearsal on April 19th at 2:00 p.m. in the Lodge room.

April 21st is Official Visit.

Remember your dues.

**A Church in need**

The Churchville Methodist Church has serious repair problems due to age and weather. This lovely old church has a small group of members, some of whom are members of Nola Chapter. We will decide soon what we can do to help this worthwhile project. If you can help, I am sure the church people will be very grateful.

"Dear Lord, my God, how great Thou art".

A blessed Easter from Nola. ¤

## Webster Chapter No. 171

*Order of the Eastern Star*

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

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Rt. Wthy. Faythe Mattern,
Matron
594-4449
Wthy. Donna Hiler, Sec.
315-524-3439

30 Orchard Street
Webster, New York

March 3rd was Master Masons Night at Webster Chapter No. 171. We enjoyed a hearty tureen supper followed by entertainment by Rick Huff and Anna Worden. Rick and Anna enlightened us on etiquette during the Civil War era. A short "open" meeting followed at which time our guests were recognized. There was a nice display of historical information which was prepared by Wthy. Joy Woodley, Wthy. Helen Fordham, Rt. Wthy. Marion Neuert, Sister Beth Hinkston and Sister Judy Pizzo. Thank you very much for your efforts in pulling this together. Rt. Wthy. Marion, thank you for making some of your gowns available. The "sweet" favors were prepared and donated by Wthy. Ruth Peck.

**99th Birthday!**

On March 17th we celebrated the 99th Birthday of Webster Chapter. A dinner and birthday cake formed the celebration at the Nutcracker Restaurant in Webster. Celebrants of 25 and 50 years of membership were honored at this event.

**Sickness and distress**

At this time our list consists of Don Pinkney, Ruth Ballard, Gordon and Marion Thompson, Bonnie Vandelinder, Dorothy Towne, Kathy McLymond and Gertrude Noble.

Erva Smith passed away on March 10th. Erva was a 69 year member of Webster Chapter and was a Past District Deputy in 1950. Her many years of distinguished service will be remembered by all whose lives she touched. Our condolences have been sent to her family.

Please keep these Sisters and Brothers in your thoughts and prayers.

**Next meeting**

The next regular business meeting is scheduled for April 7th at 8:00 p.m. Officers should wear street dress. ¤

## Rochester Chapter No. 314

*Order of the Eastern Star*

Wthy. Evelyn Ann Heller
Matron 621-5737
Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens
Secretary 482-0994

First Saturday
7:30 P.M.
*875 East Main Street*
*Rochester, N. Y. 14605*

Sister Phyllis Prill, who had knee replacement surgery, should be back home by the time you read this. Sister Kay Strassner has returned home after her recent hospitalization. Please remember these Sisters with cards and prayers. If there is any other sickness or distress, please contact the Secretary or me.

**Join us**

Our Birthday Banquet will be on Sunday, May 3rd, at the Maplewood Inn on East Avenue. We will gather at 5:00 p.m. and eat at 5:45 p.m. The choices are London Broil, Chicken Marsala, and Boston Style Filet of Haddock. Reservations need to be in to Barbara Spano no later than April 23rd. It will be a fun evening; please join us.

**Reminders**

Please remember to save your Campbell Soup products labels for the Eastern Star Day Care Center. If you have any, get them to the Worthy Matron, who will get them to the proper person. Also, save your canceled stamps and get them to the Worthy Matron. Those are also used towards the Grand Matron's projects.

Once again, remember, "Set a Stoot Hert to stay Brac", the harder the task, the more determination is needed. ¤

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Saturday, April 18-8:00 p.m.
Fri. and Sat. April 24 and 25-8:00 p.m.
Sun. April 19 and 26-2:00 p.m.

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For more information, call Debbie Leipold at 647-3550 or EvyAnn Heller at 621-5737

## HiLights

*Order of the Eastern Star*

Genesee-Wyoming District

Rt. Wthy. Charlotte Barnard, DDGM

Rt. Wthy Norman Steinbaugh DGL

Our Chapter Installations of Officers have all been completed. Scheduled Official Visits will be as follows:

1. Arcade Chapter No. 337, Masonic Temple, Arcade, Thursday, April 2nd at 8:00 p.m.
2. Centennial No. 299, Warsaw, NY, Monday, April 6th, at 8:00 p.m.
3. Thorpe Chapter No. 462, Attica, NY, Tuesday, April 21st at 8:00 p.m.

