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## The Gift of Love

By Vernon Goodrich

Because Masons care, we will soon be involved in raising funds for the Ronald McDonald House through the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Program at the Malls.

Because Masons care, your Service Bureau loans, free of charge, medical equipment from our Loan Closet.

Because Masons care, we provide scholarships for our youth.

Because Mason Care, we give freely of our time and money to many Community agencies.

Masons care enough to provide the Gift of Love to our community.

Faith, Hope and Charity are the basis and foundations of Masonry. Through our Faith we have the Hope for a better life, and through our Love (Charity), we provide the link to the Community and our Brothers and Sisters everywhere.

Another year is dawning-another year of service, of gladness, and of progress. Your Service Bureau has greatly expanded its roll through Camp DeMolay and is taking over the Eagle Scout Program. Your Service Bureau acts as a conduit for your Gift of Love.

During 1997 our income from the United Way Program decreased from the preceding year, even while our services and programs expanded. We must all redouble our efforts to provide support for our Service Bureau's philanthropic efforts.

Your Service Bureau needs your Gift of Love, both in volunteer work and especially with your financial support. Please write out a generous tax deductible check to the "Masonic Service Bureau". I have often said that the Rochester Masonic Service Bureau is in a class by itself throughout the United States, and I can prove it. I am proud to be its Executive Director. The Gift of Love keeps on giving.

"Give thanks with a grateful heart".

Oops!

By the way, the current solicitation letter has the signature of our past President, Gary Burke. I forgot to get the signature of our current President, Larry Canfield, in time and I apologize to Larry for this.

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## Laundry/Freeman Club Presents Gift to Frank & Bette Paul Masonic Children's Learning Center

On Friday, December 19th, Stanley H. Seeley, as representative of the 1991 Laundry/Freeman Club, presented a check for \$200.00 to the Frank & Bette Paul Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center.

The donation was received by Harold L. Aldrich, Chairman and Rodney R. Rittenhouse, Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Rochester Center.

The donation resulted from a fundraiser the Club conducted. Tickets for this event were donated to the Club by the Disabled Children of Monroe County Association. □



Harold Aldrich (left) and Rodney Rittenhouse (right) accepting check from Stanley Seeley at the Frank & Bette Paul Masonic Children's Learning Center. (Photo courtesy S. Seeley)

## Volunteers still needed for the Child ID Program

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge is sponsoring a Child ID Program during the Charlotte Winter Festival on February 8th. Times will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be using two hour shifts.

If you have participated in the Program in the past, would like to help, or just enjoy some of the best and most interesting Chili recipes in the Northeast, please contact Andy Alvarez at 426-1946. Help is needed with set-ups, camera men, and general support. Ladies are welcome. □

## MMRL Praised in Local Media

The following article appeared in the front page of the *Utica Observer-Dispatch* on December 15, 1997. It was brought to our attention by Holden Miller, a member of *Hesperus Lodge in LeRoy*. It is the best article I have seen recently in the *General Media*. It is a well written and informative piece and certainly deserves our attention. The article is reproduced here with the permission of the *Utica Observer-Dispatch* which is published daily by the *Observer-Dispatch Division of the Gannett Satellite Information Network Inc., 221 Oriskany Plaza, Utica, New York 13501*. [Editor]

### "Everything we do here is geared toward a cure."

(Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research of the MMRL)

By R. Patrick Corbett, Staff writer  
*Utica Observer-Dispatch*  
The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is revealing the secrets of the human body one molecule at a time.

It is the culmination of a tradition born 40 years ago when the Masonic Fraternity raised money to help defeat rheumatic fever, a childhood disease once feared as greatly as polio.

That success spurred the Masons to fund their own research facility, and since the early 1950s, the organization has incubated its own research staff.

Today, the dozen international research scientists at the local lab pool their expertise to explore the many manifestations of heart disease. Most of the nation's 500,000 heart deaths each year follow an arrhythmia, or abnormal heartbeat. Historically, doctors have had to try a number of different drugs in an effort to get a patient's heart beating normally again.

Scientists at the Masonic Lab are tracking down the genes and proteins that control specific functions of the heart instead of seeking out drugs that might influence the entire organ.

Research scientists don't test their theories on patients. Rather, they peer ever deeper into the body's cells and genes.

"The future is going to be tailored to gene-specific therapy," said Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, the Executive Director and Director of Research on the internationally respected lab.

### The research

The researchers thrive on pure research, often forgetting about regular meals in the thrill of the chase, but they have specific goals, too. "Everything we do here is geared toward a cure," William Ofosu-Appiah, Director of the Immunology Program, said. "We cannot lose sight of that."

Robert Dumaine runs the lab's microbiology division. His focus is inherited cardiac disease, especially a deadly condition named after the Q and T waves of the electrocardiogram that describe it.

He is learning how proteins regulate the flow of key nutrients into the heart and how those elements affect the heartbeat.

The work hasn't gone unnoticed.

Last Fall the Research Center's Experimental Cardiology group was awarded a \$2.04 million Federal Grant from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

It came near the end of a \$1.9 million Grant that funded four years of cardiac research.

The new Grant, the lab's largest ever, allows the lab to continue and expand research into how electrical differences affect the function of the heart.

Building on research such as Dumaine's, Antzelevitch said: "We can control the flow of electricity through a single cell."

Eventually, like all basic research, that knowledge may lead to a breakthrough treatment for heart patients.

Antzelevitch said the research done in Utica is eight to ten years away from becoming available to the public.

### The scientists

The scientists labor in anonymity for the most part, he said, but, "They get a lot of self-satisfaction."

You can see the excitement in the eyes of Dumaine, a Cherbroke, Quebec, native, as he describes his work. "We start with tissue and work right down to the genes," he said.


Antzelevitch has lured other top scientists from as far as Russia to carry on the research.

Ofosu-Appiah, a native of Ghana, said genes also play a major role in the immunology research he is doing.

He is delving into the causes of hypertension and lupus. Both are auto immune diseases, in which the body is attacked by its own defense mechanism.

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## Attention!

Calling 

## All Members of the Masonic Family

By Brian Keery, Chairman

Time is very short. If your organization has not yet signed up to support the 1998 Have-a-Heart Campaign, please call now with your reservation. We need your assistance in order to make the 1998 Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Fundraiser a genuine success.

If you have not already volunteered to aid this very worthy cause, please contact me directly at 352-6292 with your commitment. This event is one of the only times when all members of the Masonic family unite together to perform a very worthwhile community service. □

## New Subscribers

We welcome the members of Mount Vernon Lodge to our family of subscribers. We hope that they will be active contributors in spreading the message of Freemasonry.

We are circulated all over the globe as well as in the United States. We have subscribers in Canada, Thailand, England, Japan and Spain. So you can see we are well read.

The *Times* is only \$4.00 annually per group member and \$7.00 for individual subscribers. □

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# Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger  
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## Policy Clarification

Since I have been Editor we have tried to be fair and accurate in the use of Masonic titles. We have always requested from our contributors that they try to be as accurate as possible in this area and when we have to we check to make sure. This, of course does take extra time. My favorite reply to complaints of this sort is, "we do not write the news, we just publish it!"

Another aspect of this policy is the non-use of titles when a Brother or Brothers are engaged in voluntary pursuits not related to any specific organization that they hold office in, such as being an officer in the Masonic Service Bureau while holding a Grand Lodge title. In these cases the title "Brother", that title above all others, is understood.

The reason for this policy is simple. First: we are not sure if a title is still applicable. Secondly: some Brothers have several titles. We can't list them all. Lastly: we do not want this publication to be the arena for any titular contests. We should only be concerned about "that noble contention or rather emulation of who can best work and best agree". So, whether its RW, MW, RE, RI, Rt. Wthy., M.P., A.S.A.P., R.S.V.P. or BVD we are all Brothers & Sisters with a mission.

## A new group of Subscribers

This month we have a new group of subscriber from Mount Vernon Lodge No. 263, G/W, located in Java Village. We are proud to welcome W. Mark Hopkins and his Lodge to the *Masonic Times* family. We only wish that our Brothers to the East in Wayne County would follow their lead.

## Security

In the interests of security in the Downtown Temple, please try to adhere to the following: if you have business in the building for any reason for an organization that is not meeting at that particular time, please stop in the Service Bureau Office and let someone know where you will be. The same courtesy is asked of you when you are ready to leave. This is not only for building security, but for your own safety. If an emergency arises in the building or if you become ill or injured, it would be nice to know that someone knows you are there.

# MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

By R.W. Harold Bollotin

No Community Service events transpired since the last issue, and none are scheduled at the present time. There is one possibility which I shall explore in the near future.

