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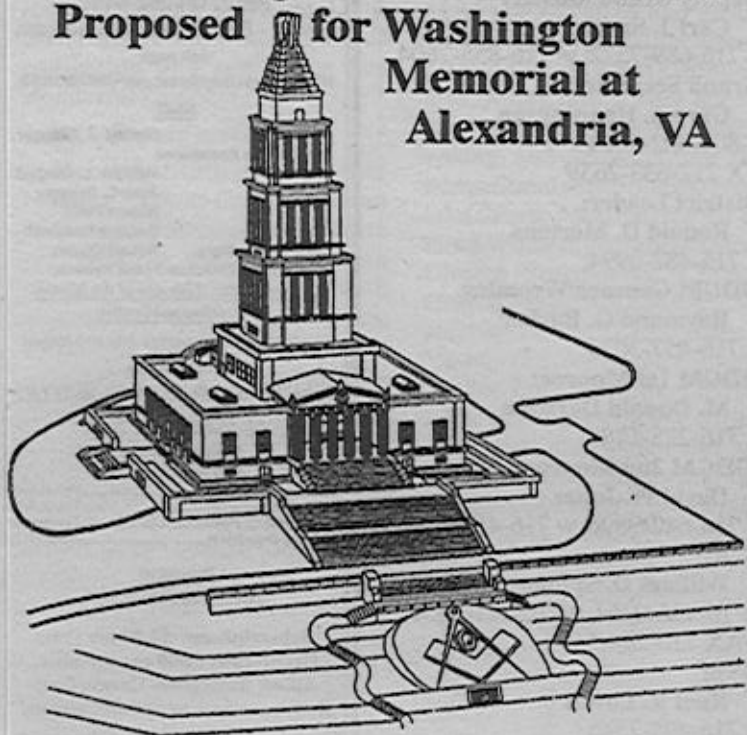
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World's Largest Masonic Emblem Proposed for Washington Memorial at Alexandria, VA



By Robert Fryer, Chairman,
G.W.M.N.M.A.
The year 1999 is destined to be a memorable one for Freemasonry in the United States. Next year, December 14th, will mark the 200th Anniversary of the passing of George Washington to the

Celestial Lodge. As a visible token of our esteem and respect for him, the Grand Lodges of the United States have approved having the largest Masonic Emblem [ever] erected on the grounds in front of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.
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Address to the Inter-faith Breakfast Meeting

By C. Padmanabh Kamath, MD
Dear Masons, Ladies and Gentlemen

This indeed is a great honor for me to be recognized by the Masonic Service Bureau with this Award. This will be a memorable day for me and my family. While receiving recognition was never an objective of volunteering, I realize that such Award Ceremonies are important, and draw attention of the society to the causes with which the awardee is associated.

Therefore, let me briefly tell you about the three main causes that I have been associated with.

First, the Faith Community Health Awareness Center, now
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MMRL Scientists Receive \$475,000 NIH Grant

Study for Deadly Hereditary Heart Syndromes

Scientists at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) in Utica, have been awarded a \$475,000 grant for research into heart disease. The grand award from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will provide four years of research support.

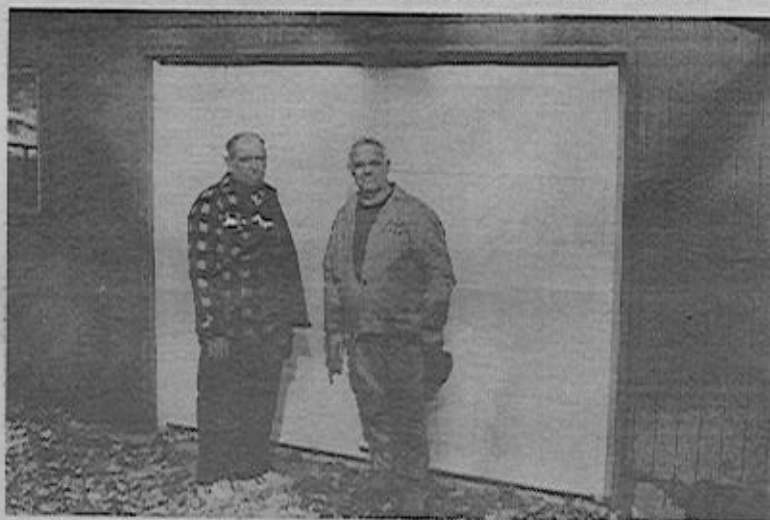
The chief aim of the grant is to understand how and why the sympathetic nervous system (responsible for the fight or flight response) contributes to the development of life threatening abnormal rhythms of the heart (arrhythmias) in individuals born with a congenital defect known as

the Long QT Syndrome. Scientists will use sophisticated molecular biology techniques to disable certain genes and introduce others to probe the basis for the deadly influence of the sympathetic nervous system in this congenital disease. The information garnered should lead to better diagnosis and a more definitive approach in the pharmacologic and electrical management of patients with the Long QT Syndrome.

The experimental cardiology team at the Laboratory has attracted the attention of the world scientific community with the development of experimental models for the Brugada syndrome as well as the Long QT syndrome, two hereditary syndromes which often take the life of children and young adults in the prime of their lives.

Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research of the MMRL indicated that "this grant will enable us to move ahead full steam in the development of better diagnostic and therapeutic measures for individuals afflicted with either syndrome".

Volunteers Improve Camp Demolay, You Could Be in This Picture!



Brother Richard Vaughn and W.: Richard Snyder, members of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109, admiring garage door they installed in the lower building to be used as the new equipment storage garage at Camp DeMolay.

The two Brothers have volunteered over 150 hours each to

bring the Camp back into good condition for use by Masons and area youth.

Volunteers are needed to help with future improvements and should contact Bill Hook at 671-6452 or Richard Snyder at 342-2419. Work days are no longer than 6 hours - 9 am - 3 pm.

Summer Internship a Success

Nine local area college and high school students were provided a valuable opportunity to participate in the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory Summer Fellowship Program this year. The 10 week program permits students of the life sciences direct involvement in research projects under staff guidance in the fields of experimental cardiology, immunology, and molecular biology. Over 375 students have participated in the Summer

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Charlotte/Corinthian "Cooks" for Bears



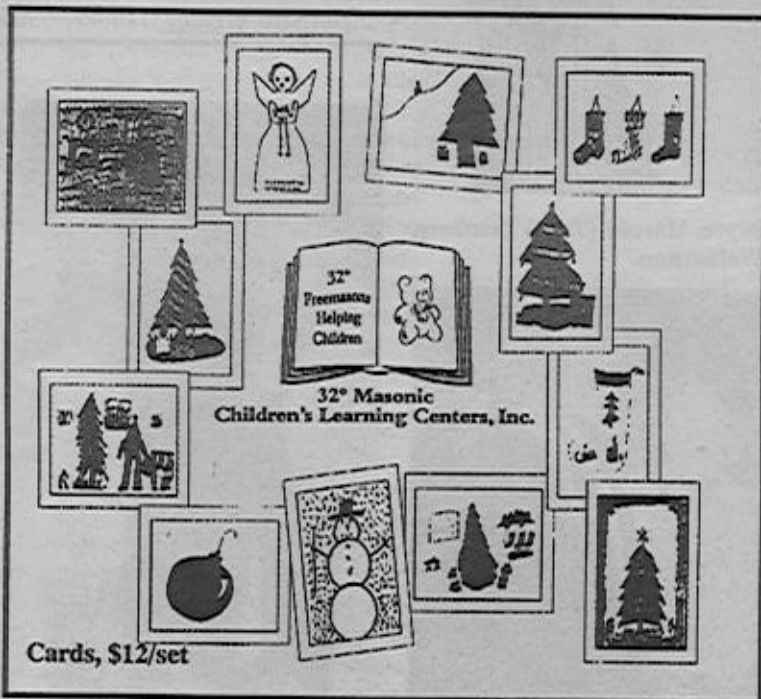
Officers Eric Smith and Ron Chabot with W.: Andy Alvarez showing some of the Bears collected at the Charlotte/Corinthian "Teddy Bear" Spaghetti Supper.

The Deadline for the January issue is December 10th!

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Scottish Rite Christmas Cards



Cards, \$12/set

Pictured are some of the Christmas Cards designed by the students of "32° Masonic Children's Learning Centers". Cards are available in the Scottish Rite Office for your purchase. Proceeds go toward the funding of the Centers which provide free quality state-of-the-art-remedial education to dyslexic children.

Appeal for Relief El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua

By Richard Fletcher, Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Association of North America

The tragedy that struck Central America through the destruction of Hurricane Mitch is well known to everyone. It is considered to be the worst storm in more than two hundred years to strike that area.

In an attempt to help our Brethren and their families in these stricken countries an urgent appeal for funds is being put out on their behalf. You may send funds to the MSA designated for one or more of the countries or if the funds are undesignated, they will be divided equally between the four Grand Jurisdictions.

Please make checks payable to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund and send to 8129 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785.

Thank you very much for your help!

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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Communications

Here comes another in a series of communication related essays.

In flyers and advertisements for Lodge and District events there is usually a telephone number or address listed relating to that specific event.

I am sure that we are all aware of the fact that each event, whether Lodge or District, has its particular chairman/committee and it is not always the same person or persons. Therefore, when requested to call a specific person for a reservation or send a reservation to a particular person or address, be courteous enough to follow instructions. It is important that the individual get your reservation first hand. This makes the job more manageable and avoids duplication and omission.

It makes no difference whether you are a life-long friend or relative of the Master, Secretary or member of an organization, don't rely on or expect anyone to make a reservation for you. This is especially bothersome if you are requested to pay in advance. And make sure that the check is made out to the proper person or organization as instructed.

So-o, exhibit a little Brotherly love and follow instructions, it will save someone a lot of extra work and hassle and your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

Deadline

Perhaps I was slightly remiss in not flagging the December deadline change. You authors will have to watch for these changes.

Expect that when a holiday falls late in the month (i.e. Thanksgiving, Christmas) that the deadline for the succeeding month's issue, will be early. The reason for this is simple. The Staff at the Times likes to enjoy the holidays like everyone else. If this involves travel, it is much better to get where you want to go before the holiday has passed. By-the-way, we will still accept copy before the deadline. Your cooperation is earnestly solicited in this matter. Thank you.

We, at the Masonic Times, wish for you and yours a wonderful, joyous and safe Holiday Season. ☐

"Nothing means nothing, but it isn't really nothing because nothing is something that isn't."

Darryl Dawkins

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The Officers, Directors and Staff of the Masonic Service Bureau wish each and everyone of you a most enjoyable Holiday Season and may your New Year be blessed. May the spirit of love, caring and joy that you feel during this time of year continue throughout the new year.

Would you be willing to give one half of one percent of your time? That's only one morning a month, to help clean and repair our medical equipment in the Loan Closet. Lately, Don Brugger, besides being the Editor of the Masonic Times, has been the only person working on the equipment. As things stand now,

if he were to become ill, we might have to shut down the Loan Closet for the lack of cleaning and repairing. Come, step up to the plate, it's your turn at bat. "If it's to be, it is up to me". ☐

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

Al Sigi Center Walkathon

This annual fundraiser was held at Marketplace Mall on Sunday morning, November 1st. It was a huge success. There were hundreds of people participating. The Al Sigi Center received a total amount of over \$70,000!

Our volunteers on behalf of the Masonic Service Bureau were: The Magicians, including Harold Bollotin and two fellow members of the local Chapters of the Society of American Magicians and the International Magicians, Professor Rem and Bob Williams were there, as well as, the Shrine Clowns, John "Haji" Bryce, Robert "Bubba" Folts, Harold "Trax" Feinberg, and Al "Uncle Al" Pulcino.

My fellow magicians and the clowns did a great job in entertaining the adults and children. I thank everyone. A special thank you to "Haji", President of the Shrine Clowns, for providing the services of the clowns.

No other Community Service events are scheduled at this time. ☐



Harold Bollotin, Magician Professor Rem and Bob Williams with three "walkers" at the Walkathon. (Photos courtesy Harold Bollotin)



Robert (Bubba) Folts, John (Haji) Bryce, Harold (Trax) Feinberg and three fans at the Al Sigi Center Walkathon.



Harold Bollotin, Cora Paglia, John Dudley, Sylvia Bollotin and Tom Paglia on a regular October Ward visit at the CVA Medical Center.

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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.	80
Bed (Acces.)	2
Canes	102
Commodos	90
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Walkers	187
Wheelchairs	120
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Professor Korne and Mr. Harry Ape with an unidentified fan at the Al Sigi Walkathon.

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Masonic Emblem

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This emblem will be dedicated on Saturday, June 26, 1999 to commemorate this occasion.

The drawing indicates where the emblem will be constructed. It will be approximately 60 feet wide and 70 feet long and rest at a 33° angle on an earthen berm located between the twin sidewalks that extend down the terrace to Kings Street and Callahan Drive. It will be constructed of reinforced concrete, colored and textured to resemble the New Hampshire "Pink Conway Granite" of the Memorial Building. A Dedication Plaque will be mounted at the base listing those contributing significantly to its construction.

There will be a clear view of the main street of Alexandria which extends from the Potomac River to the Memorial. From the air, the emblem will be visible to travelers from the multitude of airplanes that fly in and out of Washington National Airport each day.

History

The George Washington National Memorial was dedicated on May 15, 1932 as an expression of our Fraternity's faith in the principles of civil and religious liberty and responsive government. These attributes were exemplified in the life of our country's first President and Charter Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22, George Washington. This Memorial with its magnificent Memorial Hall displaying a 17 foot high bronze statue of George Washington and granite columns, the replica Room featuring an outstanding collection of Washington memorabilia, the Library and Museum stands as a living memorial of George Washington's life and leadership. The Memorial came into being not by government taxation, but as a farewell offering of the Masons from every State in the Union. It is still supported and maintained by the Grand Lodges of all 50 states.

The Committee

The Memorial Committee was established by Grand Lodge to encourage New York State Masons to financially support the Memorial's operations. A video tape of the Memorial is available for Lodges and other Masonic Organizations. A color brochure (limited quantity) describing the Memorial is also available. Donations to the Memorial can be made by check payable to the "G.W.M.N.M.A." and sent directly to the George Washington Memorial Association, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA. 22301-2001.

Merry Christmas &



A Happy New Year!

Financial Planning Solutions

Gerald J. Glaser
716-442-5825

[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].

Here are some suggestions on how to cope with stock market turmoil.

Before I do that, remember my column for last month, where I discussed the best way to handle crazy markets? Just look at what happened to the market this month. I'm sure that a lot of you who were patient, feel a lot better this month.

1. Shun the emotional knee jerk reactions to big market moves, up or down. Make even handed decisions between dumping and chasing securities after big weeks. If the market is dropping, and everyone is dumping stocks, panic is understandable, but it usually is a mistake to follow a panicking herd. Over time, the stock market as a whole has moved upward, recovering from even the sharpest corrections. In the 753 ten year periods from January, 1926 to August, 1998, the market has been positive 96% of the time. Even better, the S&P has not had a negative ten year period in 84% of these periods, the S&P return has exceeded, often substantially, what you could have earned in a bank.

2. Take the long view. Even the experts have great trouble getting their market timing right, so individual investors should not expect to do any better. Successful investing means keeping along term perspective rather than trading in and out of the market. Remember that the power of compounding is great! An average of a ten per cent return will double your investment in just over seven years.

3. Consult your financial adviser. Just as you would call a doctor if you are concerned about your health, seek advice from a professional when financial matters are troubling you. Investment decisions can have serious consequences, and it is well worth getting counseling before taking action. Ask a friend or colleague for a recommendation, or consult your local listing of financial advisers.

The information in this column comes from David D. Tripple, President of Pioneer Investment Management, and he has my sincere thanks.

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

Maybe it was better left in the mattress!

Safe Deposit Box. The phrase has an assurance to it. Place a valuable in the box and sleep easy. Even if it's stolen, the bank has to make good your loss. Why else would you rent a box, but for peace of mind?

What if the coin or currency you placed in your safe deposit box were stolen? Would the bank have to make good its loss?

No!

Why?

Look at the safe deposit box rental agreement you signed when you first rented the box.

Does it say anything about cash? Probably not. But look, you say! The agreement clearly says that this box is leased for the purpose of keeping securities, jewelry, precious gems and metals, and valuable papers.

You are right, but does the rental agreement say anything about storing cash? Probably not. Since it doesn't, then the bank has no liability if your box were "rifled" and cash were stolen from it.

"Valuable paper"

Recently a gem dealer in NYC ran into such a situation. Cash, gems and other items worth approximately \$2,000,000 were missing from his safe deposit box. He sued, claiming \$170,000 in cash was missing. The bank responded that while it was liable for the missing gems and other valuable papers, it wasn't responsible for the missing cash. The gem dealer argued that cash is "valuable paper", as that term was used in the agreement. On that basis, he argued, the bank was responsible.

The law in New York is that cash is not the same thing as valuable paper, as that term is commonly understood when renting a safe deposit box. Therefore, our gem dealer is out of luck.

You're not keeping any cash in a safe deposit box, are you? □

VAMC
Canandaigua, NY
Harold Bollotin, Reporter

Events

Sunday, November 15th, was our regular ward visit.

Tuesday, December 8th will be our Annual Gift Wrap Session in the Auditorium of Building 5, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 20th is the date of the Annual Holiday Gift Distribution from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will begin in the Auditorium of Building 5. Following a briefing the volunteer groups will be assigned to wards.

A regular ward visit is scheduled for January 12th. Until further notice our assignment is Building 36, Ward B.

For further information call Tom Paglia at 227-2046. He will be happy to hear from you.

Veterans Day, Rochester, NY

I am proud to report that a delegation from the James A. Hard Wayne Charter Post of the Masonic War Veterans attended the Annual Memorial Day Observance at the Rochester War Memorial on November 11th. The seven officers and members present were: Dennis Gellasch, Leon VanHuben, Al Pulcino, William Golding, Dean Marsaw, Donald McDill, and myself.

It was a most impressive and meaningful ceremony. Practically every veteran and auxiliary group participated, including the ex-prisoners of war and the survivors of Pearl Harbor.

I am pleased to refer you to the photograph on the front page of the "Democrat & Chronicle" of November 12th. You will note the faces of Al Pulcino, Leon VanHuben and Dennis Gellasch.

Unfortunately, the other members of the Post were not pictured there.

Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



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

The following are listed as Outpatient Clinics: Geneseo, Geneva, Ithaca, Lyons, Rochester and Sonyea. Soon it will be possible to go anywhere to receive VA medical care. The VA facilities as we know them now will not be, instead most of the VA will be outpatient care.

Providing care

This report was taken from the VAVS meeting minutes. The VA has a leadership role in information in providing excellent care for the elderly and chronically ill patient. However, the VA has recognized the need for providing care and assisting veterans in the community who are elderly and chronically ill.