**Correction from March issue**

Lucky Number Fun Night will be April 25th at the Perry Masonic Temple. Dinner tickets will be available at our next Study Club Meeting.

**Reminder**

Perry Chapter No. 497 and Constellation Lodge No. 404 will combine efforts for everyone's enjoyment (young and old). A Swiss Steak Dinner at the Perry Masonic Temple on Sunday, March 29th at 12 noon 'til, is planned. Tickets are available in advance or may be purchased at the door for: adults, $6.50 and children are $4.00.

Come and enjoy! ¤

## Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay

1st & 3rd Fridays
Charlotte/Corinthian Temple
4550 Lake Ave.

*Master Councilor*
**Peter DuBois**
637-3276

*Chapter Dad*
**Jeff Wood**
342-1947

We have done many things during February and March and are getting ready to dive into April. Master Councilor, Peter DuBois, is going in the right direction after a shaky start. We had a dance at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge for Valentine's Day and helped with the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign.

In March, three new members joined our Order. Josh Burke finally received his DeMolay Degree and Jeff Copeland and Daniel VanOrden joined us in our work. During this initiation, David Gorall brought in his 9th and 10th members, which will give him the Blue Honor Key.

We went to Lead-Con in Utica for training by the State Executive Committee on how to be better in our area with membership, etc.

**April**

We will be attending the Frontier Region Ball in April, which will be held in Webster at the Damascus Temple at 5:30 p.m. There is going to be a dinner and dancing until 1:00 a.m. The cost is only $15.00 per person.

We are also looking to be starting new Chapters in Livonia and Orchard Park. Dave Gorall and Tom Klusek (State Ritual Deacon) are currently working on a Frontier Region Ritual Competition as well. The future is so bright for us, we have to wear shades!

**Help needed**

On a sad note, State Chapter Dad, Craig Henderson and his wife, are in Boston right now. They had a baby girl eight weeks premature and there were many problems along the way. They need your help paying for the expenses of the hospital bills, and hotel costs. Dad Henderson is a very important person to us and has contributed so much time, money and effort to DeMolay. This is our turn to help him.

Please contact either Dave Gorall at 458-5255 or Michael Staub at 342-1947 for the information on where to send the money. Please help and thanks for your support.

Rochester Chapter is also organizing a fundraiser to help them. Master Councilor, Pete DuBois, and Chapter Sweetheart, Lisa Hughes, are currently working on this.

If you want any information about who we are or what we do, please give us a call: Jeff Wood (Rochester Chapter Dad and Advisor of the Year Winner)-342-1947; Mike Staub (Area 5 Governor, New York State DeMolay)-342-1947; Dave Gorall (Frontier Region Councilor)-458-5255; Pete DuBois (Rochester Chapter Master Councilor)-637-3276 and Lisa Hughes (Rochester Chapter Sweetheart)-266-5702. ¤

## Attention! Attention! Attention!

*You are cordially invited to attend the New York State DeMolay Frontier Region Ball*

*Time to dust off those dancing shoes and kick loose!*

**Date: April 4th, 1998**
**Gathering - 5:30 p.m.**
**Dinner - 6:00 p.m.**
**Dancing - until**

**Price: $ 15.00 per Person**
**Place: Damascus Mosque**
**979 Bay Road, Webster, NY**
**For tickets or information call: Dave Gorall 458-5255 or Dad Staub 342-1947**

## *In Memoriam*

### *February*

**Goldstein, Mortimer**
Mortimer was a member of Flower City Lodge No. 910 when he passed away on February 20th. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, children and grandchildren.

**McConnell, Lloyd E.**
A 1946 Master of Northfield Lodge No. 426, Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of New York in 1951-52, Lloyd joined the Great Architect above on February 21st. Survivors include his children, 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**Conrad, ClarenceE.**
Death claimed Clarence on February 23rd. He was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 and Lalla Rookh Grotto. He is survived by his daughter, grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Thomas, Howard M.**
Howard was 64 years old when he died at his Winter home in Florida on February 24th. A member of Clio Lodge No. 779, he is survived by his wife, Ruth, children and 7 grandchildren.