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

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

Equip. Type	On loan
Bathtub equip.	71
Bed (Acces.)	2
Canes	102
Commodos	93
Crutches	215
Walkers	178
Wheelchairs	116
Miscellaneous	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>788</b>

## Financial Planning Solutions

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

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

My thanks to Mr. Mal Berko for his advice to those of you who get involved with penny stocks.

**Question:** I sometimes play with cheap stocks and always seem to get burned. Do you have any guidelines that can help me make fewer mistakes and maybe a few dollars?

The best advice that can be given is: "Don't buy cheap stocks". In our business, we call cheap or penny stocks (usually less than \$5.00 per share) cats and dogs, and when you play with cats and dogs, you often get fleas. Cheap stocks are frequently originated by "schlock" over-the-counter firms that dot the financial highways of our country. **SOME CHEAP STOCKS DO HAVE GOOD POTENTIAL VALUE AND ARE WELL RUN FIRMS WITH DEDICATED MANAGEMENT.** (I invest in low price stocks, but much research has to be done).

The following caveats may help the reader recognize some of their mistakes. Remember that man is the only animal who can be skinned more than once.

1. If your broker is pushy, if he calls more than once to tout the stock, if he brags about famous people or perhaps some of your friends who own it, and says you "can't lose", hang up.

2. If the company claims that it will shortly sign a million dollar contract or a "strategic alliance" with a Fortune 500 company, and its press releases neglect to give a name, or if the proposed company is a name you don't recognize, hop on your scooter and drive away.

3. If the company makes hyperbolized claims that its prod-

uct is revolutionary, a new scientific breakthrough, a cutting edge technology, or will save consumers billions of dollars, concentrate on your golf game.

If the company's shares are listed on the Bulletin Board, the Pink Sheets, or trade on the VanCouver Exchange, just say "no".

4. If the company projects astronomical revenues and brags that earnings will exceed the current share price, chuckle.

5. If the stock price is less than \$2.00 per share and its price to earnings ratio is more than 100 times earnings (if it has earnings), and its capitalization is more than twenty times book value, give it to your mother-in-law.

6. If the company's business derives its revenues from overseas, especially China, South America, the Middle East, Africa, or Russia, subscribe to the National Geographic.

## Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

### Your Credit Report

Even if you do not own a credit card, or you pay your balance in full each month, monitoring your credit history file may spare you aggravation in the future. When you apply for any kind of loan, a job, insurance, or engage in any activity where credit-worthiness is scrutinized, you owe it to yourself not to handicap your efforts. We all get one chance to make a first impression. An inaccurate entry on your credit file creates an impression, that may be difficult to correct.

### How to get a Credit Report

Obtaining a credit report is easy. If you are ever turned down for credit, then the law requires that the credit reporting company who provided your credit profile history must provide you with a free copy of the report. Look at the letter announcing that your request for credit was turned down. On it, it should list the name and phone number of the company who disclosed your credit history. A call to that number, with an explanation that your credit application was turned down, will get you a free report.

If you weren't denied credit, but still want a copy of your credit file, a fee of \$8.00 is charged. There are three major reporting bureaus. They are Experian (1-888-397-3742); Equifax (1-800-997-2493); and Trans-Union (1-800-888-4213). A call to any one of them will get you your credit report. Since not every creditor reports to all three credit bureaus simultaneously, it may be prudent to order your credit file from each bureau. There is a possibility that if you look at only one credit report generated by say, Experian, you may miss other entries that may not be reported to Experian, but are reported to Equifax or Trans-Union.

When you receive your credit report, check it for accuracy. By that I mean, look to see that all credit activity is attributable to you. It's not unheard of to find an entry stating you have a particular credit card, when in fact you never did. If you have cancelled a particular credit card, make sure that fact is reported. I have seen instances where a credit card was cancelled, but on the report, it still shows that credit is available to you. This could be a problem if

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you are denied credit because you have excessive credit lines available to you.

### How to correct inaccurate entries

Any advertisement or person trying to sell you credit repair, is selling you short. There is no such thing as credit repair. If you have a bad credit history due to late bill paying habits, no amount of credit repair can alter that fact. Credit bureaus report information knowing full well that others are relying upon what they report. If an unfavorable entry could be deleted just for the asking, then the market's confidence in such reporting would be non-existent. Credit bureaus must accurately report information, good or bad.

According to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, inaccurate information must be removed from a credit file. That's the law. Like many laws, they don't enforce

themselves. If you spot an entry in your report you believe is inaccurate, report it to the bureau that prepared your credit history. With Experian, a call to an 800 number is sufficient to dispute an item(s) accuracy. The law requires that the bureau investigate. If the accuracy of the entry in question cannot be verified, then it must be deleted from your file. This previously deleted item cannot re-appear on your report, unless you are notified.

If an account, such as a credit card, still shows as being open when in fact you had closed such an account, then that fact must be reported.

If the entry in question can be verified, then it will remain on your file, regardless of your disagreement. Your recourse is to prepare a statement as to why you disagree with this entry, and demand that it be placed in your credit history file. The law re-

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quires that this statement be included with your credit report.

This written statement, once made part of your credit history, will be seen by others who are reviewing your credit history. For example, you were out of work for six months. Your payments on your credit card, car loan and mortgage were made, but were always late. This fact of late payment must be reported on your credit history. A written statement from you explaining why your payments were late, may negate or diminish any negative impression a creditor might otherwise believe.

The law now requires that in most instances, adverse information such as judgements, lawsuits, tax liens, arrests, or other adverse information which is more than seven years old, cannot be left in a credit report. Bankruptcies continue to remain in a credit report for ten years.

A potential employer may request your credit file to do a background check. You are entitled to notice of this disclosure by the credit reporting agency who prepares this report. You can then demand that the credit reporting agency disclose the nature and scope of the investigation requested. The sources providing information for this report must be verified as to accuracy.

Violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act may subject the violator to liability for actual damages, plus attorney fees. Copies of this law are available online at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) or by writing the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580.



By Harold Bollotin

**Holiday gift distribution**

This final highlight of the year was held on December 21st. The festivities began in the Auditorium which was filled with volunteer Santas, representing many veteran, fraternal, civic and other organizations. It was announced that an amount of \$14,000 was donated for the cost of all the gifts and canteen books that were distributed.

Following a brief welcoming ceremony the various groups proceeded to their assigned wards. While leaving the Auditorium I learned that a group of Eastern Star members from another District were present.

Our group was comprised of 12 volunteers: Tom and Cora Paglia, Harold & Sylvia Bollotin, Paul & Doris Robertson, Robert McBride (Master of Germania Lodge), June Moon, and Larry & Marge Hood who were accompanied by their two granddaughters, Angela and Stephanie Caley. The two girls pitched right in and did a fine job in distributing the gifts and refreshments.

It was a gala and joyful event. Our group sang Christmas Carols and distributed the gifts, refreshments and eggnog. We were



The whole auditorium filled with Santas waiting to distribute gifts to the residents at the Canandaigua Veteran's Medical Center. The Monroes contingent is seated front row right.



Harold Bollotin, Tom Paglia with Voluntary Coordinator Robin Johnson and VMAC Director Stuart Collier.



Marge and Larry Hood with their two granddaughters, Angela and Stephany Carey. (Photos courtesy Harold Bollotin)



Harold Bollotin, Sylvia Bollotin, Tom Paglia, Cora Paglia, Doris Robertson and June Moon.



Angela and Stephany Caley with Marge Hood, Cora Paglia, June Moon, Doris Robertson and Sylvia Bollotin with Susie, a very special patient for the group.

joined by a guitarist and Santa Claus. They did a great job.

Susie

As mentioned in the last issue, we again paid special attention to a young lady patient named Susie. While Tom was feeding her ice cream and a cookie, we talked and joked with her. We were pleased to invoke some smiles and a little response.

**VAMC update**

Tom Paglia has distributed the 1998 Organization Activity Schedule of the Recreation Therapy Service. In spite of the uncertainty resulting from the VA downsizing, the volunteer service has not abated nor will it be eliminated. It is in full swing.

The schedule is filled with many events such as Sunday ward visits, ice cream parties, off-station meal and bus trips, picnics, sports events, etc. They are looking for volunteers to assist in the wards and in the administration building during weekdays.

**Looking ahead**

Thursday, February 5th is the date of the 102 Year Birthday Party for Oscar Kohl in Building 7. It is sponsored by the staff of the VAMC. Oscar is a friend and former neighbor of Paul and Doris Robertson. Paul was re-



Tom Paglia and Harold Bollotin with Susie.