1. The nursing home care is being looked at from a different perspective. Instead of long term care, the VA will be focusing on transitional care. When a patient needs care for a long term chronic illness, he/she would be stabilized and receive rehab. Building 33 has 32 beds focusing on rehabilitation so that these patients can be discharged back home with their families.

2. 7B unit will focus on a level of care called assisted living. This unit will assist patients who need aid in certain activities and daily living, but do not need daily nursing care.

3. 7A Unit will remain the traditional nursing home care unit.

4. The Dementia Unit, Bldg. 8, has 74 beds with a plan of reducing the bed count to 25. A project is being initiated in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association to attempt to detect early signs of Alzheimer's disease which will be reported to family members to assist these patients in staying in the community as long as possible.

5. Another project being discussed is the opening of a day care center on the 2nd floor of the Dementia Unit. This would provide family members with a place to bring patients in on an as needed basis for respite.

6. Home Based Primary Care Program was started in May of this year and provides interdisciplinary professional care in the homes for patients who are homebound. Staff visiting homes will consist of nurses, dietitians, physical and occupational therapists, pharmacy and other consultations. If anyone knows of any veteran and their families who have difficulty coming to the VA for care, please advise them of this program.

7. Homemaker Home Health Aide Program. This is a program that the VA contracts with other agencies and provides nursing service, cooking meals, shopping and other services aimed in assisting patients in their homes.

Notice some of the fancy wording that is being used? From Webster's Dictionary: Transitional *Continued on page 13.*

Wanted:

Associate Editor for the best Masonic Newspaper in New York State.

There is a need for a person who would be willing to take the position of Associate Editor of the *Masonic Times*. It would require a person who is computer literate and would have the time and desire to gain expertise in Pagemaker, Photoshop and Mailing software.

The position requires close to full time requirements for approximately two weeks during which time period the paper is being prepared for printing. Applicant must be willing to put in extra time, if necessary, including Saturdays and evenings during this time period.

This is an excellent opportunity and challenge for a recently retired individual who would like to gain new skills and make a real contribution to the Masonic Community. There is also a possibility that the applicant could solicit and maintain advertising accounts for the *Masonic Times*.

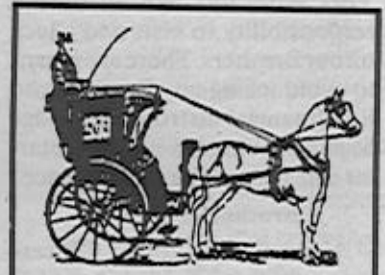
The position has a compensatory honorarium. If interested, please contact the *Masonic Times* Office at 473-4351, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. Noon.

Wanted:

Ad Associate to maintain and obtain advertising accounts.

There is a need for an individual who likes dealing with people and would be willing to voluntarily pursue and maintain ads for the *Masonic Times*. The job requires visiting and soliciting local businesses for advertisements to be run in our monthly newspaper. The position requires access to transportation.

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By R.W. Don Darrohn
Dues reminder

Brethren, the Dues Notices are in your hands or soon will be. Please send your remittance to your Lodge Secretary as soon as possible. Brethren belonging to more than one Blue Lodge must keep their dues current with all of them. A Brother who will be dropped for non-payment of dues in his primary Blue Lodge, will be dropped from all Lodges and Concordant Bodies. For example: A Brother belonging to three Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite and York Rite for whatever reason decides not to pay his dues in one Blue Lodge, is dropped from ALL Lodges, Scottish Rite and York Rite, too. We all have a responsibility to visit and check on our Brothers. There are means to avoid losing any Brother who is in financial distress. All Lodge Masters, Wardens and Secretaries can and will be of assistance.

Brotherhood Fund

Your Grand Lodge Officers did a stretch in establishing a 55%

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participation level in the Brotherhood Fund Campaign. It's a STRETCH because neither District has achieved that level of support in several years. I encourage each Brother to add whatever he can to the dues check you'll soon be writing and sending to your Lodge Secretary. Remember, 55% doesn't necessarily mean a large sum (although that would be nice); but it does mean you are contributing some monetary amount toward this important Masonic effort. An added benefit: every Brother who does participate will receive a Masonic Pin with the Grand Master's theme on it—"Together We Build".

Degree work

I had the pleasure of seeing a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree at three different Lodges within one week this past month. What was particularly rewarding was the quality of the work that was completed. In each Degree I believe that the Masonic Light provided left each of our new Brothers assured that they had been a party to a very special event.

Each Lodge carefully planned their evening. If the talent was not available internally, they asked for help. And why not! After all, the Grand Master's theme is: "Together We Build". We have a responsibility to provide our candidates the very best Ritual. If you need a resource for any part of a Degree, please call either of the AGLs or any of your local Grand Lodge Officers. They are listed on page 2 of the *Masonic Times*.

Traveling Gavel

Do you know where it is? Is your Lodge planning an outing to get it? Why not? One of the goals established by your Grand Lodge Officers was to have 10 of the 19 Lodges in the two Monroe Districts obtain the Gavel in this Masonic year. To date it is my understanding that two Lodges have held it. Northfield Lodge No. 426 lost it in early September to Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969, where it still resides. Craftsman/Robertson Lodge meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Who will claim the Gavel next? Why not your Lodge?

"Tis the Season"

The Holidays bring the opportunity for family, celebration, reflection and reverence. How about checking on our Brothers and widows whom you haven't heard from recently? Give them a call just to say "hello" and perhaps warm your heart as much as it may warm theirs.

My family and I extend to each member of our Masonic family the warmest of holiday greetings and sincerest wishes for a Happy New Year. □



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By R.W. Ruel R. Lovett
LDC Program

Your Staff Officers and AGLs are spending a fair amount of time preparing for the LDC Program, the "Road to the East", The Schools of Instruction, the Grand Lecturer's Convention, and other such programs. The reason, of course, is obvious. Each of us should know more about our Fraternity so that we can better understand what it is about and what our own roles should be.

"Satan Worshipers"

Some time ago I had occasion to watch a program depicting our Fraternity as "Satan Worshipers". A pastor of his church claimed that he was once a Mason. He took the three Degrees of Blue Lodge and later became Master of his Lodge. He claimed that it was later that he became aware of the Craft's real reason for being. He then quit the Craft and became a Protestant minister.

This minister, with the help of others, put on the three Degrees of Masonry in his new church. It was done in costume. Each step was explained as to how it related to Satanism. While much of the work was probably correct, it was not entirely so. Some of the work was intermixed with the Scottish Rite work and work from other Bodies.

In the following days, I heard many comments from Brothers who had seen the program. They ranged from concerned to very angry.

I have had occasion to read several books and articles which denounce Masonry. Most of the articles base their facts on other un-authenticated writings. [Many detractors cite authors out of context. Albert Pike, who wrote over a century ago, is the one most often quoted. The simple truth is that no one writer or Mason can speak authoritatively for Freemasonry as a whole, nor should he be expected to.] One can pick any point in the history of Masonry and find these negative statements.

Read

[Why do we let ourselves believe these detractors?] Learn your Ritual. Read the material distributed by our Grand Lodge. Go through the LDC and "Road to the East" Programs. Have discussions with the Masters and Wardens of your Lodge. If you still have doubts, talk to your DDGM, Staff Officer, or AGL. Read any of the hundreds of books on the subject of Freemasonry. Lastly, think about what you are reading. Can any of this, from your own knowledge of Freemasonry, be true?

Masonry is a fine organization. Perhaps, better than fine.

You have nothing to apologize for. Instead, you should be very proud. [Editor's comments] □

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By V.W. John Zabel

The School of Ritual

The first School of Ritual for the season was held on Thursday, October 29th at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. The work for the evening was the 1st Section of the 2nd Degree. Dan and I thank the officers of Fairport and Charlotte/Corinthian Lodges for their excellent participation in the School. Unfortunately, the overall attendance was very low, with few Lodges represented. Since the Lodges that were not represented must know the Ritual well, we will be asking them to exemplify it at our Spring School.

The Lodge of Confusion

The next event to be presented by your AGLs will be on January 20th at Fairport Lodge. The program for the evening will be "The Lodge of Confusion". This is an adaptation of a play written by Brother Allen Roberts about a Lodge that does everything wrong. We have put together a notable cast of characters for the evening. The "Lodge" will "open" at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Attendance at this program will count towards the School of Ritual Attendance Award at the end of the year. Plan to come and spend a delightful evening of fun. Come, bring a Brother, and compare this "Lodge" with your Lodge. We hope you do not find any similarities.

The Holiday Season

As the holidays approach, Dan and I extend Seasons Greetings to you all. We hope you have an enjoyable time with family, friends, and yes, even Brothers. This time of year is an excellent time to relax and think about the 2nd half of your Lodge's year. If you are an officer, review your parts for the Degrees. If you are a sideline, develop ideas on how you could help your Lodge in Degree work. Remember, Dan and I are always available for assistance. □

Membership Retention

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



Dues

At the end of this month, Lodges will be going through the painful procedure of dropping members for nonpayment of dues. I call it painful because we go through the lengthy process of bringing in new Brothers, the Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights, the memorization of Ritual for the candidate, as well as for the

Brothers putting on the Degree, and all the other aspects of bringing in new members, only to lose the Brother for reasons that could be rectified.

There are many reasons why members are dropped, but many of them could have been avoided with some effort. If the reason is financial, then something can be worked out. Grand Lodge and Lodges have a program where dues can be remitted if the Brother can not afford to pay his dues. Other reasons for dropping are that the Brother lacks the interest or maybe he is not satisfied with something that is going on in his Lodge or he lives too far from his Lodge. This Brother should investigate what is going on in other Lodges to see if something going on there would bring him back.

Whatever the reason you are being dropped for nonpayment of dues, financial or otherwise, I urge you to call or contact your Lodge Master or Secretary. If you feel uncomfortable about that, call someone under the "Hot Numbers" section on page 2 of this publication. That is where you will find me at 716-392-5583.

To all Masters & Secretaries

Every Brother about to be dropped for nonpayment of dues should be contacted. The contact should not be only by mail, but also verbally, either in person or over the phone, regardless of where they live.

Happy Holiday Seasons to all. □

Masters and Wardens



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Accept my apology

Let me begin by apologizing to everyone for publishing the wrong date for our November meeting. I can only say that my brain must have taken a break when I did last month's article.

Ronald McDonald House

The 2nd Monroe's visit to the Ronald McDonald House was on November 3rd. As was the October visit by the 1st Monroe District, this was a very worthwhile learning experience.

Relocation

It is my sad duty to tell you that SW Doug Skelton is leaving our Association. In December he is relocating to the Chicago area. I congratulate him on the personal and professional opportunities that motivate his leaving, but his hard work for both our Association and the Fraternity will be sorely missed.

December

On December 5th there will be a Masters and Wardens social night. We are planning dinner at the Irondequoit Town Lounge on Titus Avenue. This will be followed by a hospitality reception at my house. The dinner choices are: Veal Cutlet Parmesan, Baked Chicken (1/2 broiler), Flounder with Crab Meat Stuffing, and a 10 oz. New York Strip Steak. Prices range from \$9.95 to \$13.95, plus tax and tip. Please make every effort to join us for a

fun filled evening. Reservations may be made with W.: Dan Emerson, 334-7730, or me at 224-9479. I look forward to seeing you there.

Our December meeting will be on Saturday, December 12th, at Towpath Lodge in East Rochester. W.: Dan Emerson is serving breakfast before this meeting so be sure to arrive early. Our program for this meeting is on Lodge finances and there will be an update on the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign. See you there! □

**Bureau of
Masonic
Education
Monroe County**

President:
V.:W.: John Zabel

By V.:W.: John Zabel

Language

"What does this word 'hele' mean?" exclaimed Henry. Henry was looking over the Standard Work and Lectures of Ancient Craft Masonry, the code book, in preparation for being given an office in the Lodge line.

"Well", said George, "It is an ancient Anglo-Saxon term meaning Hide."

"Why do we use such terms in the Ritual?"

"Remember that the Ritual comes from at least the early eighteenth century and is rooted in even older Anglo-Saxon and Norman culture. There are many other archaic terms used in the Ritual, some of which are easy to understand, others are not.

"Where do you find all your information?" asked Henry.

George replied, "I read a lot of books, especially the booklets available from the Masonic Service Association. They have a booklet titled 'Language Landmarks' by Raymond Pease that discusses many of the terms and words in the Ritual."

"How do I find out what books are available?"

"You can write to them at: The Masonic Service Association, 8120 Fenton St., Silver Springs, MD 20910-4785 and ask for their catalog. The catalog is free for the asking. The books are inexpensive and there are a goodly number of them," stated George.

"I'll send for the catalog this evening," replied Henry.

What's happening

The Grand Lodge Leadership Development Course was presented in seminar form on Saturday, November 14th, on the 3rd floor of the Downtown Masonic Temple. Eleven Brothers attended the session. The Program was presented under the auspices of the Monroe Districts Grand Lodge Staff Officers by the Bureau of Masonic Education. The participants included John Zabel, Gene Brendel, Ruel Lovett, Bill Spillane, and Dan Walker.

The next event will be a session of "Hiram's College of Knowledge" to be held on February 3rd at the Downtown Masonic Temple. The program is for newly raised Brothers and any other Brother interested in more basic knowledge about Fraternity. The program will include a tour of the Temple Lodge rooms and Cathedral Hall, an introduction to the Masonic Service Bureau and the Monroe Masonic Library. We will be discussing etiquette in the Lodge room, visiting Lodges in this state and elsewhere, and much more. Please plan to attend. More information on times will be in the next issue of the Times. □

the 23rd. The Degree went smoothly and reminded us of our duties to our fellow man. Table Lodge went well, bringing forth fellowship and brotherly love. My personal thanks to all who had a hand in each night. Without you it doesn't work.

December

December promises to be exciting, too! On the 14th we will be conferring the 3rd Degree. Let's come out and support the officers and fellowcrafts on this special evening.

On the 19th we will be going on our Annual Holiday visitations. This wonderful time will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a free breakfast at the ERAC Temple. It is only a couple hours of our time, and the happiness we spread will be returned three fold.

There will be no Lodge on the 28th due to the holiday season. Happy holidays! □

some Brothers out that I haven't seen in some time.

December's theme will be Holiday celebrations, and will feature a singing group, and some entertainment for the ladies and guests while we conduct business. Hope to see you there.

There are no deaths or severe sicknesses to report. Our Lodge will be delivering poinsettias to the widows during the first weekend in December. If you can help, get in touch with Mat Gingold at 266-6384.

Try it!

Mat told us about the Curling experience on Saturday, November 7th that was sponsored by the Fellowcraft Club. There were 15 in attendance and 7 on ice! They had a great time and went to the Holiday Inn for lunch where they received "red carpet" treatment! You have to try it sometime. It's a cross between bowling and bocci ball, only on ice!!

Changes

We did not have our 1st Degree on November 24th as planned. We had our Officers meeting on November 17th, as well as finalizing cast and Ritual details. The Degree has been rescheduled to January 26, 1999, due to a delay in getting a candidate's application properly done. We may have another candidate by then. If you know anyone who you could recommend, I would be happy to call on them.

From the Secretary

By R.:W.: Herbert Spencer
Trying to keep you up to date with what I am doing. Recently we had a major crash with our Lodge computer. We believe we retrieved all of the Lodge records. However, when we send out the Dues Notices there will be a sheet containing your Masonic Profile. I am asking each and every one of you to PLEASE check it out thoroughly, and make any and all changes as requested.

Change

Those of you who have been at Lodge I hope have noticed a change in our format. We now are inviting the ladies to our programs. We have increased our attendance substantially by doing this. We have a separate program for the ladies while we do Lodge work. We now have more Brothers coming out. There is always a dinner before the Lodge

meeting. You are all getting the flyers announcing our special activities. We are usually in the dining room for refreshments no later than 9:00 p.m.

Incentive

Here is a real incentive to come to the December meeting. Any Brother who comes and pays his 1999 dues, the Lodge will pay for his dinner that night. This is the only place that you will find this offer. He also must stay for Lodge!


I am still waiting to hear from any of you via e-mail! There is only one Brother who sent me e-mail. Thank you, Brother Teamerson. Let's hear from you, it's an easy way to communicate. My e-mail address is hspencer@frontiernet.net.

Call Bill Baldwin at 924-2644 or me at 271-8577 with your reservations for dinner. Cost of dinner is always \$5.00.

Wishing all my Brothers a Happy Chanukah and a Merry Christmas from our house to yours. □

No man ever told a woman she talked too much when she was telling him how wonderful he is.

**Valley/Simes
Lodge
No. 109**



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2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

R.:W.: Herbert Spencer, Sec.
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The holidays are upon us and many of us neglect to leave enough time for the important things. Keep in mind that these holidays commemorate very joyous events. Please leave time to spend with your loved ones, and be especially careful driving.

We just had our November meeting around a program called "Review Your Youth". There was a superb Turkey Dinner, with all the trimmings. Debbie Burke held a demonstration on making jewelry, and the ladies enjoyed it very much. Thank you, Deb.