### *March*

**Miller, Ralph F.**
A member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Ralph entered into eternal rest on March 9th. He is survived by his wife, Eleanore and 2 sons.

**Smith, Erva W.**
A 69 year member of Webster Chapter No. 171 and a Past District Deputy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of New York, Erva died March 10th. She is survived by many family members.

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

**Kaul, Clayton**
A member of Towpath Lodge No. 163 and a resident of Florida, Clayton passed away February 14th.

**Tugman, Robert C.**
Robert was a member of Rochester Consistory and resided in Portland, Oregon.

**Scharett, Mildred B.**
Webster Chapter No. 171 lost another member with the passing of Mildred on January 28th at the age of 90. She was a resident of Florida. ¤

# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

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| Apr. 29 | Philalethes Annual Feast Downtown Temple |
| May 4,5 | Grand Lodge Annual Comm., New York City |
| May 15 | Area Joint Investiture |
| Jun. 6 | Triluminar Golf District Tournament |
| Jun. 10 | Finger Lakes Chapter Philalethes/Service Bureau Jim Kelly DeWitt Clinton Award/Hunter's Hope Benefit Dinner, Diplomat Party House |

## Attention!!

The Jim Kelly Dinner, sponsored by the Philalethes Finger Lakes Chapter and the Masonic Service Bureau, for the benefit of "Hunter's Hope", (Krabbes Disease Research Fund) has been postponed until June 10th, Diplomat Party House.

The Philalethes Annual Feast will take place as planned April 29th, speaker to be announced.

Save the Date!

**Fifty - Seventh Interfaith Service & Breakfast**

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau
Sunday, October 4, 1998
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Monroe County Sheriff Andrew P. Meloni
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| Olive Branch | |
| Arcade | |
| Shrine | |
| Valley/Simes | 3/16 |
| Seneca | 3/14 |
| Etolian | 3/16 |
| Warsaw | 3/16 |

The Deadline for the May issue is: April 9, 1998

If you see your Lodge name here, call your Master; whatever you like!

## Eating Out

Apr. 3 Spaghetti Dinner, Webster Lodge, Webster, NY
Apr. 10 Fish Fry, Oakland Lodge, 10 N. Main St., Castile, NY
Apr. 17 Fish Fry, Genesee/Wyoming District, Attica Lodge, 39 Main St. 4:30 - 7 p.m.
Apr. 15 Spaghetti Dinner, Clio Lodge, East Ave, Hilton, NY 4 - 7 p.m.
Apr. 25 Ox Roast , Clio Lodge, East Ave. Hilton, NY.
Apr. 25 Smorgasbord, Lalla Rookh Caldron, Roch. Temple.

She's got talent and personality. Give me two years and I'll make her an overnight star. *(Harry Cohn, Hollywood producer)*

## Program Speakers

Donald Brugger
"The Masonic Times, A Short History and Profile"
(w) 473-4351, (h) 458-6125
Vernon Goodrich
"The Masonic Service Bureau"
"Financial Planning"
(h) 377-0367, (w) 473-4351
Sion (Ted) Honea III
Various Masonic Subjects
288-5513
William Lindsay
Various Masonic Topics
621-3573
Grant Romer
"Solomon's Temple"
"Masonic aspects of the Great Pyramid"
(h) 242-0619, (w) 271-3361
William Schencke
"55 Alive Program"
254-0729
William Zufall
"The Morgan Affair"
271-0795

If you have expertise in a particular subject or know of anyone who has, why not let us know so we can add your/their name to our speakers register.

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Wed., April 1
Theater Works
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Fri. & Sat. Apr. 3 & 4
Piano Recital
8:00 p.m.

Wed., Thur. & Sun., Apr. 8, 9 & 12
Gospel - Lee
(Possible)

Sat., Apr.18
Oldies
(No times available)

Tues. thru Sun, Apr. 21 - 26
Dream Girls
Tue. - Fri. - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. - 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.
Sun. - 2:00 & 7:30 p.m.