Bob McBride, Master of Germania Lodge ready to begin his gifting duties.

sponsible for assisting him in his admission to the Center. He is a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge. I hope his Lodge will participate in this celebration.

Our regular ward party will be on Sunday, February 8th on the 2nd floor of Building 36. We must now proceed directly to that building. Parking is available at the left of the building and entrance can be made through a doorway adjacent to the lot.

Maps of the grounds are available. If you would like a copy call me at 342-5865 and I will send you one. For further information on VAMC events or the Oscar Kohl Party, call Tom Paglia at 227-2046.

**Keeping in Touch**

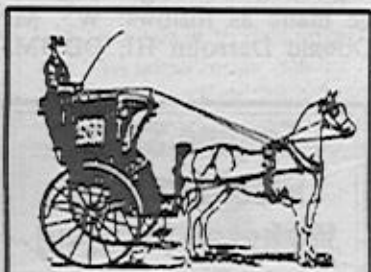
By Don Brugger

Recently, in a conversation with an old Masonic friend, the subject of recognition came up. It seems that he was concerned that Brothers who had made a significant contribution to their Organizations were not properly recognized for their efforts and in the end seem to be forgotten. This got me thinking about my own Masonic experiences. Although it has been a relatively short career, less than twenty-five years, I have in that time been the Presiding Officer of a few Organizations and feel that I can speak with some accuracy about the subject.

**Why bother?**

It seems that, in the first place, Masonry is a voluntary Organization, that is the Brother participates in the Organization to the extent that he is interested, this being relative to the amount of enjoyment he derives from the experience. The motives for involvement are many. There are those who participate because they not only enjoy the experience, but also enjoy notoriety; we are all affected by a tiny bit of egocentricity. Some seek responsibility for purely altruistic reasons and on the other end there are

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By R.W. Cyrus Kloner

The holiday season has come and gone and we hope that you all had a joyous time and wish you all a healthy and prosperous new year. Although it is a new year in the secular sense, in the Masonic sense we are now completing the previous year and preparing for the next Masonic year.

### New officers

In preparing for the upcoming Masonic year a number of activities are taking place. Firstly, the Purple Club of the Monroe Districts has completed their selection process and have forwarded their report to Grand Lodge for approval and by the time you read this article the designations will be made as follows: W. M. Donald Darrohn III, DDGM,

and W. Ruel R. Lovett, Staff Officer from the 1st Monroe District; and R. W. David W. Jones, DDGM and R. W. William D. Spillane, Staff Officer from the 2nd Monroe District. These Brothers are already working with your present Grand Lodge Officers to obtain an insight into their duties. They also should receive Grand Lodge training and instruction in March and April which will culminate with the ceremonies at St. John's Weekend in Utica.

### "Road to the East"

Secondly, the "Road to the East" Program is presently being conducted under the direction of R. W. Eugene G. Brendel, with the assistance of other Grand Lodge Officers. This Program prepares the present Junior and Senior Wardens for their year in the East. It has been most encouraging to see both Junior and Senior Wardens in attendance and participation from almost every Lodge in both Districts.

### Events

Aside from the activities mentioned above relating to the preparation for the next Masonic year there are a number of programs and activities that are going to take place in this Masonic year:

1. The "Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart" Campaign which supports the local Ronald McDonald House. The Campaign runs from February 6-14, 1998.
2. The School of Ritual will direct its attention to the 1st Degree on January 29th, 2nd Degree on March 18th, Opening, Closing and Balloting on June 1st and will hold a 3rd Degree Festival on April 4th.
3. There will be a Joint Investiture Service on Friday, May 29th.

The aforementioned is evidence that we, as good Masons, are endeavoring to add to the foundation that was laid down by those who preceded us. Our ultimate goal should be the improvement of mankind. To effectuate and facilitate that we must support our Masonic charities and those of the community, not only financially, but also with your time and involvement. By being of service in our community and providing for the needs of our Brothers and friends we can establish a place for our Fraternity in the coming years.

The accomplishment of self-improvement is an awesome feeling. Freemasonry offers the opportunity for good men to acquire this feeling by becoming involved, improving yourself and becoming a leader in the Craft. Why not get that awesome feeling?

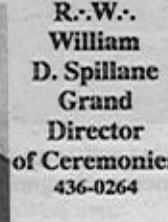
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By R.W. William D. Spillane

Well, we've now entered a new year and pretty soon we'll see the current Masters pass the gavel on to the Senior Wardens. As the Senior Wardens prepare for their year as Master, one of the many responsibilities they will have is writing an article for the *Masonic Times*. These articles are due on the 12th of each month except for June and July, when the *Times* is on Summer hiatus.

Writing for your Lodge is important. Many members do not attend Lodge because they either live out of the area, have job conflicts or for health reasons. Because of this it is important that you keep these members informed about what is happening in your Lodge and in the community. When you write, do it the way you speak. Think about what you want to say and why you want to say it. Also, use names. Everyone likes to see his/her name in print, so use every opportunity to print a member's name in your article. Use pictures also. Remember, make the reader proud of the organization he's in.

### What does the Service Bureau do?

Scholarships-provide over \$10,000 in Scholarships every year to local high school seniors.

Special grants-provides in excess of \$10,000 each year to support community programs for the needy.

Loan Closet-loans, free of charge, home care equipment such as wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers, etc., to any person in need.

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Publications-publishes the *Masonic Times* 10 months per year. They do their own type setting, pictures and layout. The annual Monroe Masonic Directory is also coordinated in the office.

Community Service-provide visitations and gifts to VA hospitals, entertainment at nursing homes, supports the Ronald McDonald House, provides personnel for other charitable organizations, organizers and donors for blood drive programs, and supports youth and youth camp programs.

Camp DeMolay-The Service Bureau has available for use an 18 acre camp with waterfront and several buildings. The preference for use is to Masonic youth, Masonic organizations, Masonic families, Scouts, Churches and others.

The Bureau maintains an extensive library of books, video equipment, tapes, Masonic artifacts and brochures.

They also provide space and support for educational programs at the facilities; provides additional support for many organizations such as composing and printing programs, mailing labels, letters and other material.

The Board of Directors and Representatives from all Masonic organizations meet monthly, except for July and August, to review and plan all operations.

The Service Bureau receives funds from the United Way under the Designated Gift Program. The donor's choice number is 1060.

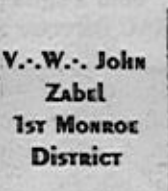
The list of what the Service Bureau does for the community goes on and on. If you have any questions, or would like a complete list, give the office a call any morning Monday thru Friday.

See you in the trenches.

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By V.W. John E. Zabel

The Freemasons of New York State are fortunate to have an officer in each Masonic District responsible for ritualistic matters. That officer is the Assistant Grand Lecturer. The AGL is not a Grand Lodge Officer, but a District Officer. He is appointed by the Grand Lecturer to be the Grand Lecturer's Representative in his District. This is not the case in every Grand Jurisdiction. In many jurisdictions all Ritual matters are handled by the DDGM along with his many other duties. In many jurisdictions there are no Schools of Ritual. In some jurisdictions, Virginia for one, a Brother must show proficiency in the Ritual, all three Degrees, before he can be elected Master of his Lodge.

What am I trying to get at? Simply this, within the Monroe Districts, every Mason, especially a Lodge officer, has the opportunity to learn more about our Masonic Ritual. This knowledge can be obtained free for the asking through personal contact with the AGLs or by attending the School of Ritual.

Speaking of the School of Ritual, the last one was, or will be (depending on when you read this), held on Thursday, January 29th at the Penfield Masonic Temple, home of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154. The School started/ will start at 7:30 p.m. The Lodges scheduled to do the work were/are Seneca No. 797 and Flower City No. 910. Scott and I know that the officers and Brothers of these two Lodges do a great job and everyone should learn something.

We have worked out a tentative schedule for the School of Ritual through 1999. Important dates from now until June are:

March 18 - School of Ritual - 2nd Degree - at Etolian Lodge No. 479 in Spencerport.  
April 4 - 3rd Degree Fest

May 15 - Joint Investiture - for all Masters-elect and Past Masters only.

June 1 - School of Ritual - Opening, Closing, and Balloting.

Specific locations and final dates will be sent to the Lodges in the Monroe Districts.