The Unity Dancers from Trinity Church entertained us with a few interpretive dances to seasonal music. These girls are each from different schools, and are great students. The attendance was very encouraging, and we got

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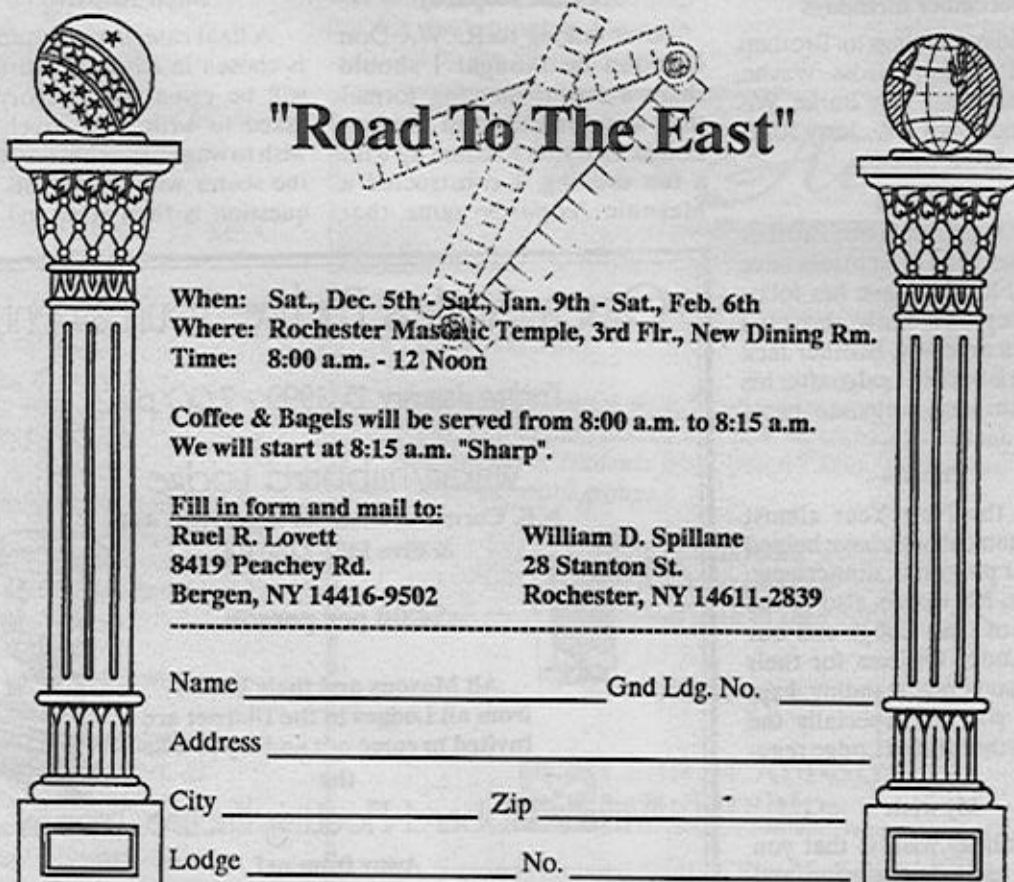
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By Sean King, SW

Greetings from the West

November was an exciting month for ERAC. The 2nd Degree was conferred, on the 9th, and a Table Lodge was held on

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Dinner meeting

Well Brethren, for those of you who were unable to attend our November 9th dinner meeting you missed a great event. The dinner was superb, as always. It would be difficult to find food as finely prepared in a multitude of Rochester and vicinity restaurants. Hats off, once again, to the ladies of Irondequoit Chapter, OES, who prepared food of excellence. The dining room was nearly filled to capacity.

A great program

Following the dinner, R.W. Cyrus Kloner, our respected Masonic attorney, gave an informative talk regarding wills, trusts, living wills, Power of Attorney, etc. A question and answer period followed. I must say that many questions were taken by Cy and they were answered to the satisfaction of all. The Brethren and I, thank him for this informative meeting.

Ladies Night

As of this writing, our Ladies Night is still four days away at the Burgundy Basin Inn. SW Ray DiJames informs me that in excess of 70 Brethren and their ladies have reservations. We look forward to a great evening.

December

On Sunday, December 13th, our Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Lodge. You are encouraged to attend in the company of the young ones, whether they are sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces or nephews. We ask that you bring a gift, in the \$10.00 range, for Santa to give to your child. There will also be crafts and other activities for the children to participate in. Refreshments will be served.

Please contact SW Ray DiJames at 227-0494, or Brother James VanZile at 388-5739, and inform them of the number of children that will be attending. This will enable them to better prepare for the food and other events. Don't forget to bring your cameras.

Financial meetings

On Monday, November 1st, a Finance Committee meeting was held at the Lodge. Many areas of

Lodge finances were discussed that will enhance our financial position in the ensuing year. We feel it will be well accepted by the Brethren.

Our Annual Financial Meeting will be held on December 14th. Please plan to attend and be made aware of our financial status. As always, your input is solicited.

Euchre Tournament

Looking ahead to January 15th when Wakan/Hubbard will sponsor a Euchre Tournament at the Lodge. Wakan/Hubbard Euchre team challenges all Lodges to participate in the Tournament. A trophy will be awarded to the winning Lodge to keep until the next Tournament. If you wish to participate, please contact Brother Donald McDill at 288-5718. Good luck!

Welcome and congratulations

Glad to have W. Les Andrews and his lady back. The Andrews were back in time for the arrival of granddaughter, Brittany, who weighed in at 7 lbs, 10 oz. Congratulations are in order to daughter, Debbie, and son-in-law, Brother Joseph Frederick. Oh yes, also to the Andrews.

Update

JW Steve Xander's wife, who as reported in last month's *Masonic Times* incurred complications as a result of giving birth, is now at home receiving therapy. Brother Steven reports that Susanne is slowly responding to the treatments. As always, our thoughts and prayers are with her.

Impending operation

W. John Rees, DSA, informed me that he will soon have another operation on his hand. W. John was at our last dinner meeting, the first he could attend in some time due to problems with his hand. Great to see him out. Good luck, John!

Masonic Funeral Service

During the past month we lost one of our most respected members of the Fraternity, R.W. William R. Wood. He passed on after having a stroke while at his cottage at Alexandria Bay. A Masonic Funeral Service was held at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Winton Road, N. A host of Brothers were in attendance, as were the Eastern Star ladies. He will be missed, along with his jovial attitude and quips.

50 Year Service Award

W. Angelo DiCataldo and I presented a 50 Year Grand Lodge Certificate and Pin to W. John Lawrence, DSA, at the nursing home on Goodman Street where he is residing. W. John, who has been having recognition problems, smiled. I believe he was cognizant of the presentation. □

CLIO

LODGE No. 779



W. Sean Noonan,
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392-8156

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Reflections

Greetings Brothers and friends. SW Jeff Ross and the Degree Team did an excellent job of conferring the 1st Degree in October.

Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was a huge success with six guests in attendance. JW Bob Pedersen chaired this important event. Our thanks to Bob, W. Jerry Jones, W. Dave Upham, Brothers Scott Blystone, Gus Neidrich III, and Harry DeHollander for their presentations. Brother Charlie Tucker, DSA, and W. Jerry Jones prepared their usual fine Prime Roast Beef Dinner. Many Brothers attended including seven Past Masters and most of our new Brothers from the last two classes. It was a great night to be in Lodge.

Our thanks to Leah Chapter for Master Mason Night and a Tureen Dinner. The evening was enjoyed by all.

The 2nd Degree was conferred in November with JW Bob Pedersen in the East.

Coming events

W. Dave Upham will be in the kitchen on December 1st when we hold our Holiday Dinner. Call in your reservations by Sunday, November 29th, to me at 392-8156. Don't forget, the ladies are invited. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. sharp with a short meeting to follow.

December 9th is the last Spaghetti Dinner of 1998.

Rehearsal for the 3rd Degree will be on December 13th at 2:00 p.m. The 3rd Degree will be on December 15th. We will open at 6:00 p.m., have dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the Worshipful Master will be in the East.

December birthdays

Birthday greetings to: Brothers Howard Garbutt, Ross Wayne, Basil VanCamp, Ray Burke, W. Lee Hendershot, W. Jerry Jones and W. Dave Upham.

Closing

W. Dale Polmateer, Brother Roger Judd and their brides have left for Florida. Have fun folks, we'll keep the snow shoveled while you are away. Brother Jack Johnson is back in Lodge after his recent surgery, welcome back, Brother Jack.

Thanks

With the New Year almost here, I thank all who have helped make our programs, dinners, etc. a success. My thanks also to the Officers of Clio Lodge and our Grand Lodge Officers for their support and understanding. I appreciate you all, especially the Brothers that attend Lodge regularly.

My wish

My Holiday wish is that you will join us in Lodge soon and that your families and loved ones have a great Christmas and a very Happy New Year. □

ETOLIAN

Lodge No. 479

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W. Dennis F. Tiano
Master
352-9757

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

R.W. F. Jay McCullough
Secretary
352-1061

Flower time

A very heart felt thank you to R.W. James Powell, W. Brian Keery, SW Michael Schwartz, and our new Fellowcraft Brother for their labors that were performed at the flower beds on Rte. 531 at Gillette Road. The Monroe County In Bloom Program provided us with 600 daffodil bulbs to be planted in our beds. Thanks to these Brothers we will see the fruits of their labors in the Spring. I am told that if we look real hard we may even see some Masonic Symbols formed with these flowers. In the Spring we will see who can tell us what is represented in the flowers.

Congratulations

It is my honor to be able to congratulate our new Fellowcraft Brother who took his obligation on November 9th. As always, the Degree was put on by a great team lead by SW Michael Schwartz in the East. The Middle Chamber Lecture was done by W. John Mattern, Questions and Answers by Brothers James Toogood and Rocky Chambers, and the Charge by W. Ed Gillott. All had a great time and I know it made a memorable evening for our new Fellowcraft.

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be held on December 21st with W. Brian Keery coordinating the event. If you would like to attend please contact him so he can provide further details on the time and he will have a count and be prepared.

3rd Degree

The 3rd Degree will be held on December 7th with the Lodge opening at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the Degree.

Masonic Jeopardy

After talking to R.W. Don Darrohn he thought I should share a recent meeting format that was conducted at Etolian Lodge. In trying to come up with a fun evening, I constructed a Masonic Jeopardy game that

went over very well with the members of the Lodge. The following is the structure for setting up a Lodge game fashioned after the popular TV show, "Jeopardy". First, I would conclude all Lodge business and close Lodge, this allows people to have freedom of the floor and lets those who do not want to participate a chance to leave.

Lodge setup

Place two pedestals between the Master's station and the Altar situated North and South. Place a gavel on each pedestal. Place a second set of pedestals at the bottom of the Master's step in line with the first two sets. On these place a piece of paper for scoring. Place a fifth pedestal or easel stand in between the two scoring pedestals. On the easel place a Jeopardy style score sheet consisting of five categories and numbers 100, 200, 300, 400, 500 under each category. A second sheet will be needed for double Jeopardy with five categories and numbers 200, 400, 600, 800, and 1000.

Master station

Before the game night the Master, or whomever should construct a list of categories (use the Masonic Trivia section of "The 24" Gauge"), and write down question numbers corresponding to the question he wants the Brothers to answer.

Playing Jeopardy

Pit Past Masters against Line Officers and sideliners. One person from each group stands at the pedestal with the gavel. Let the Past Masters select the 1st category and amount. The Master will read the question, the person that gavel first will have the opportunity to answer the question. If he gets it right the points are awarded and he selects the next category and amount. If the question had more than one possible response read and the first person missed it the opposing team can try. If a person answers incorrectly the next person on their side comes to the pedestal to try their luck. When the Daily Double is chosen then only the person that selected it will have a chance to answer after wagering an amount.

Double Jeopardy

New categories, double the point amounts, and two Daily Doubles should be chosen. Follow the previous instructions.

Final Jeopardy

A final category and question is chosen in advance. All teams will be given the category and asked to write how much they wish to wager on a sheet of paper, the scorer will collect this. The question is then read and each

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team will have one minute to come up with an answer and write it down. The Master will then call on the lowest scoring team and reveal their wager, and then ask them for their written answer. Points will then be awarded or subtracted as needed. The same process will then be done with the other teams.

Winning the game

The Master should set some sort of consequence on the outcome and make it known at the beginning of the game. An example would be the losing team would serve the refreshments of the evening.

Happy Holidays

At this time I wish everyone a very safe and happy Holiday Season.

in 1959; W.: Donald A. Rose, Master '97-98; Brothers Paul Thomas Holdaway and Roy Jerome Simmons. Thank you to Brother Michael Ferguson for his work, which made this a very memorable event.

Greetings

With the Thanksgiving holiday behind, we now look ahead to the celebration of Christmas and Hanukkah. Remember who we are and what our Fraternity is all about during these special seasons of caring. The Master, Officers and Brethren of Seneca Lodge wish the blessings of the season to all.

Happy Holidays!

27th. Clarence Huscher passed away last January 17th at the age of 94 in Florida. Let's keep the families of these Brothers in our prayers.

Come on out

Remember, no Lodge can function without its members, come and be counted. Let your feelings and ideas be known. This way we can possibly do bigger and better things together. Your input is necessary and appreciated.

We are looking for a class of 4 or 5 if possible. Please say yes when asked to work on this event.

Finally, there is another dinner scheduled on January 7th at a local restaurant and the January Lodge meeting will be on the 14th.

2nd Monroe District

Union Star Lodge No. 320

R.W.: Robert F. Sanford, Master 292-6383



2nd Monday 7:30 P.M.

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

Fall is upon us, the leaves have all fallen and snow is in the air. Your Lodge is bustling with activity - our dining room is finished. Our November 9th meeting was saurkraut and dogs and well attended. The meeting was on Masonic Etiquette and very informative. We had our 1st Degree on November 23rd.

Sickness and distress

Our sympathy goes out to the families of the following Brothers: W.: G. Walter Simcox and Chevalier D. (Bud) Williams who have passed on. Sympathy to the families of SD, W.: Richard Bull, on the passing of his brother and Tiler, Richard Horton, whose mother passed on.

Dues


1998 dues are due by December 1st. Please check your dues card to make sure it is current.

Seasons greetings

As Master, I extend Seasons Greetings to all our Brethren and their families, may your Holidays be filled with joy and good health.

Degrees

The 2nd Degree will be conferred on January 11th and the 3rd Degree on February 22nd.

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

 W.: Gary R. Stein (h) 544-1658
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 30 Orchard St., Webster, N.Y. 14580

3rd Degree

Now that the 3rd Degree has taken place, I can congratulate in print Brother Frank Churnetski of Fame Lodge No. 945 and Brother Bobby Bruton Tully II of Mount Hermon Lodge No. 304, Columbus, Georgia, on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The November 10th meeting of Seneca Lodge No. 797 brought together Seneca Lodge and Fame Lodge for this important happening.


I know it's confusing when you read this in that the event took place at Webster Temple, where Fame Lodge came to Seneca Lodge and a Brother from Mount Hermon Lodge in Columbus, Georgia was raised. To explain, Brother Bobby Bruton Tully II is working in the Rochester area as a contractor installing fibre-optic voice/data cable.

Before coming to the Rochester area, Bobby presented a petition to Mount Hermon Lodge rather than wait for the Degrees to take place in Georgia, Mount Hermon Lodge asked the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which asked for the help of the Grand Lodge of New York, which asked Seneca Lodge to perform the 'courtesy' Degrees. Confusing, I know, but very rewarding in that Seneca Lodge conferred the 1st and 2nd Degrees in fine fashion and the Shrine Degree Team conferred the 3rd Degree in the usual grand manner.

It was touching to see Bobby's father, Brother Bobby Tully I, raise his son, as he and Brother Tony Kolb made the journey from Georgia to be a part of this great event. The Seneca Brothers will miss Bobby, as his job will take him far from Rochester, but Bobby knows he is now a part of the Seneca family and is welcome to come home to Seneca anytime. God speed, Bobby. Congratulations to Frank and Bobby!

Annual Seneca Tea

Seneca Lodge's Annual Holiday Tea took place on November 21st at the Century Club. Those honored at this year's Tea were R.: W.: Fred J. Belluscio, Master

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538
 30 Orchard St. Webster, N.Y. 14580

 W.: Jacob J. Ponschock, Master 338-2998
 1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:30 p.m.
 Henry Libera, Secretary 872-5427

October has come and gone, the goblins and ghosts have retired for another year, but there are a lot of happy spirits still running around.

New members

Webster Lodge has just added two new members as of the 5th of November. I commend the members of the Degree Team for doing an excellent job. We will have the 2nd Degree on December 3rd. The Lodge will open promptly at 7:00 p.m. for business and the Degree will start at 7:30 p.m. I hope that we have a great turnout to show our new Brothers that we care and will be there for them if the need arises. There will not be a dinner before Lodge, but we will have snacks later. This I am assured of by JW Emil Schirano.

Lots of thanks

I could fill up the next two pages if I thanked each of the Brothers of Webster Lodge and the ladies of Webster Chapter No. 171, OES, for their dedication and help making our Spaghetti Dinners on the 1st Friday of each month such a big success. So, here is a BIG thank you from me and all the other patrons who came and enjoyed the fruits, (spaghetti, salad and bread) of your labors.

Poinsettias


I realize that it may be a little early, but let's start planning for our visitation, and poinsettia delivery on December 24th to the Brothers and Sisters who cannot usually get out and be with us for whatever reason. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. before we start that morning.

3rd Degree

On December 17th we will have a rehearsal for the 3rd Degree that is scheduled for January 21st. Any Brother interested in a specific part should make sure to be there and let R.: W.: Rich Friedman know. This will be a very short business meeting followed by the practice session. Euchre is available for all not practicing.

Sadness

We again come to that sad occasion of saying good-bye to two Brothers, Elmer Kober died on October 24th. We had a Memorial Service for him on October

Flower City Lodge No. 910

 W.: Jerry Spero, Master 334-7616
 2nd Thursday 7:30 P.M.
 R.: W.: Phillip Averbach, Secretary 458-1817
 875 Main St. East Rochester, N.Y. 14605

Fairport visit

We were the guests of Fairport Lodge at their October 26th meeting. They were gracious enough to allow our candidate to receive his Fellowcraft Degree with their two candidates. Fairport Lodge should be both pleased and proud of their Degree work. It was really a pleasure to watch. I do want to thank W.: Tom Richenderfer and the Brothers of Fairport Lodge No. 476 once again for their help.

Dinner at Kam Wah

It was an enjoyable evening out on Thursday, November 5th at Kam Wah Restaurant in Penfield. This was the 3rd in a series of nights out with the ladies and it had the best attendance of the three. Word is getting out that it's both fun and enjoyable, not to mention filling.

Our next night out will be on December 3rd. This time we are heading for East Henrietta Road, just over the Thruway, to FDR's Restaurant. Plan to be seated by 7:30 p.m.

While we are on the subject of food, circle Sunday, December 20th, at 4:00 p.m. for our Annual Latka Party in the 3rd floor dining room at the Masonic Temple. This one is for family and friends and has always been one of our best events.

DDGM Visit to Flower City Lodge


The DDGM Visitation Night was Thursday, November 12th. Both R.: W.: Don Darrohn and R.: W.: Ruel Lovett were there as our guests. A Turkey Dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. More about this in the next article.

Year end meeting

One of the most important meetings of the year is scheduled for December 10th. It will be a dinner meeting and as of now, we are planning to have either steak or chicken. We will have more information in the dinner early in December. The December meeting is THE business meeting for the Lodge. I can't express how important it is that all members attend.

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

Saturday evening, January 9, 1999, will be our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Those of you in the Rochester area will be contacted to work on this event. Its success is our future. Please call W.: Phil Averbach with the name of a friend to be invited to the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night.

FAIRPORT Lodge No. 476

 W.: Tom Richenderfer, Master 377-7782
 2nd & 4th Mondays 7:30 P.M.
 W.: George R. Bracht, Secretary (h) 383-1947
 37 South Main St. Fairport, N.Y. 14450

By Doug Skelton

Monday Night Football

The December 14th meeting will be an informal evening of fellowship. A brief business session will be followed by appropriate refreshments and Monday Night Football. Come on out and join your Brothers for football and fun!