Tue. Apr. 28
Theater Works
(No times available)

## Volunteers

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# Calendar April 1998

○ Masonic Times Special Deadline

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1<br>Attica<br>Damascus Shrine | 2<br>Scottish Rite Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony - Dinner<br>April Fool's Day | 3<br>Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5 - 7 p.m. 30 Orchard Street Webster, NY<br>Fish Fry - Hesperus, Bergen - 5-7p.m. | 4<br>KT - Western Regional Seminar - 9:00 a.m.<br>Rochester Chapter, OES<br>Nile Installation |
| 5<br>Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner April 15 East Avenue - Hilton 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. | 6<br>West Star - Varysburg<br>KT - Cyrene/Monroe<br>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy<br>Shrine Lunch Club | 7<br>Charlotte/Corinthian - 3°<br>Clio - Hilton - 3°<br>Craftsman/Robertson<br>Oakland - Castile<br>Towpath - E. Rochester<br>Warsaw - BAF<br>OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster | 8<br>Service Bureau Luncheon<br>Churchville<br>Oatka - Scottsville<br>Triluminar - Pike<br>OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia | Times Deadline 9<br>Eagle Valley - Bliss<br>Flower City<br>KT - Batavia<br>RAM - Hiram<br>Lalla Rookh Caldron | 10<br>Oakland Lodge - Fish Fry<br>Good Friday | 11<br> <br>Passover |
| 12<br> <br>Easter | 13<br>ERAC - E. Rochester<br>Etolian<br>Fairport<br>Mt. Vernon<br>Union Star - Honeoye Falls<br>Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield<br>RAM - Arcade<br>OES - Mary Jane Holmes<br>Shrine Lunch Club | 14<br>Batavia<br>Craftsman/Robertson - FC<br>Fame - Irondequoit<br>Monroe - Brockport<br>Seneca - Webster<br>Valley/Simes<br>RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming | 15<br>Attica<br>Olive Branch - LeRoy<br>Grotto<br>RSM - Doric Council - SM Degree - OV | 16<br>Constellation - Perry<br>Hesperus - Bergen<br>Northfield - Pittsford<br>Webster<br>RAM - Western Star, Batavia<br>Scottish Rite Reunion | 17<br>G/W District Fish Fry, Attica<br>Orthodox Holy Friday | 18<br>Scottish Rite Reunion 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.<br>Fairport - 3°, 11:00 a.m. |
| 19<br>All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast - Warsaw Lodge 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.<br> <br>Orthodox Easter | 20<br>West Star - Varysburg<br>KT - Cyrene/Monroe<br>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy<br>Shrine Lunch Club | 21<br>Charlotte/Corinthian Table Lodge<br>Craftsman/Robertson - 3°<br>Clio - Hilton-1°<br>Germania - Irondequoit<br>Towpath - E. Rochester<br>Valley/Simes - FC<br>Warsaw<br>OES - Nola, Perry, Webster | 22<br>Churchville - 3°<br>Oatka - Scottsville<br>Triluminar - Pike<br>OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia<br>Earth Day<br>Secretary's Day | 23<br>Eagle Valley - Bliss<br>RAM - Hiram<br>KT - Batavia | 24<br>Past Masters Supper Club | 25<br>Widows Luncheon Logan's Party House<br>Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner Ripa's, Lancaster<br>Ox Roast - Clio Lodge,Hilton<br>Warsaw Lodge - Child I.D., 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.<br>Caldron Smorgasbord, DTT |
| 26 | 27<br>Etolian - 3°<br>ERAC - E. Rochester - 3°<br>Fairport<br>Mt. Vernon<br>Union Star - 2°<br>Wakan/Hubbard - 3°<br>RAM - Arcade<br>OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes<br>Shrine Lunch Club | 28<br>Arcade<br>Batavia<br>Fame - Irondequoit<br>Monroe - Brockport<br>Valley/Simes<br>RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming<br>OES - Leah | 29<br>Annual Feast, Finger Lakes Chapter, Philalethes Downtown Temple | 30<br>Hesperus - Bring-A-Friend | 1998 MARCH 1998<br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7<br>8 9 10 11 12 13 14<br>15 16 17 18 19 20 21<br>22 23 24 25 26 27 28<br>29 30 31 | 1998 MAY 1998<br>1 2<br>3 4 5 6 7 8 9<br>10 11 12 13 14 15 16<br>17 18 19 20 21 22 23<br>24 31 25 26 27 28 29 30 |