## Masters and Wardens

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### Grand Ball

Plans for the "Event of the Year" continue apace. The 1998 Grand Ball will be held March 28th at the Greater Rochester Convention Center. Our keynote speaker and recipient of this year's DeWitt Clinton Award for Community Service will be Thomas Mooney, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. The Award Committee is especially proud to recognize Mr. Mooney's many contributions this year when the theme of our celebration is "Unity". Mr. Mooney has played a pivotal role in forging cooperative endeavors between the local business community and government, city and county government, and business and school groups.

W. Mike Batz warns that no one should plan on attending this party with the intention of merely sitting around gorging himself on the Convention Center's renowned culinary delights. DJ Mike Bonanno, President of Stage Entertainment, will be spinning discs and I have been told not to be surprised when everyone dances.

To date, ticket sales have been brisk, Valley/Simes expects to have 18 attendees (10 have already paid) and Germania has sold 8 tickets (expecting to sell 12). If the larger Lodges weigh in with the same attendance proportionately that they have in the past, this should be the year everyone talks about in the future when they say, "I remember when we used to have.....people attend the Ball."

Tickets are only \$40.00. The party starts at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there. All monies raised thru ticket sales or the silent auction will be donated to charity.

### Have-a-Heart Campaign

W. Brian Keery has been doing an outstanding job organizing the Have-a-Heart Campaign. He can't do it alone. Masters are reminded to contact him to schedule their Lodges to staff the booths. Historically, we have been able to raise a sizeable sum of cash for the Ronald McDonald House (approximately \$150,000 over the years). Brian has set a very reasonable goal for this year's Campaign and I know that everyone will work together to realize that goal. On last report there were still open slots at each mall. Contact him quickly to get your preferred slot.

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**Passage to the East**

George was at the Masters and Wardens Association meeting. He was enjoying himself talking to other Lodge officers and getting to know his peers, when he heard Jerome, Senior Warden of Jubelum Lodge, speaking.

"This is stupid, I don't have time to spend several Saturday mornings listening to boring lectures on how to run a Lodge. I've been in line for three years. I think I know how to run a Lodge, this "Road to the East" Program is not for me," said Jerome. "I have other things to do with my Saturdays."

George was perturbed by what Jerome was saying. He had heard about the "Road to the East" Program and was looking forward to attending the sessions. He decided to speak to him. "Jerome, I heard what you said and I disagree with you. My Master took the Course last year. He told me that it was the best thing he did before he was installed as Master. The instructors taught him how to plan his program for the year, what to expect as Master and much more. He was very positive about what he learned."

"We don't need to plan a program. We just do business and play cards," said Jerome. "Besides, I'll have the Past Masters to help me."

"Don't you have programs for the Brethren?" asked George.

"Programs? No one is interested in that. Degrees? We do those if we have candidates, which we haven't had in a while. Social events. Why, no one is interested in those either. The Brethren just want to play cards," stated Jerome.

"I think you are missing a lot in your Lodge. Why don't you come to the first session and give it a try. You never know, you might learn something," said George.

"I'll think about it," said Jerome.

George knew what that meant, so over the next week he made a point of calling Jerome. Each call was about a different topic, but he worked in a request for Jerome's attendance at the Program. It worked. Jerome came to the first session. (To be continued.)

**What's happening**

This is a reminder that the Bureau of Masonic Education will be giving the Leadership Development Course on Saturday, March 7th at the Downtown Masonic Temple. The Course will run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The Course will cost \$20.00 per person.

Registrants should have a copy of "The 24 Inch Gauge". This may be obtained through the Lodge Secretary or borrowed. Only the current, white binder issue should be used.

To register for the Course, send your name, Grand Lodge No. (found on your dues card), Lodge and mailing address, along with a check for \$20.00 made out to me, John Zabel. Send it to me at 371 Lyndon Rd., Fairport, NY 14450-9703.

The deadline for registration is Friday, February 13th. This is a

hard deadline. No registrations will be accepted after this date for any reason.

**1st Monroe District**

**ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479**



W.: Brian P. Keery  
Master  
352-6292

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

R.W.: F. Jay McCullough  
Secretary  
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Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

**The Gavel returns!**

On December 16th, 12 Brothers from Etolian journeyed to the extreme North into Clio Lodge to retrieve the Traveling Gavel, yet again. The Gavel remained at its rightful home for the holidays. On January 12th, 11 Brothers from Valley/Simes and 10 Brothers from Clio ventured to Etolian to seek out the Gavel. After a reasonable visit, the Gavel was "loaned out" to Valley/Simes Lodge! It was a sincere pleasure to have 21 visitors at Etolian to truly fill the sidelines. However, you may all rest assured that Etolian will only "lend" the Gavel out for a very short time.

**Recent events**

On December 29th Etolian retained its title in the Interlodge Euchre Tournament at Churchville Lodge. The next Lodge Tournament is March 30th at Bergen.

On January 8th we held the Winter session of the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. Candidates, affiliates, several sponsors and Brothers attended the program of the evening. This particular session marked the first time that we have used the display material from Grand Lodge. That material greatly enhanced the program and provided a very professional setting for our session. I want to thank W.: Donald Darrohn, Brother John Dyer, and R.W.: Jay McCullough for delivering excellent presentations that evening. Please acknowledge the contributions of these Brothers at your next opportunity. It is their support, as well as, the support of the sponsors of the new Brothers which ensure Etolian a credible future.

**Sickness and distress**

Brother Charles Cliff passed away December 27th and a Memorial Service was held in early January. Our Tiler, Brother Art Rudig, was admitted to Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Brockport on Christmas Eve for amputation of his right foot and is still there as of January 12th. W.: Martin Michaels is recovering from foot surgery at home. During the last week of December, Arlene Hoak, wife of W.: Everett Hoak, was hospitalized at Strong Memorial for heart problems. Harry Michaels had oral surgery on January 12th. W.: Ellsworth Wilson is also ill at home with pancreatic cancer. Please include all of these Brothers and their families in your thoughts and prayers and please give them a phone call or a visit to wish them well.

**February events (a busy month)**

February 8th and 11th will be the days which Etolian is working at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center for the 1998 Have-a-Heart Campaign in support of the Ronald McDonald House. Please call me to confirm a time slot to staff the booth at the Mall.

February 9th is our Lodge Sweetheart Supper. Please bring your Valentine for a fun time. The meeting will be open in order to accommodate the ladies.

February 23rd is the 1st Degree with Brother Michael Schwartz in the East.

If you are interested in receiving information on various Masonic Scholarships, call R.W.: Jay McCullough.

February 28th will be the Interlodge Ladies Night in Bergen. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and are available by calling our Secretary, R.W.: Jay McCullough. Please call now for your reservation.

**Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109**



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

2nd Tuesday  
7:30 P.M.

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

**December notes**

The annual holiday gathering at W.: Glenn and Carol Stahl's home was not as well attended as in past years, but it was nevertheless entertaining and we were well fed. Many Brothers and their families were out of town. I have heard from most of them as they returned. To those on extended treks South, we extend heartfelt hopes for safe returns.

**Sickness and distress**

Brother John Boyd passed away on November 27th and Brother Milton Lowe on December 26th.

W.: Bill Babcock's wife, Teedie, has had a hip replaced. Our prayers for a "Teedie recovery"!

**January**

Valley/Simes Lodge is again the guardian of the Traveling Gavel. Eleven Brothers went to Etolian Lodge in Spencerport on January 12th and outnumbered Clio Lodge (10 Brothers) to bring home this honored Trophy. They were having a Move-Up Night and the Lodge room was packed. We stayed for refreshments and great fellowship. W.: Brian Keery said they wouldn't be at our meeting the next night so that we might enjoy the Trophy for more than one day, although he was certain that he could gather enough members on such short notice. Thanks to all the Brothers who come out to these Lodges in the spirit of friendship, brotherly love, and good old fashioned competition.

**Officers meeting**

An officers meeting will be held at the business offices of SW W.: Glenn Stahl on Tuesday, February 4th.

**Second Tuesdays**

Which reminds me, if you would like to come to any of our dinners and/or meetings and need a ride,

call the Secretary, Herb Spencer at 271-8577 or me at 889-3071. We will make arrangements. Hilde DiJames will provide a meal of my choice, so if you have a favorite meal or special dietary needs, speak up. There will be refreshments and fellowship after the Lodge meetings. Come out in support of your Lodge and break bread with us again.

**February 10th**

We are having our Annual Sweetheart's Dinner on February 10th. There will be no formal meeting of Lodge that evening. We are having a special dinner with our ladies and have a special evening planned. There will be professional entertainment. Dinners are only \$7.00 for a Brother coming alone, and \$10.00 for a Brother and his lady. Please make your reservation by Monday, February 2nd.