Call for Lodge unity

W.: Tom Richenderfer asked me to write this column since, as many of you know, for both personal and professional reasons I will soon be relocating to the Chicago area. Unfortunately, my move leaves a second major gap in the line.

Participation and help needed

It is essential then, that all Brothers, and especially Past Masters, step forward to lead the Lodge for the next two to three years. The future of Fairport Lodge rests upon your leadership and participation in Lodge activities.

Recently the Lodge has attracted a number of talented and dedicated men. These new Brothers, however, need time and your guidance to grow in Freemasonry so they can effectively assume leadership roles in the future.

Thanks

I intend to remain active in Freemasonry in my new location. Meanwhile, I wish to offer personal thanks to all Brothers who have helped me as I grew in the Craft and to wish each of you and Fairport Lodge a sound and successful future.

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Secretary
W. John H. Foster 467-1677

Great party!

The Steak Roast was a tremendous success with more than 40 persons attending. The weather was cooperative and our chefs did an excellent job of preparing your dinner to order. It almost makes you think of the 'your way' slogan from Burger King! I was especially glad that many of our widows could attend and also some of the Brothers from Northfield. Many thanks to Dave Foster and his helpers for putting on a great party.

Many years of Masonry

Congratulations to Nelson Bertch, Duane Garner and Jim Verdi on their 25th Anniversary in the Fraternity. Congratulations to Ed Schmidt on his 35th; Jim McCann, 30 years; and a very special congratulations to Dick Eggert, who has been a member of our Lodge for 50 years.

December

Our December meeting will be a catered dinner for the holidays. This will be on the 15th of December. Please make your reservations for dinner by Tuesday, December 8th with Dave Foster or me. Cost will be \$5.00. This is an open event, so please invite friends and family members. See you there!

the Downtown Temple at 2:00 p.m. In order to have sufficient refreshments, we need to know how many will be attending. Parents and/or grandparents are to bring their gifts wrapped and tagged for their children and/or grandchildren. Call Bill Hook at 671-6452 or Bob Ogden at 385-1422 for reservations.

In Memoriam

Our sympathies go out to the families of the following Brothers who recently passed away: Bernard Bonnington, Acie Gillis and Elmer LeFevre. We are also saddened to learn of the death of Brother Cliff and Ruth Field's granddaughter in a car accident in Cleveland.

Volunteers at Foodlink

Brother Volney Frankel successfully coordinated the 2nd annual work group of about 33 Masons and wives to sort out food at Foodlink. It was a fun evening beginning with pizza and soda at 6:30 p.m. and ending around 8:00 p.m., when the sorted cans were separated and placed on skids. Foodlink annually distributes about 6 million pounds of food to 600 human service organizations in Monroe and nine other counties in Western NY. Nice going, Brother Volney.

Dinner reservations

It is very important when a reservation for dinner is made that it has been paid for. Recently the Lodge had 55 reservations and too many failed to show up, some due health reasons, etc. The bottom line is a sizable deficit incurred to our Lodge. Please try to call 48 hours in advance of a cancellation. Thank you.

Brotherhood Fund

On this date, November 9th, there are 67 contributors totaling \$2,360.00 to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. This is most gratifying.

Next Dinner Meeting

December 1st will be our next dinner meeting. Joy, Hilde and her husband, Ray, will prepare the Lasagna Dinner and need I say that it will be delicious as usual? We are again looking for a good turn-out and a good time. Put it on your calendars "pronto".

Sickness

Brother Jack Grover had eye surgery and his wife, Fran, has been under the weather, but is improving.

W. Bill Hook is suffering from phlebitis and must take it easy for a while.

Worshipful Master's comments

November 3rd was a gala evening. The following Brothers received Membership Awards and Pins: Brothers Earl Lenhardt and Frank Zaffino-25 years; Tom Davis, accompanied by his wife,

Sally, 50 years; Joe Roe and John Smith, accompanied by his wife, Winifred, 55 years; Brothers Maurice Clark-60 years; and Charles Sanford-55 years. Those who were not present will have their Awards and Pins mailed to them.

R. W. Vern Goodrich acted as Master of Ceremonies with R. W. Ed Walker escorting the honorees and wives up to the East where R. W. Dave Jones, DDGM, assisted by W. Mike Schum, presented the Awards and Pins.

Brother Robert Ogden was then escorted to the East by R. W. Ed Walker. To Brother Ogden's pleasant surprise, he was met there by W. Mike Herrmann, District Chairman for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund of the 2nd Monroe District, who congratulated Bob in his efforts of the Brotherhood Fund. R. W. Jones and W. Schum did the honors in presenting Brother Bob with the Award.

W. Schum remarked later that Brother Ogden was excited to meet Brother Herrmann in as much as Bob had been mailing several Fund reports to him, but had never spoken to or met him. W. Chuck Strickland busied himself in snapping many pictures, and Brother John Walker played many songs on the organ during the interludes.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to the following Brothers with December birthdays: John Auer, Paul Case, Tom Colombo, Jack Grover, Dick Gundry, Dick Hart, John Merrick, John Smith, Perry Sweet and George Wyatt.

Future meetings

December 1st is a Dinner Meeting.

December 8th is Fellowcraft and will be a 1st Degree rehearsal.

Sunday, December 13th is the Christmas Party and December 15th is the 2nd Degree.

Towpath

Lodge No. 163



W. Daniel Emerson
Master
334-7730

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

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The first order of business is wishing everyone a very Healthy and Happy Holiday Season.

A new Brother

On November 3rd we raised a new Brother. SW Phil Hurwitz was in the East and did a splendid job. W. Craig Covert did a lot of work making this Degree work and we applaud him. R. W. Larry Canfield was called on short notice and did a wonderful job. Thank you, Brother Larry. Thank you to all who took part and the many Brothers on the sidelines who gave their support.

Degrees

The 2nd Degree is December 1st. I am sorry to say we will not have a dinner, but we will have a great repast. Won't you come out to support our new Brother? He would like to meet you. Our 3rd Degree will be on January 5th. A dinner is planned and for reservations please call W. Lou Campaniello at 247-4480. The Past Masters Degree Team will be conferring the Degree. I am sure you will witness perfection.

December

Our Holiday Dinner Meeting will be on December 15th. Call Brother Lou with your reservations.

The fundraiser for our Soap Box Derby will be held on December 18th. It is an All You Can

Eat Spaghetti Dinner. Chef Michael Gibbardo promises us a great sauce with salad, rolls, meatballs, sausage and beverage. The price is only \$5.00 per adult, \$3.00 for children, and there is a \$15.00 limit for a family. Tell your friends.

January

January 19th will be a night of fellowship with Eureka Lodge. Bring your ladies, of course, and enjoy a nice dinner and meet new friends.

Sickness and health

These Brothers are under the weather and could use a little cheering up. Please give them a call, or better yet, stop by and chat with them: W. Everett Hoak, 889-9048; Bill Akroyd, 337-7380; Bob Belcher, 663-7714; Dean Airy, 315-926-0515.

Brother Sol Phillips is waiting fore-mail. Pleasedrop him a line at CYYR55@PRODIGY.COM. ☐

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Here I am again with all the happenings and coming events.

October 15th was our Official Visit by the DDGM, R. W. David W. Jones of the Second Monroe District, along with the Staff Officer, R. W. William D. Spillane, Grand Director of Ceremonies and R. W. Robert L. Zahn, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Denmark. After the meeting there were refreshments and card games.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances, our 1st Degree had to be rescheduled at a later date.

Lodge Awards

Friends and families were invited to the Long Term Service and the Mason of the Year Awards on November 19th.

Lodge Family Christmas Party

Our Annual Christmas Party will be December 19th and all are invited. We are looking forward to a cheerful and entertaining event. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Looking ahead

January 7th the guest speaker will be W. William Lindsay. Brothers, please make an effort to be there.

Officer's Meeting

Please, Brothers, remember the Officer's Meeting will always be the last Tuesday of the month.

Working together

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 used Northfield Lodge for a Memorial Service on October 28th. Our facilities are available to other Lodges for such occasions.

I thank the Brothers of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge for the get well card. ☐



W. Mike Herrmann and R. W. Dave Jones, DDGM, congratulating Brother Bob Ogden, Brotherhood Fund Chairman, on his receiving Brotherhood Fund Award on behalf of the Lodge.



R. W. Don Darrohn, DDGM 1st Mon., W. Mike Schum, Master and R. W. Dave Jones, DDGM 2nd Mon. (back) with Bro. Bob Ogden, R. W. Tom Davis, Bros. Earl Lenhardt and Joe Roe, recipients of Grand Lodge Service Awards. (Photos courtesy Vern Goodrich)

Craftsman/Robertson

Lodge No. 969

W. Mike Schum, Master
(h) 248-9283



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

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

By Robert Ogden

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 13th in the 3rd floor Dining Room of

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Leon VanHuben, Secretary
 647-1391

Degrees

On November 10th, 20 Brothers from Fame Lodge went to Seneca Lodge in Webster to see our new Brother receive his 3rd Degree. The Shrine Past Masters Degree Team conferred the Degree on our new Brother. As always, they did an outstanding job.

Awards

On October 1st Brother Charles Peterson received the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. Our sincere congratulations to him.

November

On Sunday, November 8th, we had our Ladies Night at the Irondequoit Town Lounge. This was the largest turnout we have ever had for this event. All this was made possible by the time and effort of W.: Dean Marsaw. From all of us, thank you.

November 24th was our Annual Memorial Service.

Dues

It is that time of the year again, our Secretary has your dues cards ready. Do not forget to contribute to the Brotherhood Fund.


Rent

Fame Lodge still has dates available for renting the facilities to any group in need of meeting space. Contact Brother John Rehbach at 338-7918.

Meeting nights

Don't forget that Fame Lodge meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

Churchville
Lodge No. 667
 20 South Main St.
 Churchville, N.Y. 14428



W.: Louis M. Sanfillippo, Master
 227-3898
 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
 7:30 p.m.

W.: George R. Burke, Secretary
 392-1629

1st Degree

At our 1st meeting in November, Churchville Lodge had seven candidates that received their 1st Degree. Our attendance was great with very few vacant seats in the Lodge room.

SW George Pflieger was in the East and did an excellent job. District Grand Lodge Officers were present and added their guidance and support to the Lodge and also took part in the Degree. R.: W.: Dave Jones' presentation was flawless. We were fortunate to have visiting Brethren from six Lodges who lent their support for our new candidates and Churchville Lodge.

Thanks
 Dinner was excellent and over 40 Brothers enjoyed the delicious meal prepared by JW John Hennessey and Chef Bill Dunn. Thanks, Brothers for a superb meal.


A special thank you to Brother Chet Banach who was kind enough to provide his talent on the organ and contributed to making our Degree so enjoyable. A special salute to all of my Line Officers, kitchen staff, visiting guests and all participating Brothers who made our 1st Degree such an overwhelming success.

December

Our December meeting will be on the 9th.

In closing, I wish everyone a happy and fulfilling Thanksgiving Holiday.

Charlotte/Corinthian
Lodge No. 1088



W.: Andres Alvarez, Master
 (h)426-1946
 (w)722-0424

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 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
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C. William Flemming, Secretary
 723-0083
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Thanks

Firstly, I thank the Lodge for sending the get well card for my short stay in the hospital. It is nice to know that the Brothers are thinking of each other.

Budget meeting

For the Brothers who showed up for the Budget Meeting, I thank you for making the job a little easier. It took us hours to complete, but when it was finished, we knew it was acceptable. The dues will be increased by one dollar next year to make up for our declining membership. The late notices for this year's dues will be in your mail soon. If you are late, please send them in.

December events

On December 1st we will have the Official Visit by our own R.: W.: Dave Jones.

December 13th is our Family Christmas Party at the Lodge. The time is from 2:00 p.m. 'til 4:00 p.m. For reservations, call Brother Ken Ratliff at 323-1014.

December 15th is Masonic Protocol Night.

Ronald McDonald House

Members of other Lodges, my wife and I, recently took a tour of the Ronald McDonald House. This was an eye opener as to the

efforts that go into the House to make it successful. They are very grateful for the efforts that the Masons have made in their cause. Right now we are planning a night to go to the House and cook dinner for the families. We will be looking for volunteers to help. The date is not set, but we should have one soon.

Sickness and distress

Our thoughts and wishes go out to Harry Lake who is in Parkridge Hospital. Harry can have visitors, so please go and pay him a visit. He will be glad to see you.

It is my sad duty to announce that Brother Charles E. Sage was called Home by the Great Architect of the Universe on October 25th. The Altar was draped in his memory and a page in the minutes set aside as a memorial to him and his family.

**By R.: W.: Joseph Privitera
 School of Ritual**

We had a fantastic attendance at the 1st School of Ritual on October 29th, 29 Brothers were present out of a total of 44. Thanks to all the Lodge Brothers for their presence at the School and their continuing interest in the Ritual and how it should be done. The following Brothers, led by W.: Andy Alvarez, were present: Warren Alhart, Floyd Bedoar, John Bennett, Harold Bollotin, Jim De Lorenzo, Don Fox, Dick Felgner, Bill Fredenburg, Mike Gorall, Bill Hinds, John Hinds, Steve Hinds, Dave Jones, George Lake, Neil Laundry, Scott Laundry, Tom Paglia, Joe Privitera, Ken Ratliff, Bruce Palmer, Cliff Short, Keith Stambach, Mike Staub, Tom Tills, Ray Wallner, Nick Vlahos and Jeff Wood.

Interesting sidebars to the School

There were three of the Hinds crew present; father, son and uncle; a father and son duo, Neil and Scott Laundry, and best of all, George Lake, continuing the tradition of attending the School from his father, Harry Lake.

Thanks to Cliff Short and Jim De Lorenzo for preparing the refreshments before and after the meeting.

Next School of Ritual

The next School of Ritual will be January 20th at Fairport Lodge at 7:30 p.m. The School will be presenting something a little different than usual called "Lodge of Confusion". Fairport Lodge is located at 87 South Main Street in Fairport and is handicapped accessible. If you need a ride, call me at 392-5583 or Andy Alvarez at 426-1946. You can also meet at the Lodge for carpooling. Hope to see you there.

LIBRARY NOTES
 Mike McCullough, Librarian

By R.: W.: F. Jay McCullough
 We're gaining on it!

On a Monday morning in the middle of October, a bunch of R.: W.:s got together for a short foray. Buz Lovett, Tom Paglia, Joe Privitera, Phil Averbach and this writer met at Dox Electronics. We collected steel shelving and supports from owner, Ken Michael, with which to create new book shelves for the Library.

This was all as a result of Brother Bill Nardone arranging a Library Program for Flower City Lodge Brethren on the 8th of October. Brother Dave Berger, DSA, was there. Librarian Mike McCullough hosted the Program and in describing needs, including volunteers to man the desk and more shelves being required, found Brother Berger a good listener. He said he would check with his nephew, Ken, and if he had the shelves, they could be in the Library as soon as some of the Brethren could pick them up. Averbach and Lovett volunteered use of their trucks.

The donated shelving is now in the Library. Side braces have been purchased and stocked. All needs to be painted before being set up-a Winter daytime job!

Books, videos and audio visual equipment can be borrowed

Spend some time at the desk in the Monroe Masonic Library. Here you can borrow, or be prepared to lend, or allow time to read books, sign out audio visual equipment and return books and files to their proper places.

Volunteer by getting in touch with me at 352-1061. An hour a month, in the evening as suggested or during the late morning for an hour or two. With several of the Brothers and Sisters set-

ting some time aside in this fashion, we can staff the Library to an adequate level to make it serve its intended purpose in our community of Masonry.

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Building

Well, the Official Visits are over and it was a great experience to visit the 12 Lodges in the District, renew some old friendships and make some new ones. I think we can be very proud of the Genesee/Wyoming District. Some of the Lodges have had, or are going to have, a 1st Degree. Congratulations, and keep up the good work. Let's all plan on visiting at least one other Lodge this coming month. If we all work together, and just a little harder, I know we will build.

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The Brotherhood Fund Campaign has started. Let's get 100% participation.

God be with you. □

Grand Steward

Genesee/Wyoming



R.W. Dennis M.
Turton, Sr.
591-1179

It's that time again

This is the time of year we see the cold weather arrive and our Brother "snow birds" depart. There is nothing wrong in flying South for the Winter except that it leaves us a little short up here when it comes to Lodge attendance. Many Lodges remedy this situation by holding only one meeting a month during the Winter. For those of us who remain here during our cold spell, let's not forget to attend Lodge meetings. It's important to keep the Craft alive in our District all year

long. Your Masters have set up Trestleboards and planned programs or Degrees for the entire year, all that is asked of us is to attend. So, take a break from all that snow shoveling and attend your Lodge meetings. You will be glad you did, and so will your Master!

The Road to the East

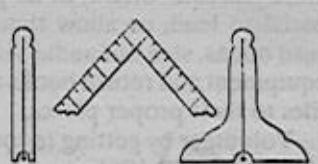
The Road to the East Course for the G/W District will be held at the Attica Masonic Temple, 39 Main Street on January 8th, 22nd, and February 5th. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. with registration and coffee and promptly end at 9:30 p.m. A very fine slate of instructors are generously donating their time and efforts to this program and I know everyone who attends will find it worthwhile. I've informed all the Lodges in the District of this program during the DDGM's Official Visits. Everyone should be aware of how much this program will help them, so there should be no reason not to expect a good turnout. Let's all work to make our beloved institution bigger and better in the Genesee/Wyoming District. I'll see you there!

Around the District

December 1st - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night at Oakland Lodge, Castile.

December 4th - Widows and Awards Night at Triluminar Lodge, Pike.

December 5th - 20/20 Party at Hesperus Lodge, Bergen. □



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591-1179
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R. W. Richard C. Anderson
493-2203

October meeting

President William Swyers called our October 29th meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen. The minutes of the last meeting were read for information for those in attendance.

New business

1. Reschedule the Annual Meeting to enable the Masters and Wardens Association to provide the Council of Masonic Activities with names of elected officers for the new District Directories. The Annual Meeting is now scheduled for April 29th at Attica Lodge.

2. A discussion was held on the Association's treasury. A motion was made and passed that this treasury be the property of the Council of Masonic Activities if so dissolved.

3. We need to generate interest and attendance at our projects and programs. The officers of the District need to share information and valuable experiences to better the Lodges. W. Garry Hutchurson will chair a dinner meeting on January 30th.

Coming events

R.W. Ray Barber, DDGM, passed out a list of coming events in the District.

Receipts

Our receipts only totaled \$5.00 from Association dues cards this month.

Refreshments

A thank you to W. Garry Hutchurson for providing the refreshments for the evening. □

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



W. Robert Forbes, Secretary
768-2657
8 West Main Street
LeRoy, N. Y. 14482

R.W.
Robert
Nicoll
Master
768-7922
1st & 3rd
Wed.

Happy Holidays

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 1999 is the last year of this century and the beginning of a very positive millennium. A very positive time for Masonry. A very much needed positive Masonic leadership era.

Looking ahead

We will be having a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on January 9th. I have one new petition. For a class of five, let's talk to these young men. We can have a full class for February if we work on this. An Inscription on a church wall in Sussex, England:

A Vision
Without a Task
Is But a Dream

A Task
Without a Vision
Is Only a Drudgery

A Vision With
A Task
Is the Hope of
The World. □

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



W. Michael E.
Smith
495-6547
1st and 3rd
Tuesdays

W. Allen L. Capwell
Secretary 786-6989
75 South Main St.
Warsaw, N.Y. 14569

Sickness and distress

Brother Gordon Klump's father passed away. Our condolences to Gordon and his family.

I am pleased to say that as of this writing, Brother John Sunderland's spirits are great. He still is very ill, but those thoughtful cards and letters are what's working. KEEP THEM COMING. His address is 20 Clinton St., Apt. 8, Warsaw, NY 14569.

Brother Al Colton, father of Brother Dick Colton, underwent back surgery and is progressing well.

Happy hunting!

W. Allen Capwell is at present hunting in the mountains. As of now we have no report, but if he doesn't bring back one, I'm sure we'll hear about the monster that got away! Actually, if he does get a good one I am sure that I'll have to eat crow for at least a week.

Great guys!

For the first time I had the opportunity to work at the VA Hospital Bingo last week. What a thrill! Those guys are great. For any Brother who has not had this opportunity, you really don't know what you are missing. The warmth of those handshakes told the whole story. I always said that I was proud to be an American, but now I say that I am equally as proud to have known the men that I met that night. I would like to thank W.'s Bill Mammosser and Harry Brown for their help.

Future dates

I am pleased to report the Country Breakfasts have started. The next date is December 20th. December 15th will be our Pot Luck Dinner and Christmas Party. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to bring a dish to pass and a \$5-\$7 gift. Men will bring a man's gift and a woman will bring for a woman.

On December 12th at 6:30 p.m. we will be having a tree decorating party. Last year was a fun time had by all. If you would like to join us, please feel free. Christmas is a lot more fun with family and friends.

A note from our Brotherhood Fund Chairman

By W. Richard Benn
Participation in the Masonic Brotherhood Fund last year was 5 1/2% of our membership of 92. So far this year we have had participation of 18%. Obviously this is a great improvement, but I think we can do better. You were each mailed a contribution envelope on September 12th. Somewhere on your desk you will find this envelope, I am sure. Please reconsider your ability to contribute to what we all know is a vital part of our Fraternity, if you have not done so. These monies are used exclusively for the several charities and programs of Grand Lodge, and the participation of the membership is vital to realize our goals. I will look forward to receiving your much needed contributions. □

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

Main Street
Pike, N. Y. 14130



W. William A.
Swyers, Master
493-2962

2nd and 4th
Wednesdays

W. Richard Anderson, Sec.
493-2203

Greetings, Brethren

On November 14th Oakland and Triluminar Lodges held a joint Child ID Program, which was well received by the public. Thank you to all the Brothers and their wives who helped. If your Lodge has not had a Child ID Program and want more information, please contact R.W. Leonard Mason.

Widows Night

Our Annual Widows Night and Awards Ceremony will be held on December 19th. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. with the Awards Ceremony to follow. We will also be singing Christmas Carols and enjoying a night of fellowship and friendship.

Table Lodge

As the New Year is getting closer, so is the Annual Table

December 1998

Lodge. This year's host will be Constellation Lodge No. 404 in Perry. A tentative date has been set for January 9, 1999. W. John Cook will keep everyone advised.

Euchre Tournament

All the Brothers should be sharpening their skills. W. Chuck Kraus is defending champion and is ready for all challengers. Brother Glen Miller says that he can whip W. Chuck! We shall see! □

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837



W. Gary R.
Hutchurson,
Master
(716) 494-2412

1st and 3rd
Thursday

W. John Specht,
Secretary 548-2694
12 South Lake Ave.
Bergen, N.Y. 14416

November

Brethren, we have had an eventful November with a 2nd Degree in Olive Branch Lodge in LeRoy with JW Norm Austin in the East. All enjoyed a wonderful Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner served by Bob and Leone Nicoll.

Fundraiser

We had a great fundraiser at the Bergen Octoberfest where we cooked and served 400 chickens to the Community. Our Chairman was W. George Springett and \$1,300 was raised for our Lodge 100 Celebration.

Child ID

I forgot to mention in last month's article that Linda Brown and George Springett were also at the Child ID in Batavia. My apologies for the omission.

Congratulations

Congratulations to R.W. Holden Miller and his lady, Helen, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary which was celebrated at the Lodge on November 7th.

Bring-a-Friend

I hope you had a good time at our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We had six guests and W. Van Hulbert was Chairman. We enjoyed a great Roast Beef Dinner.

December

Don't forget we have an Oyster Stew Night on December 16th, our traditional night before Christmas. Hope to see all of you there.

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season. □

Temple Association 20-20 Fundraiser Party

Sat., Dec. 5, 1998

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Mount Vernon Lodge No. 263



W.: Mark Hopkins
Master
457-3325

2nd & 4th Mondays

W.: Rodney Dilker, Sec.
655-3107
Main Street
Java Village, NY

By J.P. Allan, JW

Hello Brethren

On November 8th Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263 hosted its first Pancake Breakfast. We had a grand time, among the members and with our guests.

Thanks

I, as JW, wish to thank those visiting who traveled a long way to support us!

A special thanks to the kitchen crew of Attica Lodge for sharing their special tips with me! Thank you!

We will be hosting our Breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of each month and we look forward to seeing you there.

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

200 E. Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020



W.: J. Michael Willworth
Master
343-8443

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

R.: W.: Robert F. Dagen
Sec. (716) 548-7148

First things first

My sincere apologies to each of you for not submitting an article for this publication for the past two months. I hope you will excuse me-I sincerely promise that I will not allow this to happen in the future.

Past news

The District Deputy, R.: W.: Raymond Barber, made his Official Visit to our Lodge on October 27th. I want to report that he found all in order and he presented the Message of the Grand Master. Also in attendance at that time was R.: W.: Kenneth Kohlhausen, Deputy Grand Standard Bearer, R.: W.: Dennis Turton, Grand Steward and R.: W.: Merle Robinson, Grand Representative to Brazil.

Brethren from Hesperus Lodge No. 837 were in attendance for the Visit, but I think they also had another motive for being there, and that happened to be to 'capture' Molly, the Traveling Trophy. She has left us, but I don't think for too long. For the benefit of those of you who may not be familiar with Molly, in order to capture her, you must attend the Lodge in which she currently resides, having at least 5 Brethren from your respective Lodge. If there happens to be Brethren from other Lodges in attendance, it all boils down to whomever happens to have the most in attendance will take Molly home with them.

This has been going on for the past few years and has stirred up considerable interest throughout the District. I wish to thank the

SW, R.: W.: Vern Rupert, for presiding during the Official Visit.

Good news

I want to report that W.: Bill Genagon and his lady, Kris, are on the mend from recent surgeries. W.: Stephen Licht is home and is also on the mend. We wish them well and hope to see them out as soon as possible.


Degree work

On Wednesday, November 18th, we had the opportunity to witness some beautiful Degree work on Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 on LeRoy. The Fellowcraft Degree was conferred with the Middle Chamber Lecture being presented with all the props being available as part of the furnishings of the Lodge room. It was quite impressive and I am sure that the Brethren receiving the Degree were duly impressed. We are anticipating the conferral of the Master Mason Degree sometime early in December. The date has not yet been set.

Until next time, I hope you all had a very nice Thanksgiving and I wish all Season's greetings.

May God Bless all of us. □

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



R.: W.: Dennis Turton, Sr.
Master
(716) 591-1179

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

W.: Norman Steinbaugh,
Secretary 591-2073
39 Main Street
Attica, N. Y. 14011

Reminder

Attica Lodge meets only the first Wednesday of January, February, and March. Please make it a point to be there.

Chair sale

Our chair sale to purchase new dining room chairs is under way. We've sold about eight chairs so far. Not too bad Brethren, but we've got a long way to go. Don't wait for the next guy to do it, buy your chair now.

Success

Our Pancake Breakfast for November was a great success. Not only did we net twice the profit as we did last month, but we were honored with the attendance of the DDGM and the Deputy Grand Marshal. Thank you all who made this a great event. Don't forget to sign up for the next one!


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Have you paid your dues yet? Get your check in the mail as soon as you can. Thank you.

Are you the key person?

It has been discussed and action is under way that we change the lock on the front door of the Temple. There is a possibility that we will gain one or more new tenants and with that comes more and more traffic in our building. In order to regain control and security, new keys will be given to all organizations and a key log will be kept. Key control will become stricter and a limited number of keys will be given out. All concerned organizations will be receiving notice on this shortly. Everyone's cooperation will be greatly appreciated. □

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
174 South Main St.
Castile, N.Y. 14427

Greetings and thank you

Some special people are deserving of a big thank you, all the Brothers and their families for the support they showed at the District Fish Fry at Oakland Lodge on October 16th. Special thanks to Brother John Cook and Constellation Lodge for the use of their illuminated sign. This was the fourth time we have borrowed it and every Fish Fry has been a sell-out! A very special thanks to all the Brothers and wives who helped out and especially to Brother Bud Hoffmeister and his wife, Sandy, for taking care of all the purchasing of food and supplies.

Once again, doing an excellent job coordinating our Roadside Cleanup is Brother Fred Hance. Thanks to the Brothers who assisted on October 24th.

Present at the Veterans Day at Batavia on November 8th was Brother Ken Smith and his wife, Mary. There was a good turnout as we handed out packets to the vets and had some interesting conversations.


Coming events

On December 1st there will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night at Oakland Lodge commencing at 8:00 p.m. If you know of a potential candidate, please invite him to Lodge or call me at 322-7545. On January 9th there will be a Table Lodge at Constellation Lodge in Perry at 5:00 p.m. More news will follow.

Closing

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving. Have a safe and healthy Holiday Season. See you in Lodge! □

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



W.: Craig Reitmeyer, Master
496-9975

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

2nd Tues. Jan. & Feb

David Hossenlopp,
Secretary 496-7267
Main Street
Arcade, New York 14009

Thanksgiving is past and I hope you and your families had a good time. December is upon us and we have a newly raised Brother, Joseph Blake. He is a Chiropractor in Yorkshire and has indicated that he plans to reside in this area in the future.

Thank you

Our Degrees were performed with the assistance of Mt. Vernon, Triluminar, Oakland and Constellation Lodges. The aid from these Brothers was greatly appreciated.

Repairs

During the past few months we have accomplished the replacement of the damaged basement floor. We received \$2,955 from 31 members after the appeal for donations. In the future we hope to replace the basement windows with glass blocks.

Success

We succeeded in raising nearly \$800 selling hot dogs at the A & A Depot at Curriers and at the Lodge this Summer. More help is needed so that we can add a few more days of selling in the future.

Dues

You will note that your dues notice reflected an increase for 1999. This is because we entered the incorrect amount for Grand Lodge assessment for 1998 plus we have found that our expenses have increased over the years. Hot dog sales don't cover everything.

Memorial Night

At our December 8th meeting we will recognize our departed Brothers with a Roll Call that evening.

Let me know


Please send in your thoughts as to what you would like to see in future articles.

Happy Holidays

Have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. □

CONSTELLATION Lodge No. 404

21 N. Main Street, Perry, NY 14530



W.: John F. Cook
Master
237-2427

1st & 3rd Thursdays

R.: W.: Charles H. Myers,
Secretary 237-5990

Season's Greetings

I thank everyone for helping make our recent Harvest Dinner a huge success! We had excellent help, as well as a good turnout of hungry customers. Special thanks is due those who were in the kitchen and dining room: Doris Barrett, Loretta Patrick, Judy Milhollen, and the other members of Perry Chapter, OES. We could not have done it without you! I apologize to those who came to eat, but were turned away because we ran out of food early.

Euchre

Our first Euchre card game night found two tables of players and some coaches on the sideline. All of us had a lot of fun. I hope the word spreads and future game nights will find more play-

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"EVERYTHING FOR THE FIREPLACE"

ers. Speaking of card games, the Annual Euchre Tourney will be in February and March. The schedule of where and when will be published in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Ladies Night

Our Ladies Night will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at Hawley's Lumberyard Restaurant in Perry. Call me at 237-2427 to make your reservation. Treat your ladies to good company, as well as good food.

Holidays

I trust that by the time you read this newsletter you will be in the full swing of the Holiday Season. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years. Looking ahead to the new year, it looks like it will be a busy one. I plan to have a schedule of events for 1999 ready soon.

Table Lodge

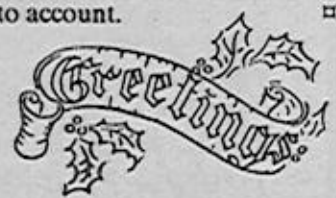
Constellation Lodge will host what is now an annual District event, a Table Lodge. Tentatively it is set for Saturday, January 9th. It promises to be a great time.

Brotherhood Fund

Remember to contribute to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. It is a very worthy cause.

In closing

I would appreciate any input from you about Lodge activities. It is your Lodge and your ideas and concerns need to be taken into account. □



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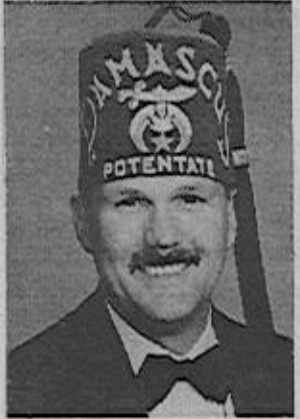
Damascus Temple No. 2
Shrine News



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Potentate - Joseph E. Bourcy III

From the Potentate



Joseph E. Bourcy III

(716) 975-2317 w
(716) 334-8293 h

lot of time left. The days are just flying by. I have had a wonderful year working for all of you.

Fall Ceremonial

With those thoughts we can look toward our Fall Ceremonial. On December 2nd we will have our Hot Sands. This is your opportunity to bring in your friends and relatives who you feel would make good Shriners and involve them in the World's Greatest Philanthropy. Make sure you bring them through the York or Scottish Rite Bodies first.

I have talked to the Director's Staff and they are preparing a 2nd Section for this Ceremonial Class. They tell me it'll be one to remember. Make sure your candidate is there to be part of it.

Now that Thanksgiving is over, I would remind you to save some room for all those parties that are coming up. Don't forget to support your Club or Unit's Christmas Party. I'll see you all there.

1998 thoughts

I would like to leave you all with a few thoughts from 1998.

All the parades are behind us, as the snow hits the ground. The circus is history, along with its sounds.

We've had Euchre and dinners and bus trips to Rome. We played golf on those days that we should have stayed home.

The kids were all screaming as the Jack Rabbit roared by, so we all got in line to give it a try.

Then there were those who climbed stairs to great heights, just to ride the long slide, some on tubes or backsides.

We had hot dogs and burgers and soda and milk, thank God it wasn't hotter so we all didn't wilt.

Orlando was a hot one, for those who could go. We missed those who couldn't make it, you missed a great show.

We stayed at a place that had a pool with a snake, it kept most of us cool while others just baked.

We saw Mickey and Minnie and Imperial Sir Lou, Lady Cat and their Gaters and Donald Duck, too.

This year's been a great one for me and my bride. It's one that we'll remember with great joy and much pride.

You folks are the greatest friends someone could find. Thank you all for allowing my light to shine.

So as I sit here and run out of things I can rhyme, don't forget to find someone you can "Turn onto the Shrine".

From the Recorder's Desk

By Cyrus Kloner, PP

We, as Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, are and have every right to be proud of our great philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children. We are continually apprised of the tremendous work our hospitals are performing. Nothing makes you feel as proud as when you personally see the results of the treatment a child has received at one of our hospitals.

What it's all about

At our November 4th meeting we were privileged to meet Elena Petkovska and her family who are from the former Yugoslavia. Elena was referred to Shriners Hospital for Children at Erie by a physician at the Genesee Hospital, and after two surgeries she can now stand, feel her legs and has taken her first steps at twelve years of age.

The Petkovska family were at our meeting to thank us for all that the Shriners have done for Elena. But really, Nobles, we should have thanked them for making us feel so good and proud of what we do everyday in our hospitals. This is what our great Fraternity is all about.

Proud feeling

Talking about feelings brings to mind the weekend that I just spent in Washington, DC. We were at the International Association Legions of Honor Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery. Although this was my 16th year of attendance, the Ceremony still made my heart beat faster and my eyes become moist, but most of all, it made me proud to be a veteran, a member of such a worthwhile organization and a citizen of this great country of ours.

Mundane matters!

Now to attend to a few mundane matters:

a) Dues are due now!! If you have not yet paid your dues, please remit your payment now and save your office the time, effort and expense of sending additional notices.

b) If you are anticipating changing your address, even temporarily, please notify the office.

c) If you know of any Noble in sickness, distress or in need of our assistance, please notify the office.

As always, the Temple Office and its staff are here to serve you and your club or unit, so do not hesitate to call upon us.

We wish each and everyone of you a joyful holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Yours in the Faith.

**Director's Staff
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Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Reservations by
Monday, November 30, to:
Damascus Temple Office
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Lalla Rookh GROTTO

News

Patrol
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Richard Topel, Monarch

Monarch's Message

The Monarch's Ball at the Country Party House was well attended. The Prophets and ladies from four other Grottoes enjoyed a night of good fellowship with the Officers and ladies of Lalla Rookh Grotto. A special thank you to Ron Morthorst for the time and effort he put into making it a successful evening. I would also like to thank the Officers and their ladies for the donations to help make my hospitality room a success.

Future event

Our meeting on December 16th is our Annual Communications and Election of Officers. The Caldron will serve their usual great Turkey Dinner, free with your 1998 dues card.

Sickness and distress

Our condolences to the family of Prophet Bill Wood who passed away on October 19th. Prophet Bill was a 51 year member of Lalla Rookh Grotto.

The Prophet's sympathies to Prophet Dick Bull on the passing of his brother.

If anyone knows of someone who is sick or in need of our aid, please contact the office or me at 663-2547.

Master of Ceremonies

By Leon VanHuben

A Turkey Dinner, with all the trimmings, will be served on Wednesday, December 16th at 6:30 p.m. It is FREE TO ALL PROPHETS WITH A 1998 DUESCARD. Call me by December 10th with your reservation.

The meeting, at 7:30 p.m., will be Election of Officers for 1999.

There will be entertainment for your listening pleasure. Please come and support your officers and the Grotto.

Membership

We are an organization of friendship and kindness. As long as we maintain that we have life and joy. Lose that and we are destroyed.