**Membership**

We have taken a good look, both demographically and logistically. Of 190 current members, 51 reside outside of NY (25 in FL and 26 in 17 other states). 130 Brothers live in the 144, 145, and 146 area; 10 of these are 25 miles or so from Lodge. Eight members reside in NY outside this area and one lives in Spain. This year 18 of our members qualify to have dues remitted by the Lodge by reaching the age of 90 disregarding years of service or 50 years of service and at least 85 years of age.

**Flower City Lodge No. 910**



W.: William Nardone,  
Master  
458-7512

2nd  
Thursday  
7:30 P.M.

R. W.: Phillip Averbach,  
Secretary 458-1817  
875 Main St. East  
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

**Best wishes to all**

The officers of Flower City Lodge hope that 1998 will bring happiness and prosperity to our members and all worthy Masons everywhere.

**New business**

At our meeting on January 8th we discussed holding a dinner night out with our ladies near Valentine's Day. Of course, this will be scheduled so as not to conflict with our annual participation in the Have-a-Heart Campaign. I will be calling most of the active local members to determine what dates might be best for all concerned.

We discussed the upcoming Grand Lodge in New York City and the Grand Ball in March

where we plan to have corsages for our ladies. Any member interested in Grand Ball tickets should contact me right away.

We are also working on scheduling a night for a 2nd Degree.

**Time flies**

I apologize to our members for missing the January issue of the *Masonic Times*. I was very ill the entire 1st week of December and spent the 2nd week catching up with work and family commitments, so the deadline of December 12th passed by like a blur. I am now feeling much improved and hope not to miss submitting another article this year! Thanks for your patience and understanding. We look forward to seeing you in Lodge on February 12th.

**WEBSTER Lodge No. 538**



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

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7:30 p.m.

Henry Libera, Secretary  
872-5427  
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WEBSTER, N.Y. 14580

**Greetings**

We are now into 1998 with special meetings, such as Memorial Night, Past Master's Night and Anniversary Award Night, along with a second set of Degrees. Please read on as our February and March events are explained in detail, and I hope to see you in attendance.

**New Year's Day**

New Year's Day fell on the first Thursday, giving us a break in our meetings. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays with their families.

**3rd Degree**

On January 15th we conferred a 3rd Degree, with SW John Ponshock in the East. The 2nd Section was done by our Fellowship Club, and directed by W.: Bill Kuehne. The work was excellent and it was an impressive Degree.

**Bring-a-Friend**

A Bring-a-Friend Night was held on January 22nd. The Calling Committee notified everybody of the evening so their non-Masonic friends and family could come and enjoy fellowship with us. A dinner was put on by the Fellowship Club. We had several visitors whom we hope will petition the Lodge and be part of our Spring Degrees. If you brought a visitor and he wishes to petition Webster Lodge, please have him present his petition or bring it to our February 5th meeting.

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## Memorial Service

On February 5th we will honor our 1997 departed members with our Memorial Service. This is the evening to remember those Brothers whose fellowship we enjoyed during the many years they were with us.

## 1st Degree

On February 19th we will confer the 1st Degree for our second class of candidates. Please keep in touch with the visitors you brought to our Bring-a-Friend Night in case they wish to be part of this Spring Class. If they wish to wait for the Fall Class, please remind them to get their petitions in.

## Anniversary Awards Night

On March 5th we will honor our members with many years in Masonry, with Service Awards Certificates and Pins. This is the evening for seeing those of our members who can't attend regularly, but do make it to receive their Certificates and Pins.

## 2nd Degree

On March 11th we will have our 2nd Degree. For our Spring Degrees to be a success, please keep in touch with the visitors you brought to the Bring-a-Friend Night and try to get their petitions in so they can be part of these Degrees.

## Brotherhood Fund

Senior Warden, John Ponschok, is collecting your donations. Please remember this special charity by including it with your dues payment or by sending it directly to Brother John.

## Spaghetti Dinners

Remember our monthly Spaghetti Dinners on the first Friday of the month, from January thru April. Some of our workers travel to the sunny South, so please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowcraft Room and help put on these dinners.

## Closing

Please come out and support your Lodge and the officers. Join the fellowship, our activities and meetings. You are especially needed to fill the sidelines when our candidates take their Degrees.



A small group of the over 32 children at the Wakan/Hubbard Children's Christmas Party.

Wakan/Hubbard  
Lodge No. 154

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(w) 588-8364

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

W. Theodore J. Snyder,  
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## Second season

I'm looking forward to a fun filled second half of my term. We all have a lot of activities to look forward to. On February 9th we will have an Eastern Star Appreciation Dinner and ladies are invited. The dinner will be put on by the officers of the Lodge. Sherwin Isaacs is in charge and it will have a German theme. The meeting on the 23rd will be our 1st Degree. We have two candidates and look forward to the event.

## March

Coming in March is another dinner with the ladies invited. We will have a program on Spring planting. We should be ready for Spring by then. Let's all attend these upcoming events.

## Thanks

A big thank you to Sherwin Isaacs and Jim VanZile for the Annual Christmas Party they hosted at the Lodge, to Traci VanZile for the crafts she brought along as a special treat for the children, and to Bob Folts of the Damascus clowns for entertaining the children with painted face designs. What a group of people! I have never seen so many children and parents attend this affair before. Great job!

## More thanks

Thank you, R.W. A. John Tijou for organizing the Past Masters Night. The dinner was Swiss Steak, wonderful! Following the meeting we played Eu-



Bob Folts, clowning with one of the guests at the Wakan/Hubbard Children's Christmas Party. (Photos courtesy Jim VanZile)



A very believable Santa Claus (looks a lot like SW Sherwin Isaacs) at the Lodge Children's Christmas Party.

chre. Thanks to Don McDill for putting together the tournament.

## Congratulations

We wish W. Scott Jackson much success in the coming year. Scott was elected Master of Coronation Lodge, our Sister Lodge in Canada. Scott and I are in communication and will probably set something up for our annual dinner in May. We will keep you informed.

## Sickness and distress

I called several Brothers this past weekend to see how they were progressing. Brother John McMahon is doing well after a stay in the hospital. I talked with him and Violet. They were getting ready to leave for two months in Florida. Good luck to them.

Brother Nate Anderson is home. Ethel says that Nate is still experiencing a lot of pain in his knee and will be going to the doctor for evaluation and therapy.

R.W. Bob Pettit attended Lodge on our 1st meeting in January. It was good to have him back after his stay in the hospital. Good to see you, Bob.

Brother Paul Kurtz is healing well after his shoulder surgery.

R.W. Louis DiJames is slowly making his way back from back problems. He has been getting treatment from a Chiropractor. They can do wonderful things for people with spine problems. Nice to hear that you're in good spirits again.

Brother Carl Busack is home after carpal tunnel surgery on his left hand. He will be having his right hand operated on about the time you receive this paper. We are happy to hear that his wife, Sherlie, is doing well.

## Looking ahead

I have a couple of goals left this term. One is to be involved in the community. We will, in some form or another, help with the development and building of the playground for the Penfield Vil-

lage School. The other goal is personal. I plan to visit my home town Lodge in Canajoharie before my term is over.

## We are blessed

We are so lucky here in our Lodge and the Monroe Districts. My dad gave me the Spring and Winter issues of the "Fulton Montgomery Masonic News". They only get four issues per year. We are blessed with the *Masonic Times* and the dedication behind the pages. This takes a lot of work and support from our Lodges. Great job to all involved. □

FAIRPORT  
Lodge No. 476

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## My Brethren

As I write this news article, it is my sincere hope that all of you are safe and healthy, after what Mother Nature has done to us with severe flooding and ice once again. I would like to inform you that as Master, I did drive to the Penfield Fire Department and made available our Temple and facilities to the victims if needed. Masonry must stretch forth a helping hand.

## Sickness and distress

Our Brothers mentioned in last months' news are much improved. JD, Mike Morris, went in for shoulder surgery. I can't find him at home, so that tells me he must be skiing. It is my sad duty to report the passing of Bernard (Whitey) Ornt. He has been a member for almost 30 years. He was a foreman and later Superintendent of Highways for the Town of Perinton. He will be missed.

## Please help

My Brothers, please don't forget the Brotherhood Fund. Dollar wise we are ahead of last year, but not in percentage of members.

Our Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign will run from Friday, February 6th, thru Saturday, February 14th. I have been asked to cover all of one day with Brethren from Fairport. I'm sorry, I was informed we can't use Eastview Mall. We have to serve at Irondequoit or Marketplace Mall. Please call me to lend a hand for this cause. HELP!

## Awards

On January 12th it was my privilege to present 50 Year Awards to Brothers George Bluhm and W. Rowe Mack Stutzman; 40 Year Awards to Brothers H. Robinson, Wm. Burgess, A. Bennett, R. Fisher and R.W. Roger Scott; and a 25 Year Award to Brother John Halliday.

It was an honor as well as a privilege to give W. Nels Venette his New York State Distinguished Award for Valor. Senator Jim Alessi had to go back to Albany, so he asked me to present this Award earned for services while fighting in Korea.

## Good news

We have a couple of petitions for membership. Can use more.

## Ladies Night

Brothers, please save April 4th for our Ladies Night. We will be at the VFW Post Home on Rt. 31F. We will have a nice buffet and music, and possibly some surprises that evening. Plan on bringing your wife or girlfriend for an evening of brotherhood and fun.

## Join us

Plan to attend our March 9th meeting. Please bring a dish to pass and, of course, your wife. We will open Lodge at 6:00 p.m., eat at 6:40 p.m. and then adjourn to the Lodge Hall and hear an interesting speaker from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department speak on Home Safety Scams.

Please be careful and God Bless. □

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## Reflections

As 1997 came to a close, the Annual Communication reflected on the past year's activities. We had a membership of 137 with an average age of 67 years. Our oldest member was born in 1905 and our youngest member in 1973. We balloted on 4 new members who will start their Degree work in February. Brother Carl Doell had a 55 Year Service Anniversary.

As stated in the last issue of the *Times*, we finished the year with a Holiday Dinner. I want to thank Brother Roger Judd and Marilyn, Brother Jeff Ross and Debbie, and my wife, Linda, who all made the dinner a success.

We also enjoyed having Etolian's dozen on our sidelines. It appears we must have a contest going with our Brothers from South Hilton.

## Spaghetti Dinners

Again, I thank all who worked on the dinners last year. We had two dinners in January and two are scheduled for February. Mark your calendars for February 11th and 25th. The times are 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the cost is still

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#### Sickness and distress

One of our Brothers left our earthly family to unite with the Heavenly family. Brother George Bailey left us on December 20th, 1997. He became a Free and Accepted Mason on October 6, 1964.

#### February meetings

We will be conferring the 1st Degree on February 3rd. Brother Sean Noonan will be in the East. On February 17th we will be doing the Q & A's. Remember, we have four candidates, which is the largest class in a number of years, so please make an extra effort to attend and show your support.

#### Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

Our Lodge has accepted the responsibility of staffing the booth on Friday, February 6th, at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. There will be three shifts of three hours each—12 noon to 3:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser that all Masons can be proud of supporting in our community. There will be a sign-up sheet at Lodge and we will be calling you.

#### Closing

Our organ has been silent for too long. If there are any Brothers who can help us out, it would add a lot to the Degrees starting in February. For those of you who are staying in the North this Winter, we look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

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

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

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



W. Robert E. Carlson, Master  
426-8572

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

R. W. Richard C. Friedman  
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152 Commercial St. West  
East Rochester, N.Y. 14445

By Sean King

#### Greetings from the South

What an interesting month January was. First we had a Table Lodge on the 12th and a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on the 26th. Now, we're heading into February with a full head of steam.

#### Table Lodge

For the 2nd year in a row we at ERAC celebrated our past, present, and future with a Table Lodge. A Steak and Potato Dinner preceded the seven traditional Toasts. A fun time was had by all. I thank Brothers Steve and Mike for the tremendous effort put forth by them.

#### Bring-a-Friend

Once again our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night has enlightened potential candidates and our Brothers. I personally look forward to this next class of candi-

dates, as do all of our Brothers, knowing each candidate secures the future of this great Fraternity.

#### In closing

Thanks to W. Bob Carlson, for this opportunity to write, all those who helped with the Table Lodge and the Bring-a-Friend Night, and everyone who attended these meetings and made them the success that they were. What an exciting time it is to be a Mason!

#### Seneca Lodge

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



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

#### Helping others

The time is upon us to become involved with that portion of our Masonic duties that relate to service to others. With this in mind we expect to see members contribute to the Brotherhood Fund, and also participate in the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign.

This Campaign helps to raise funds for the operation of the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. The services supplied by this organization allows parents of sick children to stay in close proximity while a child is in the hospital, at a minimum cost to the parents. Indeed a worthwhile plan that is deserving of our attention.

#### Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund, as all Masons should know, is that entity designated to support and help Masons. This Fund allows those contributing to it a choice as to where they would like their monies directed.

#### Support

Seneca Lodge will endeavor to help the Monroes remain a strong and respected name in the Grand Lodge of New York by helping to support both fundraisers to the best of our abilities.

#### Bring-a-Friend

Seneca is laying the ground work for an upcoming Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. To make this a worthy effort it is important to place the names of those you would like to invite with the Senior Warden by February 14th. The heritage of this particular event that has been embraced by Grand Lodge, started here in Seneca many years ago. The success other Lodges are having with this program should give us encouragement to bring out prospective candidates for our event.

#### Thank you

Thanks to all Brothers who participated in the Masonic Services for Walter Taylor and Allen Cobb in January.

I wish everyone a healthy Winter, whether spent in hibernation or amidst the flakes and drifts.

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#### Towpath Lodge

No. 163



W. Thomas A. LeBeau,  
Master  
482-3936



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

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

#### In the bleak mid-Winter

Now that the bustle of the holidays is behind us, take time to appreciate the "stillness" of mid-Winter... (hopefully that will not entail blizzard-like weather). Our February program includes a focus on the Masonic Presidents on February 3rd... a fitting follow-up to our DeWitt Clinton Award Celebration on January 20th.

#### Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

Brethren, we are scheduled to help out with this year's Campaign at Marketplace Mall on Thursday, February 12th between noon and 9:00 p.m. The shifts are 3 hrs. in length officially, but whatever time you can devote to this worthy cause is greatly appreciated. Call me at 482-3936 if you have any questions. See you there!

#### Soap Box Dinner

Ready for a hearty mid-Winter meal? If so, join us on Friday evening, February 20th, between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for our next Spaghetti Dinner. We hope for a repeat of December's turnout. It was extraordinary! See information elsewhere in the Times, or call Dan Emerson, Phil Hurwitz or me for details.

#### Special thanks

A special note of appreciation to Craig Covert and Bill Lindsay for their work on an inventory of Towpath's physical property. It sounds like it was no small task. Also, a note of appreciation to Dave Crawford and the Trustee task force who are being faithful to their Brothers by working to ensure our financial resources are well cared for into the 21st Century. Their report is coming shortly.

#### Spring '98 Class

It is not too late to recommend someone you know who is interested in Masonry. Call any of the officers if you need a petition.

#### Soap Box Derby Spaghetti Dinner

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East Rochester

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7:30 P.M.



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787-3357

R. W. D. Scott Seltzer  
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17 Church Street  
Pittsford, N.Y.  
14534

#### 3rd Degree

Our 3rd Degree was held on December 18th. The evening began with a superb dinner prepared by our very own Linda Zahn. The meeting was very well attended and we had all the help we needed for the Degree. The officers did a fine job.

#### Thank you

A big thanks to W. Herb Hirsch for his work as the Sea Faring Man and Master of Ceremony, W. Glenn Hedges for being a Steward, R. W. Bob Zahn for being Tiler, and W. Don Smith for playing 1st Craftsman and for keeping the other Craftsman organized. A thank you also to R. W. Dave Jones for helping us with the 2nd Section and W. Angelo DiCataldo for helping as a Craftsman. It was great to see you at Northfield. Come again soon. W. Dan Walker did a great job with the Working Tools. Thanks, Dan. Brother Relton Roland, one of our newest members, got his feet wet by being a Craftsman. Very nice job Relton. R. W. Ray Beardsley did a "most excellent King Solomon" and R. W. Jack Thibaut did a great job as Hiram, King of Tyre. A very special thank you to Brother Jim Knapp for helping as Craftsman. Brother Jim had eye surgery a day or two before the Degree. I hope you are recovering nicely.

#### Visitors

That night we had a few visitors, Brother Richard Trolly from Medina Lodge, and W. Dave Taber and Bill Cobb from Fairport Lodge who also helped with the Degree. It was said by a Past Master of Northfield that it was one of the finest 3rd Degrees he had ever witnessed at Northfield. That made me very proud.

#### Christmas party

Our family Christmas party was held on December 20th at JW Jim Weick's home. It was well attended. Jim and Carrie prepared quite the spread for grazing, right down to the "square and compass" shaped butter. We all enjoyed the food and fellowship. The proceeds from the dinner went to buy water glasses for the Lodge. Thanks, Jim and Carrie.