Have you invited that Brother Mason to join our Grotto yet?

Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson

At our November meeting we paid tribute to our departed veterans. We also honored our Finance Officer, Frank Murrer, Jr., as our Legionnaire of the Year.

Frank was initiated in the Grotto in May, 1950 and was Commander of the Legion in 1953, 1991 and 1992. He also held other offices in the Legion over the years.

Officers

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of Officers:

Commander **Leon VanHuben**
Exec. Officer **Al Pulcino**
Personnel Ofc. **Ernest Swan**
Finance Ofc. **Frank Murrer, Jr.**
Chaplain **Mike Bell**
Quartermaster **Howard Topel**

December meeting

The next meeting of the Legion of Honor will be the Annual Election on Monday, December 21st at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Avenue.

The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., the meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. Please call Leon at 647-1391 with your reservation.

Dates to Remember

Mon., Dec. 7-Board of Governors Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 10-Caldron Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 16th-Annual Meeting-Elections-Free Dinner with Dues Card

Wed., Dec. 17th-Caldron Executive Council

**Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship**

From the Chief Justice

by Ron Morthorst

Season's greetings

The Officers of the Lalla Rookh Grotto send season's greetings for the holiday season to all our members and their families.

Open Installation

January 23, 1999

We will be honored to have the ESGA Officers do the Installation in Cathedral Hall of the Downtown Temple. The Ceremonies will begin at 4:00 p.m., refreshments at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. Dancing and social hour will follow dinner.

Dinner reservations and checks by January 15th, PLEASE!!

Dinner choices are: Sirloin of Beef or Stuffed Chicken Breast. The cost is \$10.00 per dinner and the checks may be made payable to Leon VanHuben, 284 Electric Ave., Rochester, NY 14613.

Hotel accommodations available

Reservations may be made at the Strathallan, 550 East Avenue. The reservations number is 1-800-678-7248. The room rate is \$75.00 (Grotto rate). Give the word "Install" to receive the special rate. A block of 10 rooms has been reserved for Lalla Rookh Grotto. All reservations must be made by December 27th. Make your reservations now!!

Caldron News

The holiday season is upon us with snow in the air and I made it. I survived my first month in office!

Future events

Our regular meeting is December 10th at 7:30 p.m.

December 17th is the Executive Council meeting.

Under the weather

Daughters Pat Slack and Merline Buegare still not up to par and can use a little cheering up.

In closing

In the spirit of the holiday season, I would like to share with you.

"Christmas Prayer"

May the spirit of giving Go on through the year, Bringing love, laughter, Hope, and good cheer. Gifts wrapped with charity, Joy, Peace and Grace, Ribboned with happiness, a tender embrace.

By Norma Woodbridge
Have a Merry Christmas.

Lalla Rookh Grotto

M.O.V.P.E.R.

Sympathy Good Fellowship

Open Installation

4:00 p.m., Saturday, January 23, 1999
Cathedral Hall - Masonic Temple
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Social Hour 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Dinner - Dancing to follow.

Dinner reservations by January 15, 1999 - Please!

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Grand Lodge Vets

Continued from page 3.

tional-a passing from one condition, place, etc., to another; Stabilized-to keep from changing. This all means that a very few will be kept at a VA Medical Center.

There has been a great deal of talk from the grapevine that the VA Medical Centers may become nursing homes whereby the veterans will be charged by a Means Weighted System, charging whatever the veteran can afford. What the byword now is, that the VA needs to be competitive with outside medical care, such as hospitals and nursing homes. This may be well and good, but remember, the VA Medical Centers have devised many important and wonderful cures, this innovation will not be continued by outsiders unless they get cost plus, after all they are in business to make a profit.

I am just wondering what this country would have done if all of the veterans charged for their services when going to war. During World War 2 the veterans were making \$21 a month, which comes to \$.70 a day to fight for their country. Pretty small pay to put your life at stake, while others at home were making hundreds of dollars per week. Even today the service members are below the outside pay scale. It is true, when there are no wars, the veterans are forgotten.

Mid-Day Bowling League



John Specht, Secretary
548-2694

By F. Jay McCullough

Tuesday afternoons

We have started on Tuesdays, at 1:30 p.m., at Spencerport Bowl. There is a slow but steady increase in the number of bowlers in the league.

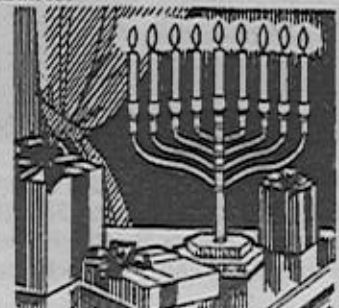
All of you seniors who like to bowl, but don't care to drive at night, are welcome to join us. This Masonic league seems to be a lot of fun, and the bowlers get to drive home in the daylight, such as it is in Fall and Winter in Rochester.

Buz Lovett again leads the pack he brought together in both average and high series (so far). John Specht is creeping up on him! Dick Kessler has joined us though he hasn't been on the

lanes in a number of years. Nothing like retirees special events and opportunities! Don Hargrave is back after spending the Summer working the grill and luncheon area at Churchville Golf Course. (He livened things up there with his famous hot sauce for burgers and hot dogs. We may try to get him to do the same at the bowling lanes!) John Mattern (with the deliberate approach) gets practice in the couple's league with his wife at Sunset, then comes to the Senior's league to show off his practiced skills.

State Masonic Tourney

Lovett is setting up a couple of teams for the April 24, 25 weekend in Elmira. Specht is making the motel reservations for Saturday night. Only 3 of 5 members of a team need to be Masons, so enter your sons or special friends who travel with you to other events. Some wives are going for the trip and dining out on the two day jaunt. Sign up! Harold Reynolds is a major domo in the State group that is putting the event on and he can be contacted as well. He's at 475-1324 when he's not at Lodge or Maiden Lanes!



Masonic Q & A

From 101 Questions
about Freemasonry
(Masonic Service Association)

Q. Why cannot a Brother Appeal from the Master's decision in Lodge?

A. He can, but not in Lodge; only to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. The Master is strictly charged and sworn to uphold and promote the peace and harmony of his Lodge. Without complete authority he cannot assume complete responsibility. It is, therefore, the Master's prerogative to begin or terminate debate; to rule on all questions; to control the deliberations of his Lodge (within the framework of the by-laws - a Master cannot, for instance, legally open his Lodge before the time set forth in the by-laws, or conduct business at a special or called communication not set forth in the call). If any Brother could appeal from the Master to the Lodge, the Lodge would control the Master, not the Master control the Lodge. The Master is not only a presiding officer (as is the President of a club), but is literally Master of all

proceedings, discussions and actions of his Lodge, provided what he does is within the framework of the Grand Lodge law and the by-laws of his Lodge.

Q. Why cannot a Lodge adjourn and then reconvene?

A. The adjournment of any meeting is an act following a motion by some member of the group. No Master can give the power of termination of a meeting to a member, or to the Lodge as a whole, without sacrifice of his power to control the Lodge. Any Masonic Lodge must be in one of three states: closed, open or at refreshment. It is universally law that an open Lodge must be closed before the Brethren depart, otherwise a "reconvening of an open Lodge" at some future date might work an injustice to some Brother interested in Lodge legislation, who could not be present at the "reconvened adjourned" meeting. The fundamental reason for "no adjournment" is found in the fact that the Master's power of control, which means opening and closing Lodge at his pleasure (but always within the opening time set forth in the by-laws), cannot be abrogated by a member or by the Lodge as a whole.

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Ronald D. Mertens Commander-in-Chief



For some reason I have found writing this month's article extremely difficult. Maybe it is because I am tired. Maybe it is because we are "in between" LaNina.

I could certainly fill a column with reflections on recent events that were held and were, in my opinion, a great success. However, I am detailing those in our Newsletter that is now being put together. I can't report on our Fall Reunion because it has not been held as of this writing. I will mention some upcoming events before I am done, but those do not reflect my main concerns.

As I have been preparing for my part in the 32°, I have been reflecting on the meaning of the Obligation that each of us assumed when we joined the Consistory. We have all heard the words at least once. Some have heard or spoken the words numerous times. However, how many have stopped to really understand and reflect on what is being said. For example, do you realize that we all promised to "cordially and sincerely join with the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret in their noble project of uniting Freemasons, over all the earth, for the purpose of establishing peace, harmony and concert of action within the Order."

My Brothers, that is only a part of some meaningful and powerful promises that each of us has made. It is my hope and prayer that every member will take the time to reflect on the promises made in the various obligations assumed in whatever Masonic organizations we have joined, and endeavor to live our lives and "walk the talk" accordingly.

December

I call your attention to our December 17th meeting. You and your lady are invited to a Roast Beef Dinner followed by a "Down Memory Lane" Program by Donovan Shilling, for \$5.00 per person. I hope you will take some time during the busy preparation of the Holiday Season to enjoy what I believe will be an evening of food, fellowship and fun.

Barbara and I extend to each of you and your families, our very best wishes for a Blessed Holiday Season and a most Happy and Healthy New Year. □

Attention!

If you cannot attend or will not have the same number attending a dinner, it is necessary that you cancel or adjust your number of reservations made. At the last Family Dinner at the Shrine Mosque we had 235 reservations and only 202 were present. We were charged \$10.00 per dinner for the number of reservations we gave our caterer (we planned for 225). This cost the Valley of Rochester \$230.00 for the no-shows. Please, have the courtesy to inform us of any changes in your reservation for future dinners or events.

Contribute to the Blue Envelope Appeal

Ill.: Norman H. Selke, 33°, Treasurer Emeritus, and Ill.: Robert P. Zabel, 33°, Secretary Emeritus, Honored at Testimonial Dinner



Ill.: Norman H. Selke, 33°, Treasurer Emeritus and his daughter, Suzanne Hofmann, Secretary in the Valley Office.

No "Show Boat"

We regret to announce that the Broadway Theater League has cancelled the Show Boat performances at the Auditorium Theater. This negates our advertised Dinner Theater Program. If you have made a reservation and sent in a remittance, it will be returned. We are sorry if this causes any inconvenience. Please be patient. Thank you.

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Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas Paglia, 32° MSA
The following names have been reported to me:
John Stelter - broken femur.
James Hill IV - cancer of the esophagus, will be having radiation and chemo.
George Simon - knee surgery.
Gordon Booth, Sr. - not feeling well.
James Pray - Not been feeling up to par.
Joseph W. Wilson - had surgery lately.
Don Leisten - is having chemo.
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MMRL Internships

Continued from page 1.
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 The Summer session ended with a scientific symposium presented by the students on Thursday, August 6th, followed by an Awards Luncheon honoring the Summer Fellows and local sponsors at the Laboratory. Funding for this year's program has been provided by the Savings Bank of

Gift Solutions

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R.E. Daniel N. Evans

Holiday Greetings

The Holidays are fast approaching and I would at this time, like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy and prosperous New Year. It is hard for me to believe that we are approaching another year. My time as the DDGHP of the 29th Capitulat District will be coming to an end in March.

From the Grand High Priest

M.E. Edward S. Newsham, Grand High Priest of the State of New York, has asked the District Deputies to visit the Chapters in their District to make sure that the following work is being done on the following items:

1. Trestleboard of coming events.
2. Special events to be held by the Chapter.
3. Communication with the other Chapters in the District.
4. Development of programs for the family.
5. Resolve a Chapter.

Belated congratulations

My appreciation to all those that attended the Official Visit of R.E. David F. Stoy, Grand Royal Arch Captain, and the Grand Master of the 1st Veil, R.E. Frederick J. McCullough, Jr., on October 15th at Western Star Chapter. All of the Chapters of the 29th Capitulat District were present except one. The turnout was much better than last year, but there is always room for improvement.

Reservations

Reservations for the Spring Conclave in Albany, March 5th and 6th, can be made by you. If you are interested in having me obtain your room reservation please call me at 716-492-2807. Arrangements may also be made to me upon my Official Visit to your Chapter.

Important meeting

There will be an important meeting of all past and present DDGHPs and Grand Representatives. The meeting will take place at the Attica Temple at approximately 10:30 a.m. on December 7th. Breakfast may be purchased prior to the meeting. Please set this date aside. More information will be mailed to you shortly. □

Western Star Chapter No. 35 RAM

3rd Thursday

R.E. Jerold Brade, HP
344-1808
Paul McCullough, Sec.
762-8539

200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

Greetings!

Sorry for missing the last two newspaper articles, but there has been a lot going on. The Chapter has been meeting on the regular meeting nights (3rd Thursday of the month). Some new faces would be nice.

Communicate

You more than likely have received your Dues Notices in the mail by now. If there is anything wrong with the address, please let me know so I can update the records. If there is anything you would like to have me bring up at the next Chapter meeting, drop a note in your reply to the Dues Notice.

Check it out!

In case you have not heard, Western Star Chapter is on the Internet. Stop by the site at www.iinc.com/nonprof/bataviamasons/ and check it out. If there is anything you would like to see at the site, please let me know so it can be updated.

On October 15th the District Deputy Grand High Priest, R.E. Daniel Evans, visited and the meeting was very well attended. □

Hiram Chapter



No. 62



2nd & 4th

Thursdays

E. Bruce Horncastle, High Priest
607-347-4680
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594-2380
875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14805

Our most eminent events behind us, we are rapidly closing in on the end of the year. Let me tell you what is coming up.

Past High Priest's Association of Western New York

What: Dinner Meeting...with our ladies
When: Saturday, Jan. 30, 1999, 3:00 p.m., Din. 4:00 p.m.
Where: Ismalia Shrine, 1600 Southwest Blvd.
Rt. 78, West Seneca
(Rte. 5 to Eastern Hills Mall, turn South on 78, 10 miles)

Menu of the Evening

Breast of Chicken, Sliced Beef or Broiled Whitefish
Complete Dinner Only \$12.50

Reservations required by 1/25/99 to:
Stephen Licht at 343-1517 or David Barwell at 632-4396

Grand Chapter Convocation in Utica on October 10th

A special Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held in Utica on the morning of October 10th. A total of 62 (I believe that to be correct as I counted them myself) Companions were Exalted from all over our great State. A total of four Companions from Hiram were Exalted and our Chapter made a very good showing. The HRA Degree was performed by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts and they did a brilliant job during the Degree. Many of the Grand Line Officers of Massachusetts were in attendance, along with the Grand High Priest of that State. Many stayed for lunch; I could not as I had to get back to Ithaca for business related matters.

Hiram Chapter's Celebration of 200 years of RAM in NY State

What an event! It was an epic that should be indelibly etched in memories for a long time. Attendance by M.E. Edward Newsham, Grand High Priest, and his wife, June, certainly set an excellent air to the festivities. A Candle Lighting Ceremony was the center of the event, guided under the direction of R.E. Charles Roberts. Videos and displays enabled an educational treasure trove for all. Refreshments were served afterwards on the 3rd floor.

I thank, wholeheartedly, all who attended and especially all who helped in this great and beautiful celebration. My devout thanks to Companions William Lindsay and John Dudley for all of their fantastic labor and coordinating of this once in a lifetime event.

Hiram Chapter Auction

The Auction was held on November 12th, following dinner prepared by R.E. Vern Goodrich. This was a fine and comical effort to raise funds for the Reception of R.E. Arnold E. Palmer when he becomes the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in New York State. The dinner was open to all comers and Hiram Chapter members and their families, who ate for free, or so they thought! An important pre-requisite for attendance is that there is no such thing as a free lunch-you had to bring your checkbook or wallet as that this was a FUNdraiser with the auctioneer doing his best to sell a "pig in a poke". Except for the auctioneer, it's anyone's guess as to what is being auctioned. It was great fun as well as an interesting and creative means for raising

funds. Thanks a bunch, Vern for all of the fine cooking and preparations of this fun evening.

Annual Meeting

Hiram Chapter's Annual Meeting will be held in Cathedral Hall on December 10th at 7:30 p.m. Nominations and Election of Officers will be held during the business meeting and all committees should be present and prepared that evening to provide a report, as will the Trustees. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor dining room and the cost is \$8.00. Swiss Steak is the entree, with Chicken Breast as an alternative.

Reservations must be in by December 3rd to either Dennis "Gil" Gellash at 265-3003 or to me.

Installation of 1999 Officers

Hiram Chapter will have its Installation of Officers on January 14th, 1999 in Cathedral Hall at 8:00 p.m. This is an Open Installation and thereby all ladies and friends are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served immediately afterwards in the 3rd floor dining room.

Memorable year

Companions, it has indeed been my pleasure to serve this Chapter over the last several years in Chairs and as High Priest for this past year. It has been especially memorable as this has been a busy and momentous year in the celebration of 200 years in Royal Arch Masonry. My labors in working with the Chapter and all of the Companions and that of the Grand Line has been a great experience for me, both in my travels East and in my personal life.

I entrust that if there is anything I can do to assist this Chapter within my capacities, let me know and I will do what I can. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you all in such a prominent capacity. □

Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92

4th Monday
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III. Keith C. Denton
Master
637-9318
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343-8429

No December meeting

Nun-Da-Waga Council will not meet in the month of December. I would ask that you devote this month to your friends and family. There are no greater priorities in life than the ones you love, and yet what part of your life is usually the first to be neglected? December is their month. Give the greatest gift of all to someone who really deserves it, the gift of you!

Reach out

Those who have lost loved ones or are far from home find the holidays a very lonely time of year. You can make a big difference just by showing you care. Remember to reach out to someone you haven't seen in years to help ensure they have a Merry

Christmas and Happy New Year! The time you spend with them will be the greatest gift you receive.

I wish each of you a joyous and safe holiday season! □

Batavia Commandery No. 34 Knights Templar

Meets
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Thursdays



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By Keith C. Denton

Christmas Toast

The Christmas Toast is one of the biggest events of the year for the Knights Templar. It is a celebration of the true meaning of Christmas-the birth of baby Jesus. It's our Christian version of a Table Lodge, with 10 Toasts and plenty of caroling.

Batavia Commandery will be holding their Christmas Toast at Attica's Masonic Temple, 9 Main Street, Attica, NY. Our celebration will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 10th. Please plan to join us for cake, wine and song. All Masons, their families and friends, are welcome.

Moving?

A vote was taken November 12th to determine if Batavia's Commandery will soon be relocating to Attica Lodge's on a permanent basis. The results of that vote, however, are not known at the time of this writing. Stay tuned!

Merry Christmas to all! □

Cyrene Monroe Commandery

No. 12

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Commander
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
Recorder 594-8033

By Don Brugger

Keeping in touch

Another month has passed and the Sir Knights of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery have been found wanting. Only five showed up on November 2nd, consequently no meeting or rehearsal was possible. So you can see that it is important to keep in touch with the Recorder or other officer if you know that you are unable to be at the meeting, especially with our Inspection coming up on March 1, 1999.

We need sideliners

It is not too early or too late to get out and renew old friend-

ships and get back into the Commandery "habit." We really need to reinvigorate our Commandery and the best way to do that is to restore attendance. Attending our Christmas Toast would be an excellent opportunity to start. More on that later.

Distress

SK Harry Lake is not doing too well and requires a wheelchair to get out and around. Give Harry a call and let him know he is missed. SK Ernie Stelianou is doing well, but still is not allowed to put weight on his leg. This restriction will probably keep him unavailable until next year.

Doug Poole was in the hospital for attention to an old problem. He will be on a liquid diet temporarily and will not be participating until next year.

We thank the ladies of the Schicker Club for the excellent Meatloaf and Chicken repast prior to our November 16th Conclave.

Christmas Toast

Our Annual Christmas Toast will be held on December 21st. A reception put on by the Schicker Club will follow. As usual, this event is for the family and friends of Sir Knights. Please help make this event meaningful and successful by your attendance and the attendance of your friends, family and guests. It is an excellent opportunity to let others know what Templary is all about. If you plan to be there, please call Recorder, SK Larry Dunn, at 594-8033 by Dec. 14th so the ladies of the Schicker Club can plan for the refreshments.

See you in Commandery! □

Genesee York Rite College No. 25
 Rochester, New York
 (Chartered July 14, 1962)
 Pre-Em. Governor
 Ruell R. Lovett 494-2546
 Secretary
 Lawrence W. Dunn 594-8033

Next assembly

Companions, our next assembly will be on Saturday, December 12th, at Etolian Lodge, 133 South Union Street, Spencerport. The meeting time is 3:00 p.m. and it will be followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the "Pasta Maker", formerly Fornataro's. The restaurant is located on Long Pond Road just North of Lyell Ave. (across from Bosdyk's). Note: this is a change. Send your

Cyrene/Monroe Commandery
 Invites all Masons to its Annual Christmas Toast

 A Christian Celebration of the Birth of our Savior with Song and Fellowship
 December 21, 1998
 Cathedral Hall
 Downtown Temple
 7:30 p.m.
 Reception and Refreshments
 Reservations please to:
 SK Larry Dunn 594-8033

reservation to James J. Powell, 90 Nichols St., Spencerport 14559, or call him at 352-6358.

We need candidates

If you have candidate proposals call Larry Dunn. This is our last meeting before the Order of Knight of York will be conferred. If you have anything to bring before the assembly, call me so we can get it on the agenda.

Ladies welcome

Bring your ladies. Let's show them a good time with a good dinner and a good program. See you there. □

MM Research Lab.
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Foundations Provide \$30,000 in Grants

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) was recently awarded a \$20,000 scientific equipment grant by the community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc. The Laboratory also received a \$10,000 scientific equipment grant from the Kane Lodge Foundation. These grant awards are assisting the MMRL with the purchase of a confocal fluorescent scanning microscope.

This device permits scientists to construct physical maps of gene activity as well as a map of surface and intracellular proteins, thus identifying distinctions in genes and gene products among different cells and regions of the heart and other organs. Confocal microscopy also enables scientists to look inside the cells focusing on discrete layers or slices which ultimately can be reconstructed to form a three dimensional view of cell activity.

According to Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, MMRL Executive Director, "this much needed item of equipment will help to keep the Laboratory on the cutting edge of science and competitive for grant support from the National Institutes of Health and other organizations and Foundations. The beauty of the confocal fluorescent microscope is that it benefits all of the programs at the Laboratory, including Molecular Biology, Immunology and Experimental Cardiology."

For forty years the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) has been engaged in studies involving some of the major health issues facing society. Today, the MMRL is internationally prominent, especially in the area of cardiovascular disease, specifically focused on abnormal rhythms of the heart (cardiac arrhythmias). Arrhythmias are the number one mechanism of death of Americans and an issue that affects the quality of life of a very large percentage of our senior citizens.

Scientists at the Laboratory are also engaged in fundamental studies in Immunology focused on autoimmune diseases such as vasculitis (inflammation of the blood vessels) and lupus erythematosus. The newest program, Molecular Biology, is designed to uncover the root source of a variety of diseases at the genetic level because that ultimately is where we hope to find the treatments and cures of tomorrow.

"We are extremely grateful to the Community Foundation and the Kane Lodge Foundation for their awards", said Antzelevitch. "It is critically important that a

Foundation in our region recognize and act on this need in order for us to be able to approach other Foundations, such as the Kane Lodge Foundation, and organizations for grants to cover the \$150,000 price tag for the scanning fluorescent microscope. □

President's Message

By Albert J. Wright III


The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is truly a monument to imagination, foresight and creativity for the betterment of humankind. Those who created our present facility forty years ago provided all of us with an instrument of hope for understanding the functioning of the human heart and for identifying and solving such problems as abnormal heart rhythm or arrhythmia and sudden cardiac arrest. The facility they provided is excellent and our staff is composed of outstanding scientists who have received worldwide recognition for the importance of their scientific discoveries.

Growth involves many things, not the least of which are trained personnel and modern equipment. The strong support of the Masonic Fraternity in New York and Florida and the essential competitive research grants received from the National Institutes of Health, the American Heart Association and others, enable us to meet a major portion of the financial needs of existing research programs, but not all. They do not provide start up costs associated with new or expanded research, new personnel, research equipment, improvements to facilities and the Laboratory's portion of current research costs. Since competitive research grants are subject to renewal every two or three years, any interruption in grant funding could bring an end to important, on-going programs. Thus, the need for building a meaningful endowment to provide an income stream to meet these requirements. Our goal is thirty million dollars, which is a fifty percent increase from the present balance of invested funds.

Particularly noteworthy is the fact that we compete with many other institutes and universities for personnel. Prospective candidates are influenced by the tenure protection they are offered by other institutions, while the Laboratory has no such program. It is essential, however, that we have the financial strength provided only by an endowment to enable us to hire and retain top rated scientists.

We offer various opportunities for the systematic growth of our endowment. Many Brothers have named the Laboratory as a beneficiary in the Wills. Bequests received over the past forty years have contributed very positively to the development of our present endowment. So too have gifts given in memory or honor of an individual or group. Also, the Laboratory has a Pooled Income Fund which enables a donor to make a tax sheltered appreciated gift to the Laboratory while, at the same time, retaining the lifetime income therefrom for him/herself and one beneficiary. I invite you to contact our Director of Development, Ronald P. Kamp, at the Laboratory for more information.

Your continued interest in the work of the Laboratory and support thereof is essential to everyone's well being, and it is greatly appreciated. □


Masonic Home
 2150 Bleecker Street
 Utica, N. Y. 13501-1788
 Brother Daniel L. Clark
 Public Relations Coordinator
 315-798-4800

Don't forget the First Annual Winter Fest. Here are the details:
 Sunday, December 6th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wiley Hall - high school choirs performing in the dining room.

Acacia Village - visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus in front of the fireplace and photos with Santa. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Health Facility - Lobby - Residents's Arts & Crafts for sale. In the Units - elementary school choirs and scouting groups caroling.

Administration Building - Outside - Christmas wreaths for sale. In the Auditorium - concert bands.

Chapel - Church choirs singing. Between choirs, Jack Ovitt will play Holiday music on the Chapel's organ.

At 5:30 p.m. the 25 foot tree will be lit.

The price of admission is a non-perishable food item from each family.

This is a unique event filled with many activities for the family to enjoy. You won't want to miss this very special event. □

Dr. Kamath

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called the Rosa Wims Family Wellness Center. This is located at 176 Genesee Street in Southwest Rochester, which is one of the poorer neighborhoods in this town. It serves the neediest of the needy in this neighborhood with food, clothing, health screening, informational workshops, music and art classes for the children and a variety of other programs. I have found my association with the Faith Community a very rewarding experience. In addition to giving an opportunity to myself and my spiritual group to serve, it has given us an opportunity to get to know some of the finest volunteers in the community. A group of totally unselfish people. The leader among them is Rosa Wims. Rosa always looked for new ways to serve her clients. She never worried about money because she had faith. It was left to the Board to come up with the funds. It was at times very challenging. Rosa, it is only through God's grace that I came to know you and work with you. Thank you for opening my eyes to a whole new world, the world of service.

The second cause I have been closely associated with is the India Community Center. It is a beautiful facility located in the Town of Penfield. More important than the facility, the objec-

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 tive of promoting Indian culture, mainly its music, dance and philosophy in the local community has kept me deeply involved. Indian music and dance are based on the systems developed thousands of years ago and constantly improvised ever since. The purpose of Indian music and dance is much more than entertainment. They help you to detach yourself from the mundane external world, and reach deep within, to get in touch with that precious source of peace, the soul or the Atma, as the Hindus call it. I am glad to note that because of the efforts of the Cultural Committee of ICC, Rochester probably gets the highest number of well organized Indian music and dance programs, compared to other similar size cities in the country. If anybody here is interested in experiencing Indian music and dance programs, please get in touch with me. We will be glad to add you to the mailing list.

The third cause close to my heart is the Hindu Heritage Summer Camp. For the uninformed, Hinduism can give mixed and erroneous impressions. When one goes to a Hindu Temple, one may see a myriad of deities, gods and goddesses, many in human form, and some non-human. In India, people consider some mountains and rivers as holy. Many of you must have heard of the holy Ganges. All this can be very confusing until one realizes that this is based on the one simple principle of the omnipresence and omnipotency of God. The core belief of Hinduism is that there is only one God. God is formless, and can take any form. As a matter of fact, everything in nature is sustained and supported by god. Nature can not have an existence independent of god. When you accept the idea that God sustains everything, and that God can take any form, it follows that you should be able to recognize divinity in each and every form. The whole philosophy is based on one principle, the principle of Unity in Diversity. The leaders of the Hindu Heritage Summer Camp and I believe that we have a sacred duty to teach this philosophy to our next generation. That is the reason we run this camp. The camp is held at the India Community Center every Summer.

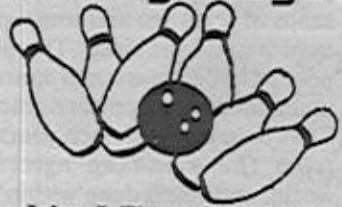
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Alternative Health Concepts To Healing and Good Health
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Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

The Masonic Gothic Bowling League is saddened by the death of long-time league member, Bill Wood. Bill was a Past President of our league and also a Past President of the New York State Masonic Bowling Association. I'm sure that anyone who has bowled with Bill will be thinking of him whenever we see a five-pin that needs to be spared.

Over the past five weeks, league bowlers have rolled 1 700 series, 10 600 series, and 66 200 games. Don Weis rolled a 705 series (235, 237, 233) to earn an ABC 700 Series patch.

600 series were rolled by Don Weis-665 (225, 248) and 637 (223), John Flynn-643 (258, 220) and 619 (223), Jeremy Fromm-635 (248) and 609 (235), Gary Bonisteel-614 (267), Rick Flanagan-609, John Harris-603 (246), and Bud Crane-600 (210).

Notable games were rolled by John Flynn-236, Bill Rubert-235, Jim White-233, Dave Mawhiney-228, Dick Topel-224, Rich P. Ehrne-224 and 223, Jeremy Fromm-222, Rob Goodyear-221, and Derck Masi-213.

The league bowls at 8:45 p.m. at Maiden Lanes. We are still looking for a few regular bowlers to fill spots on rosters. The season goes until March 31, so there is still a lot of bowling left this season. Both Mason and non-Masons are welcome. This is a good opportunity to introduce your non-Mason friends to Masonry. □



FINGER LAKES CHAPTER
William Edwards, President
872-3993
George Springett, Secretary
247-3557

1998 Fall meeting

The Finger Lakes Chapter will be holding its Fall meeting on Monday, November 30th at the Portico Restaurant, 740 Saint Paul St. Plan to arrive around 6:00 p.m. for the social hour and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Everyone will order from the menu.

The program for the evening will be presented by Brother John Zabel and is called "Brother can you spare a dime?" John will discuss circulating money from 1776 to approximately 1868 and will have samples. We need a minimum of 15 reservations. Please call George Springett at 247-3557 by Friday, November 27th, with yours. Guests are welcome to attend.

The International Society has recently published a computer CD-ROM with all the back issues

of the Philaethes Magazines. The Chapter will be ordering one and donating it to the Monroe Masonic Library. I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming meeting and wish you all a Happy Holiday Season. □

Past Master's
Supper Club

President
W.: Ruel R. Lovett
494-2546

Secretary
R.: W.: Robert Sanford
292-6383

Last meeting

We had another fine session with a host of Worshipful Brothers in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the Euchre, food, fellowship and especially the very fine talk by W.: William Lindsay. For those of you who did not attend, you missed a very enjoyable evening.

A tip of the Master's Hat to Bill Lindsay for spending an evening with us and sharing his words of wisdom. Having the audience share in and participate in the program was a good way to keep our interest. It was an excellent program. No one would have gone to sleep anyway.

November

The speaker for November was W.: William Edwards, who spoke on the subject of "Prince Henry". The Prince is not a household name, but the program was enjoyable. It was also the Election and Installation of Officers.

Thanks

This has been a good year for me. It went very fast, and I enjoyed it very much. My thanks to the Brothers for allowing me to serve as President this year. I'm looking forward to seeing more Worshipful Brothers visit in the future. If you like what you see, join in helping our incoming officers have a big year.

Happy Holidays to all. There will be no meeting in December. We'll see you on Friday, January 22nd at the Redmen's Club on Lexington Avenue. □

NATIONAL CAMPING TRAVELERS, INC.

Genesee Valley Chapter No. 46

Master of Travel
Charles Daycock 293-2400
Recording Secretary
Doug Holmes 786-8284

By Harry Hopkins

The National Camping Travelers was organized at Gettysburg, PA in August, 1966. It is composed of Master Masons and their families from US and Canada who enjoy camping together.

Chapter 46 members camp together one weekend each month from May to October. Chapter members are welcome to visit and camp with other Chapters throughout US and Canada.

Schedule

Chapter 46 camping schedule for 1999 will be: May 14-16: Woodstream Campground, Gainesville, NY. It has a rec. hall, trout stream and golf nearby.

June 11-13: Allegany County Fairgrounds, Angelica, NY.

There is a rechall, entertainment, steak roast, Sunday pancake breakfast and golf nearby.

July 19-22: District Rally, Fairgrounds, Schaghticoke, NY. Entertainment, games, and Saturday dinner.

July 26-29: National Rally, Greenfield, Mass. Franklin County Fairgrounds.

August 20-22: Genesee County Campground, Caledonia, NY. They have a rec. hall.

September 17-19: Paradise Park Campground, Reading Center, NY. They have a rec. hall.

October 8-10: Frost Ridge Campground, LeRoy, NY. Rec hall, Sunday morning pancake breakfast, golf nearby.

For further information, please contact Charles Daycock, Leland Hendershot or me at 716-659-2236. □

Electrical Emergency Bloopers

By Thomas Paglia

I received quite a few positive remarks on the last message about electrical emergency "do nots", and how they enjoyed the article. So, I thought you would like to hear more. People said it was something different. Mind you, these are all true stories, not fabrications. You will be surprised at what some people will do to save ten cents.

This story is one that is repeated over and over again. A call came in stating that half of the electrical power in an apartment house was out and could it be looked in to as soon as possible; this sounded like a real emergency.

On arriving it was found that the building was a four story apartment building with 50 apartments. The manager greeted me and explained what was taking place. First, they called the electric company thinking it was their problem. The electric company found all of their electric equipment in good order and they told the manager to get a licensed electrician, because they could only service their equipment. The manager told me that a friend of theirs who did electrical work in New York City looked at the problem. He told them that they would need a new service because one of the wires did not have any power. Whereby they called in their handyman to see if he could do the job.

After using his handy dandy \$5.00 tester he also verified that was the problem and he then informed the manager that she would need a licensed electrician to do the repair work.

After a few preliminary tests with the proper equipment, it was found that their initial diagnosis of the problem was wrong.

The middle wire of the panel was actually a neutral wire which is not a hot wire, but a wire to complete the circuit. Mind you, this panel was 6 feet tall and 3 feet wide and about 80 years old; obsolete and not legally wired properly. Everyone there agreed that the line was fused correctly, but, come to find out it was the wrong circuit. The circuit in question was in the lower part of the panel and supplied by another third wire. The system is called three phase, with three hot wires and one neutral (sometimes improperly called a ground wire).

Everyone told them that they would need a new service, which would have cost around \$4,000. It turned out that the problem was a fuse costing \$1.25. Needless to say, the owner drew a big sigh of relief.

This was a 200 amp. service with each wire about 1" in diameter. The total amperage was 600 amps. Shorting across any two wires or across all three of them would not only curl your hair, but make you look like a piece of charcoal.

Best advice

If you are a handyman with a \$5.00 tester, no experience in this line of work and have not had the proper training---keep your hands out!

If you have someone to sit down at a computer that they know nothing about, and tell them to start it up, they would say no. Tell that same person with no electrical knowledge that you have an electrical problem, all of a sudden he is an expert.

To top it off, the same experts ask, "what did you do to correct the problem so we can fix it the next time?" My answer is, "Edison Technical High School has a very good course for beginners in this field; RIT has an engineering course in this field and about 50 years experience also helps". □

Fellowship

In casual conversation recently, the subject of Lodge attendance came up. One of the chief reasons put forth was that some of the members could not drive after dark.

The Daytime Lodge idea was explored extensively a short time ago. The response was less than spectacular.

Assuming that the Daytime Lodge idea in this area is not an attractive alternative, what about a Daytime Square Club.

The officer requirements would be minimal; President and Secretary. Of course, strong support would have to come from those who would utilize the organization.

What do you think? This Editor is willing to act as a clearing house for your thoughts and for volunteers to organizing it. □

HiLights

Order of the Eastern Star

GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT

Rt. Wthy. Nancy R. Specht

DDGM

Rt. Wthy John A. Specht

DGL

Reception

A lovely Reception was given for Rt. Wthy. Carol Makowski, Associate Grand Marshal, Rt. Wthy. Nancy Specht, District Deputy Grand Matron, and Rt. Wthy. John Specht, District Grand Lecturer, at the Bergen United Methodist Church on October 22nd. M. Wthy. Walter Howe was in attendance, as well as several other 1999 Grand Officers. Rt. Wthy. Roslyn Manning, friend of Rt. Wthy. Carol, presented her to Matron, Rt. Wthy. Betty Maynard, Vernon Chapter. Kurt Specht, son of Rt. Wthy. John and Rt. Wthy. Nancy, presented "Mom" and "Dad" to Matron, Wthy. Joyce Sands, Hesperus Chapter. Rt. Wthy. John and Rt. Wthy. Nancy were presented with a beautiful yellow

star pattern quilt made by Rt. Wthy. Helen Pullman of Hesperus Chapter. W.: Garry Hutcherson, Master of Hesperus Lodge No. 837, was the guest speaker. Musical selections were done by Rt. Wthy. Ethan Simmons, and the Bergen United Methodist Bell Choir. An entertaining "Owl and Pussycat" Degree was performed for Rt. Wthy. Carol by Rt. Wthy. Annette Simmons of Vernon Chapter. Hesperus Chapter presented a Candle Star Point Degree Ceremony to Rt. Wthy. Nancy. It was a memorable evening for the new 1999 Grand Officers.