#### On his way

SD Bill Fraser has attended the "Road to the East" Program

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and should be well on his way to planning his Trestleboard. Good luck, Brother Bill.

#### Brotherhood Fund

Don't forget to get your contributions in for the Brotherhood Fund!

#### February

Our February 5th meeting will be a regular meeting with R. W. Rich Friedman as our guest speaker. I hope to have a good turnout for this event, so come on out for fun and fellowship.

The 1st Degree will be conferred on February 19th. Please contact JW Jim Weick for dinner reservations if you don't get a call within a reasonable time.

That's if for now, remember, just one!

#### Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969

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

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



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

By Robert Ogden

#### Potential candidates

Our Lodge has a potential class of candidates to receive their 1st Degree on February 17th. This being an important event, it is requested that as many members be present as possible. Brothers, please make this a priority date. Thank you.

#### Dinner reservations

Many people make dinner reservations but don't show up. Your Lodge is obligated to pay for them, consequently monthly deficits result. Please consider a reservation made is a reservation paid.

#### Note from your Secretary

W. Tom Kendig wishes to express his thanks to those members who have paid their dues. However, there are still dues outstanding and he looks forward to receiving them as soon as possible.

#### Masonic Brotherhood Fund

Contributions continue to come in—our total number of contributors is 102, totalling

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\$3,522.00. Be assured, Brothers, you will be kept informed on current figures. The Campaign ends the end of May, so please mail your checks to me when convenient. Thank you.

**Feb. 3rd Dinner Meeting**

Our congenial Master, W. Bill Hook, has arranged a Swiss Steak Dinner on the above date to be catered by Hilde DiJames and Joy Woodley at the Downtown Temple at 6:30 p.m. Any who have enjoyed their dinners before can rest assured this will be a fine one. So, come one and all!

**Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart**

From February 6th thru the 14th, the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House will be in progress. Our Lodge will participate at Irondequoit Mall on February 6th from noon until 9:00 p.m. Please select the time slot you wish and contact Brother Mike Schum at 248-9283 (h) or 546-7450 (w).

**Birthdays**


Happy returns to the following Brothers whose birthdays fall in the month of February: Roy Cluff, Ken Goodrich, Ron Hibbard, Hal Impson, Ed Roberts, Erik Scrivens, John Walker and Ed Welton.

**February meetings**

There will be a Dinner meeting with the ladies on February 3rd.

A 1st Degree rehearsal will be held on February 10th, and the 1st Degree will be conferred on February 17th.

**FAME**  
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**A new year**


As we start the new year, I encourage all the Brothers to make a difference. I know if everyone was like me last year, they left a lot of things undone that they had intended to do.

I'm not alluding to monumental change, but just a pledge to follow through with a few little things: call a friend or family member that you have been

meaning to. Volunteer for some small role in your community or church. Ask your Lodge if there is anything that needs to be done outside of the Lodge on non-meeting nights. Get involved more in Freemasonry, if you have already held a chair, get back in line, or if you haven't yet, maybe start this year with a small part as a Steward or Marshal.

Fame Lodge invites all Brothers to drop by and sit in on our communications. Share our fellowship on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

**O-At-Ka**  
**Lodge No. 759**



W. Donald A. Tubman, Master  
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2nd & 4th  
Wednesdays  
7:30 P.M.  
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Secretary 889-2372  
5 Browns Ave.  
Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

**Happy New Year-revisited**

When I look back on 1997, the year was certainly a memorable one with many Masonic twists and turns. Oatka Brethren did not accomplish everything that was planned. After spending time speaking with some of you and meeting with the officers over the holidays, I believe that the Brethren can look forward to a "better" year in 1998.

I hope that we have overcome our "paralysis of wills" and can optimistically move forward. All who communicated with me over the holidays expressed that they and their families had been in good health, and that their prospects look good for 1998. Several said that their physicians did not want to hear from them for a least a year!

**Best wishes**

Our aid has been extended to Jack and Peg Miller, as they cut their vacation in Florida short so that Peg could obtain medical treatment back in Rochester. The Millers are in our thoughts and prayers.

**Official Visit**

Our Official Visit is scheduled for January 28th. We indeed look forward to seeing R. W. Dave Jones.

**Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart**

Oatka Lodge is scheduled to sell as many hearts as possible at the Have-a-Heart Campaign on Saturday, February 7th at Marketplace Mall from noon until 9:00 p.m. This would be a fantastic opportunity to perform a service to the community and to support the Ronald McDonald

House. Please come out on February 7th and support your Brethren for at least part of the day. Three shifts of 3 hours each are most desirable. What an opportunity to meet new candidates and plant the "Masonic seeds" of community service!

**3rd Degree**

One of our time honored traditions is slated for February 11th. There are two Brothers at Oatka who have been patiently waiting for their 3rd Degree, and with the help of Union Star Lodge, the Degree will be conferred upon them.


**Awards**

The Brethren are laboring to make the proper coordination of several 60 and 50 Year Pin presentations. Watch the March issue for details. Our oldest member, Howard Caudle, has been asked to make a presentation on George Washington on the night he is to receive his 60 Year Pin. (Actually 61 years). Howard has conducted considerable research on George and we trust that his presentation will be memorable.

**Survey**

W. Kevin Fisher and his committee will be conducting a survey to determine what programming would be desired by YOU. Please come to Lodge and support the Brethren.

**Union Star**  
**Lodge No. 320**



W. Lloyd A. Wood, Master  
334-5429  
2nd Monday  
7:30 P.M.  
W. Joseph Cotteleor, Sec.  
(h) 624-1365 (w) 624-1881  
3 North Main St.  
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

**Greetings from the East**

We are into the new year and I hope all are well. The past week has brought some interesting weather to our area with temperatures ranging from 65 degrees to about 15 degrees. The water...it's been a long time since I've seen flooding in our area like this; I think since 1972. I know R. W. Bob Sanford had his swimming pool moved to his basement for a couple of days, although I hear that the quality of the water was slightly below par. Our Brothers to the North are still dealing with a lot of ice. Having been through that 7 years ago, I'm sure we all wish them well.

**Current Lodge news**

The drywalling of the Lodge is almost complete! The ceilings in both the kitchen and preparation rooms have been finished. The hallway going upstairs has been completely redone and all the walls in the Lodge are done. We still have to do some cleanup and painting, but the Lodge already looks 100% better. Again, many thanks to R. W. Bob for spearheading this operation. Without his help, the project wouldn't have happened.

Because the Lodge room was in disarray, we had our January meeting in the dining room. It was a good meeting with lots of lively discussion. Many thanks to Bud Ripley and Joe Cotteleor for setting up the room.

**Degree**

There will be a 3rd Degree at Oatka Lodge on Wednesday,

February 11th. W. Don Tubman has asked for help, so any of the Brothers who can lend a hand will be appreciated.

**Workers needed**

The Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign will run from February 6th through February 14th this year. We are signed up to work at Marketplace Mall from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12th. Anyone who wants to work can call me for scheduling.

**Sickness and distress**

Brother Harvey Closs had a hip replaced and is doing fine. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery. As mentioned before, R. W. Bob Sanford had some water problems and our best wishes for an early cleanup.


**Brotherhood Fund**

Brother John Williams reports that he now has about 30 envelopes returned. That is a lot better than last month, but still short of our goal. Please make every effort to contribute.

**Closing**

There will be a dinner prepared by Brother Gary Sanford at our next meeting on February 9th. All are invited. Until then take care.

**GERMANIA**  
**Lodge No. 722**



W. Robert G. McBride, Master  
315-343-2610  
3rd Tues. Sept. - Apr. & 1st Tues. May, Jun., Oct. 7:30 P.M.  
Secretary  
W. John H. Foster 467-1677  
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Rochester, N.Y. 14622

**Sorry!**

I owe everyone an apology for not getting articles in to the Times for the past two months. By way of explanation (not an excuse), work has been hectic and the holidays were particularly tumultuous for me personally this year.

**Good news**

We will be initiating a candidate at our February 17th meeting. I expect that everyone will make a special effort to attend both the Pot Luck Dinner and Lodge that evening to welcome our new Brother.

**Have-a-Heart**

On Friday, February 13th, we will be staffing the Have-a-Heart booth at the Irondequoit Mall. Eureka Lodge, Prince Hall Masons, will be joining us to help raise monies for the Ronald McDonald House. Even if you are not able to work at the booth, stop by and visit if you have some free time that day.

**Volunteers**

We had two rather small contingents of volunteers at functions in November and December, partly due to scheduling of many activities during November and December, and partly due to the flu.