Happenings

Hesperus Chapter No. 823 held a Friendship Night along with a celebration of their 70 Year Anniversary on October 26th. Mr. Harold Markham entertained everyone with selections on his bagpipes, along with a talk on the history of the instrument.

Two members of Hesperus Chapter were honored at this meeting. A 50 Year Pin was presented to Rt. Wthy. Jean Hunneyman, along with a special heart-shaped plate. Another honoree was Rt. Wthy. Helen Pullman, who has been Secretary of Hesperus Chapter for 47 years. Rt. Wthy. Helen was also presented with a heart-shaped plate. The Chapter's Historian, Wthy. Judy Flanagan, put together a booklet on the Chapter's 70 years. Memorabilia of past years was on display, and an anniversary cake was enjoyed by everyone.

Homecoming

Olive Branch Chapter No. 509, LeRoy, held a Friendship Night along with a Homecoming for Rt. Wthy. Helen Forbes, Grand Representative of Indiana on November 2nd. Rt. Wthy. Helen was presented to Matron, Rt. Wthy. Marilyn Liles, by her husband, Wthy. Robert Forbes. A fun skit was presented by Wthy. Janice Cooper who was dressed up as a clown. Words to "Welcome Back Helen" were sung to the tune of "New York, New York". A Past Grand Officers Pin was presented to Rt. Wthy. Helen by Rt. Wthy. Charlotte Barnard. M. Wthy. Walter Howe and several present Grand Officers were in attendance. □

Order of the Eastern Star HiLights

MONROE DISTRICT STATE OF NEW YORK

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Rt. Wthy.
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Rt. Wthy.
James
Coleman

By Rt. Wthy. Barbara E. Spano
Something to be happy about: the first snow falling silently through miles and miles of spruce.

Warm greetings to all

The District Banquet is now a memory, and what a wonderful memory it is. It was a beautiful evening and Rt. Wthy. Mary Hall did a wonderful job of organizing it. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal and the music put us all in a grand mood. I will have a picture of the Dedicated Service Award recipients in the next issue. Until then I congratulate them for their dedication and service to our wonderful Order.

Future meetings

December 13th is the District Holiday Party at Camp Eastman in Durand Eastman Park. If you are attending, please bring a dish to pass (to serve at least 10 people) and your table settings. Beverages will be provided and also there will be a big pot of Chili there. It should be a fun day. It will start at 1:00 p.m.; Santa will be there at 2:00 p.m. If you are bringing children, please bring a wrapped present valued at no more than \$5.00 with you for each child. Please let Rt. Wthy. Mary know if you will be there at 392-2757.

January 9th is the organizational meeting for the 1999 Line Officers. A letter will be sent to each Chapter. There will be a copy for each Line Officer, so be sure you get it from your Chapter Secretary.

School of Instruction

The 1999 School of Instruction is Saturday, January 23rd at 10:00 a.m. sharp. We are looking forward to working with you all on this day. Each Chapter will also be receiving this information. Rt. Wthy. Jim Coleman and I will be calling on some of you to be Officers for the day.

New Grand Officers

A little information on the new 1999 Grand Officers. Rt. Wthy. Ruth Beard has been a member of the Order since 1945 and is, of course, a Past Matron. She joined Vidalia Chapter and then went to Webster when Vidalia closed. Rt. Wthy. Ruth and her husband, Wesley, have 5 children and 7 grandchildren. She likes to play Bridge and Pinochle and has been a member of the Vidalia Pinochle Club for 53 years. Rt. Wthy. Ruth's Symbol this year is the Cup and the Red Rose is her flower.

Rt. Wthy. James Coleman (Mr. Jim) was married for 40 years to his beloved Jean, who sadly passed away last year. He is an operatic singer and spent many years singing with the Verdi Opera Society. He is also an accomplished organist. Jim is Sales Manager for the Eastern Division of Progressive Ribbon, Inc. He has 2 Poodles, Sassy and Babette, and 2 cats. He describes himself as an old, decrepit hair-losing person, but we all know this is not true.

As for me, I have been married to my husband Tony for 37 years. We have 3 children and 8 grandchildren. After family and Star, there isn't much time left for too many other things, but I do like to read and I enjoy pencil sketching and rubber-stamping. I try to get together with my dearest and closest friends as often as possible. I have been a members of Star since 1977 and have been Matron 5 times. I would describe myself as an "old, decrepit hair-losing person". Ha ha ha! Well, this is who we are. The main thing about Ruth, Jim and myself is that we love the Order and will work very hard this year for the District. We love you all.

Great idea!

Congratulations to Henrietta Chapter for their Clothing Project. Wthy. Shirley Price works for Wal-Mart in Henrietta and between her and the Manager, Matt Brassfield, they came up with a wonderful idea. Any clothing that is not saleable is donated to Henrietta Chapter to be sorted and sized and given to various charities and need people of this District. What a wonderful idea. Many hours were spent at Rt. Wthy. Alta Doty's sorting, boxing, and delivering all these items. Some of the places they are take to are: Alternatives for Battered Women, Asbury Methodist Church Storehouse, Lutheran Community Ministries, Sojourner House, The Center for Youth, (Rt. Wthy. Mary's place for her District project). Thousands of dollars worth of clothing have been distributed this year. There are other places that these clothes are taken to, but the list is very long. Our thanks to Henrietta Chapter and Matt Brassfield for this wonderful and charitable act. You have made a difference.

Until next time, I wish you peace. □

lation of Sister Erica Hansen as Beloved Queen of Fidelity Triangle. Sister Erica is our youngest member and we are proud to see her installed as Beloved Queen. I know that all the members of Rochester Chapter join me in wishing Sister Erica the best for her term.

Sickness and distress

Our sympathy is extended to Wthy. Linda and Wthy. Bob Zahn on the loss of their niece. I understand Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens and Wthy. Gail Clarke have both been feeling under the weather. Wthy. Ralph Biggar has moved into the Masonic Home in PA. If you would like his new address, please contact either Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens or Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano. Please remember these members with cards and prayers.

Reminder

Please remember our next meeting on December 5th is our Annual Meeting. It will start at 7:00 p.m.

Most of all, remember, "Set a stout hert to stay brae". (The harder the task the more determination is needed.) □

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

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

Holiday Greetings

The year is coming to an end as December wraps its Winter cloak around us. The holidays are fast approaching. I wish everyone a joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Year's end

This has been a busy and enjoyable year. I have enjoyed my year as Matron and wish to thank everyone for their support. I wish Bob and Linda the best for 1999 and look forward to the new year. I feel that the year has been a success. I thank all my officers for the wonderful job they did for me and the members of Rochester Chapter for all their support.

District Banquet

We all had a wonderful time at the District Banquet. Sister Norma Gingold received the Dedicated Service Award. She, along with others from other Chapters, received a Certificate and a Pin. It was a well deserved honor. Please take a moment the next time you see Sister Norma and congratulate her. She has put in a lot of hard work for our Chapter. I was glad to see her efforts rewarded. It is all too often that we forget the people who work behind the scenes to make our efforts a success.

It was also a special evening for our Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano. She received her District Deputy Pin from the Junior Past Deputy. Of course, our Associate Matron, Linda Zahn, received her Matron's Pin for 1999. It was an evening filled with warmth and friendship.

Triangle Installation

A number of Rochester Chapter members attended the Instal-

By Rt. Wthy. Avis Theis
Dear members

This is the time of year we look back over the year and wonder how we can thank all the members enough for all they did for the Chapter. A special thank you to Wthy. Susan Huff and Wthy. Bill Baxter for the leadership and concern they have had for the Chapter. This new year we need to have some serious discussion about the future of our Chapter.

Concerns

We are sorry to be late in hearing about Sister Doris and Brother Charles Daycock, who have both had operations. We send you both our belated best. Sister Ann Mollon has been under the weather and we hope she is better. Sister Kathleen Skelton has been our Sunshine Chairperson for many years. Now she will need our support since she had a heart attack on November 3rd.

Meetings

December 1st is our Annual Meeting. Have your reports ready. Rt. Wthy. Wilda Robinson is the Chairperson. It again is time for dues.

January 5th, 1999, is Installation of Officers.

Join us

The Chapter will honor our Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron at a Christmas Dinner on December 8th at Stone's Tavern on Buffalo Road, Churchville. We can pick from the menu. For reservations, call Sister Alice Hassett at 889-4353.

Best wishes

Bright December, we salute you, As we near the old year's end; Let your miracles of Christmas Renew our faith and love again. □

R.:W.: William R. Wood Passes

By Don Brugger

Masonic

R.:W.: William R. Wood entered the Celestial Lodge Above on October 19th, 1998. Brother Wood was raised in Warren C. Hubbard Lodge No. 964 in 1947 and served as its Master in 1956. In May of 1976 he was appointed DDGM of the 1st Monroe District under M.:W.: Albert W. Schneider, Grand Master.



Grotto

Bill was a faithful member of long standing in Lalla Rookh Grotto where he served as Chaplain for many years. He was always a strong supporter of all Grotto events.

York Rite

R.:W.: Brother Wood was active in Hamilton Chapter, RAM and received the Meritorious Companion Award in 1975.

OES

Brother Bill joined Eastern Star in 1969, becoming a member of Monroe Chapter No. 57. He became very active both in his Chapter and on the District level. Bill served as Worthy Patron of Monroe Chapter many times and was a Past President of the Monroe Past Patrons Association. He will be remembered by the ladies for his "impish grin and storytelling ability".

Personal

Bill Wood was an excellent bowler and participated extensively in local bowling leagues and was Past President of the NYS Masonic Bowling Association.

In 1970, after 30 years Service, he retired from the Friden Division of the Singer Company where he was an Employment Manager. He and his wife, Jean, had recently celebrated their 58th Wedding Anniversary.

Memorial Services by Wakan/Hubbard Lodge and Monroe Chapter were performed at the Church of the Good Shepherd on October 24th. (Some details for this biography were taken from a *Necrology Report* written by Mildred Heck.) □

In Memoriam

August

Gillis, Acie R.

Gainesville, Florida was where Acie resided at the time of his death on August 31st. He was 95 years old, and his wife of 76 years, Clarissa, died on September 28th. Acie was a member of John A. Robertson Lodge, now Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969, and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include one daughter, 4 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

October

LeFevre, Elmer J.

Elmer was 101 years old when he passed away on October 16th. He joined Masonry in 1919 and was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969. He served as District Deputy Grand Master. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, children and grandchildren.

McGory, John F.

A member of Damascus Temple Shrine, John joined the Great Architect Above on October 18th. He is survived by family members and friends.

Simcox, Walter

Union Star Lodge No. 320 lost a member with the passing of Walter on October 20th. He is survived by his wife, Mary, daughter, 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Kober, Elmer L.

A 60 year member of Webster Lodge No. 538, Elmer went to his Heavenly Reward on October 24th. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, daughters, 2 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Bonnington, Bernard

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge lost yet another member with the passing of Bernard on October 27th. He was also a member of Rochester Consistory, Damascus Temple Shrine and Monroe Chapter No. 57, OES. He served as District Grand Lecturer of the Monroe District, OES. His wife, Gladys, survives him with their children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Williams, Chevalier D., Jr.

Death claimed Chevalier on October 28th. He was a member of Henrietta Lodge No. 526, now Union Star Lodge No. 320. Survivors include his wife, Carmen, children and grandchildren.

Buckley, John D.

John was 73 years old when he went to his Heavenly Reward on October 30th. He was a member of Damascus Temple Shrine and is survived by his wife, Hon, children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Feldman, Harvey

A member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and Rochester Consistory, Harvey died on October 30th. He is survived by his wife, Dahlia, children and 5 grandchildren.

November

Hoke, Stanley

Stanley was 87 years old when he passed way on November 9th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and is survived by his wife, Dorothea, children and 2 grandchildren.

Foreman, Robert F.

Robert resided in the Episcopal Church Home at the time of his death on November 13th. He was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 and is survived by his children, 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Lane, Hiram B.

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 lost a member with the passing of Hiram of November 13th. Survivors include his wife, Florence, one daughter, granddaughter and 2 great-granddaughters.

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

Blair, Brent

Oakland Lodge No. 379 lost a member with the passing of Brent.

Sage, Charles

Charles was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 when he died on October 25th. □

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

To make additions, call the Service Bureau at 473-4351

1999

- Jan. 9 Road to East, 2nd Session, Downtown Temple.
- Jan. 20 Lodge of Confusion, Fairport, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 30 Past High Priest's Assoc. of Western N.Y. Ismailia Temple Buffalo, Din. 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 3 Hiram's College of Knowledge, DT Tmpl. 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6 Road to East, 3rd Session, Downtown Temple.
- Mar. 5-7 Grand Chapter, Albany
- Apr. 17 Grand High Priest's Reception, M.-E.- Arnold Palmer, Thruway Marriott, W. Henrietta Rd.
- May 3&4 Grand Lodge Communication, New York City
- Oct. 17 58th Interfaith Service & Breakfast, Logan's Party House



Dec. 20 Country Breakfast, Warsaw, NY, 8:00 to Noon, Ldg. Hall.
Dec. 20 Latke Hop, Flower City Ldg., Downtown Tmpl., Dancing & Potato Latkes - 2-5 p.m.

Dec. 4 Spaghetti dinner, Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St. 5 - 7 p.m.
Dec. 6 Pancake Breakfast, Attica Masonic Temple, 39 Main St., 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Adults - \$4, children - \$2, family - \$10.
Dec. 9 Spaghetti Dinner, Clio Lodge, East Ave, Hilton, NY 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Dec. 18 Spaghetti Dinner, Towpath Lodge, benefit Soap Box entry, E. Rochester Temple, 4:30-7:30 p.m. ad. \$5, ch. \$3, fam. \$15.

Lost & Found

We have received an E-mail from the Masonic news Network reporting the finding of some Masonic Jewelry in a plastic shopping bag, some items seemed to be quite old. The items were found near a glassine envelope with a Webster address on it. The names Glad & Tom and a date were on one of the pieces. Another small item had the name Gladys on it. Another item was a lapel pin indicating that the owner was a member of the Cornell Feline Health Center.

If you know of a person who might be the owner of these items please contact the finder at (MAP167@aol.com or GRNDLOGNY@aol.com).

Damascus Temple Holiday Party Saturday, December 19

Lodge Rentals Available

Etolian Lodge, Union St., Spencerport - Cap. 250 Tom Michielsen - 352-4831
Fairport Lodge, 87 North Main St., Fairport Doug Skelton 223-0502, Tom Richenderfer 377-7782, Ralf Kraft 621-1979
Fame Lodge, 4275 Culver Rd., Rochester John Rehback 338-7918
Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St., Pittsford - Cap. 80 Dan Walker - 429-6572, Bill Spillane - 436-0264, John Dudley - 586-6426
Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St., Webster - Cap. 200 Frederick Cornell, Sr. 671-3102

The Masonic Times will list your Lodge in this space if you desire to offer your facility for rent. Call: 9 - Noon 473-4351.

Classifieds

For Sale-Like new Masonic ring-size 9. Call 964-3089.

Wanted: Toy Trains, (O and O27), and accessories, any condition. Will offer fair price based on Greenberg Book value and condition. Call Don Brugger at 473-4351 (O) or 458-6125 (H).

Program Speakers

Harold August
"The Morgan Affair", Expense Reimbursement requested.
Middleport, N.Y. 716-735-7557

Donald Brugger
"The Masonic Times, a short History and Profile", "Writing for a Masonic Publication" - (w) 716-473-4351, (h) 716-458-6125.

George Frame
General insurance topics including "Estate Planning" & "Long Term Care" - (w) 716-436-6470, (h) 716-334-6934.

Vern Goodrich
"The Masonic service Bureau", "Financial Planning" - (w) 716-473-4351, (h) 716-377-0367.

Charles Hancock
Scottish Rite - 716-223-1850.

William Lindsay
Various Masonic Topics - 716-621-3573.

Grant Romer
"Solomon's Temple", "Masonic Aspects of the Great Pyramid" - (w) 716-271-3361, (h) 716-242-0619.

William Schenke
"55 Alive Program" - 716-254-0729.

William Zufall
"The Morgan Affair" - 716-271-0795.

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Sat. Dec. 5
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Fri. & Sat. Dec. 11 & 12
Nutcracker

Tues. - Sun. Dec. 15 - 20
Chicago

Tues. - Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 8:00 p.m.
Sat. 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.
Sun. 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Dec. 30
Sesame Street

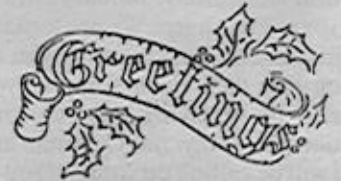
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West Star

The Deadline for the January issue is:
Dec. 10, 1998

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



December Flower - Narcissus
December Gem - Turquoise

Calendar December 1998

Masonic Times January deadline

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Holiday Bob Ogden Alat Singold Barb Goodrich Don & Jean Brugger		Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Oakland - Castile - BAB Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Nola, Perry, Webster, Monroe	Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine	Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster	Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. 30 Orchard St. Webster Adts. \$6, Chld. \$3	Road to the East OES - Rochester Fidelity Triangle
Attica Pancake Breakfast 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Wed., Dec., 9 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. East Ave., Hilton, NY	West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	Arcade Batavia Craftsman/Robertson-FC Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah	Service Bureau Luncheon Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Clio - Spaghetti Supper OES - Batavia, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship	Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia, Christmas Toast at Attica Lodge Lalla Rookh Calderon	10	11
Mount Vernon Pancake Breakfast, Java Village	ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield OES - Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club First Night of Hanukkah	Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton Germania - Irondequoit Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Nola, Perry, Webster	Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Grotto RSM - Doric Council	Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RAM - Western Star Scottish Rite Family Holiday Program	18	Past Masters Supper Club Towpath Soap Box Spaghetti Dinner
Country Breakfast Warsaw Flower City Latke Hop	West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe Christmas Toast OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy First Day of Winter	Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Valley/Simes RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah	Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike OES - Batavia, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship	24	25	26
27	Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard RMS - Nun-Da-Wa-Ga	29	30	31	NOVEMBER 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JANUARY 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31