At the School of the Holy Childhood's Garage Sale, Sister Serafina informed us that over \$50,000 was raised for the school. Brothers from Germania helped store materials after the sale and set up the lunchroom for the following day.

In December we were at the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital to help distribute gifts to the resi-


dents. Although our Lodge was hit hard with the flu that weekend the Brothers who were healthy enough to make the trip had a great time singing Christmas Carols and passing out gifts.

Sister Serafina, the VA Hospital and our Lodge thank all the Brothers who pitched in at these events.

**Thank you**

A special thanks to John and David Foster for all their efforts in making our 125th Anniversary Gala in November such a success. The two of you really stepped up to the plate and pulled together a memorable event.

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



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Secretary 392-8224  
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Churchville, N.Y. 14428


**Brothers**

You are all invited to our 3rd Degree on February 25th. The Shrine Past Master's Degree Team will be there to help us out and it should be quite an evening.

**Reservations needed**

A Pork Chop Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. If you care to join us, please call George Pflieger at 426-0603 for reservations. We are expecting a large group and need an accurate count for dinner, so please call.

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



W. Michael Gorall, Master  
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1st & 3rd  
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7:30 P.M.  
C. William Flemming, Secretary  
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**Tempes fugit**

Well, I can't believe how fast my term as Master is going. This has been a great learning experience for me.

**Thank you**

A big thank you to Brother Michael Staub for a great job at our Open House and Bring-a-Friend Night. You could sit and listen to him for hours about Freemasonry. He is very knowledgeable and has a way of presenting his material that will hold your attention.

**Welcome back**

It was good to see Brother Frank Jansson, DSA, back in Lodge. It just goes to show you that you can't keep a good man down.

**Events**

We have important events coming up. February 3rd is a 1st Degree with JW Tom Grape in the East. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. We will open at 6:00 p.m. on February 17th. It is our Youth Night with both the Triangle Girls and the DeMolay present. This will be an open meeting so please come out and support the

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kids. This same night we will be presenting two students from Charlotte Middle School with Awards for their efforts in leading a drug-free life-style and for being good citizens.

March will be a busy month. We will confer the 2nd Degree, Paul Stillman will be at Lodge as Teddy Roosevelt, and we will have a brunch at the Lodge.

I almost forgot, we will be active in the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign in February and will be defending our title at the Chili Chili Contest. If any Lodge would like to challenge us, please call SW Andy Alvarez at 426-1946.

Well, I this is it for now. Best wishes for a great new year. ☐

Lodge gives men a way to combine with others to do even more good.

My Brothers, I am sure that each of you have heard a similar explanation sometime previously in your Masonic career, but I think it is deserving of review in our own minds once again.

In my next article I will address the other two subjects.

**Reminders**

The Applications for Scholarships are now available. Remember, if you have a child or grandchild who is planning on furthering their education, let them know Scholarships are available. Contact the Secretary of your Lodge, W.: George Springett or me.

Secondly, I would like to remind those of you who have not yet made your respective contributions to the "Challenge for Charity", formerly known as the Brotherhood Fund, please do so if within the length of your cable tow.

Until next time-may God Bless us all. ☐

The first thing I have to mention today is that some of us would like to order new West Star jackets. We have to order in lots of six. We have orders for four, so if anyone is interested, please call Carl Parmeter at 535-7472 or me at 535-7874.

**Molly**

On November 26th West Star visited Triluminar Lodge No. 543 and brought Molly to Varysburg. On January 5th, West Star had many visitors, as Hesperus No. 837 and Attica No. 462 came to take Molly. Thanks to W.: Glenn Cramer, who has a dual membership in Attica, they had 10 members to Hesperus' 9 members. Therefore, Molly is now at Attica Lodge No. 462. I would like to mention that Molly is doing what she was designed to do. It was very nice to see our sidelines filled with smiling faces. Also, I have to mention that someone from Hesperus was missing-I am sure he knows who he is!

In closing, I hope that 1998 is as good for everyone as 1997 was for my family. ☐

by a Ceremony in which Eagle Scouts, Ryan Morgan and Mickey Smith (son of SW Mike Smith) were honored for their dedication and efforts. Following a short speech by yours truly, the Award Presentation was made by R.: W.: Robert Dagen, DDGM.

Mickey Smith made a touching acceptance speech in which he directly attributed his success to his parents. Living in the late 1990s, with its hurried life styles, it's too easy to assume that the old family standards have been forgotten. This Eagle Scout Night reaffirmed my faith in our youth. Thanks to all of the Brothers who helped to make the evening a success, and a special thanks to Debbie LaWall for showing up Tuesday afternoon and helping me with the preparations.

**50 Year Awards**


Immediately following the Scout Awards Ceremony, we headed upstairs to honor two Brothers, Herb "Junior" O'Neill and Eddie Conger for 50 years of Lodge membership. Eddie, being in Florida, was unable to attend, but Herb was there to receive a beautiful framed Certificate presented by R.: W.: Robert Dagen. Immediately following the presentation, R.: W.: Bob called the Lodge to Grand Honors. It was a touching moment.

**Coming event**

On Saturday, January 31st a Child ID Program will be held at the Warsaw Baptist Church (next door to the Lodge). This Program will run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. I've sent the advertising to the Pennysavers, as well as WCJW. Hey, listen to WCJW during the week of January 26-30 for my interview on Fred Naier's Show.

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

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



R.: W.: Robert F. Dagen  
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**Much activity**

With the advent of all the activity within the Lodges in the District, especially the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night programs, I would like to take this opportunity to review a few facts concerning *Freemasonry* and why men become *Masons*.

Basically, men become *Masons* for three reasons as related in the Brother Bring-a-Friend presentation:

"There are things they want to do in the world"; "There are things they want to do "inside their own minds"; and "They enjoy being with men they like and respect". In this article I will address the first subject.


**Things they want to do in the world**

*Masonry* teaches that each person has a responsibility to make things better in the world. Most individuals won't find a cure for cancer, eliminate poverty, or help create world peace, but every man, woman, and child can do something to help others and to make things a little better.

*Masonry* is deeply involved with helping people-it spends more than a million dollars each and every day in the United States, just to make life a little easier. The majority of that help goes to people who are not *Masons*. Some of these charities are vast projects that provide help for crippled children, burn treatment centers, as well as treatment for many childhood diseases and disorders.

Other services are less noticeable, like helping a widow pay an electric bill or buying clothes and shoes for disadvantaged children. There is just about anything you can think of in between, but with projects large or small, the *Masons* of a Lodge try to help make the world a better place. The

**Grand Sword Bearer**  
Genesee/Wyoming District



R.: W.: Richard C. Anderson

**Give it a try!**


Congratulations to the Lodges who have done their homework and put the effort into the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. These Lodges are now experiencing Degree work. To the other Lodges, I say, give it a try and see if you don't come up with candidates and new Brothers.

**Time's fleeting!**

Worshipful Masters, it may seem a little early, but now is the time to conduct officers meetings with the Past Masters to establish 1998's line officers. Elections are only three months away.

Also, only three months away is the Grand Lodge Communication in New York City. Those planning to attend, please contact R.: W.: Robert Dagen or myself. ☐

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




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R.: W.: Kenneth E. Kohlhagen,  
Secretary 591-9598  
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Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

**Dear Brethren**

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. I, personally, enjoyed the green Christmas. Santa visited West Star on December 13th and all the kids had a good time.

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



W.: Bill Mammoser  
786-5896  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

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

**Too late**

Yeah, I know...I missed the deadline for the January issue. It was sometime around the 13th of December that I realized that the deadline had quietly cruised by. For penance, I promise to mop the kitchen floor in the Lodge after every one of our Country Breakfasts (I do this already, but it sounds good just the same!).

**Country Breakfasts are winners**

We've put two of our monthly Country Breakfasts behind us and the public response has been fantastic. As expected, we had a few teething problems early-on, but with a little experience the Warsaw Culinary Experts Group, Brothers Doc Benn, Dick Colton, Gene Hartman, Norb Klopfer, Harry Litz, Ralph Schneckenburger, Bill Schoff, Mike Smith, and John Sunderland, has developed into a smoothly operating machine. I'm proud of you guys...we made it work!


**Christmas party**

On December 16th the Brothers of No. 549 and the Sisters of Centennial Chapter No. 299, OES, combined forces to enjoy a great Christmas party at the Lodge. The dish-to-pass buffet was delicious and plentiful, and the unexpected visit by Santa (he looked a lot like Mike Smith) made the evening a success. A beautifully decorated 10' Blue Spruce oversaw the proceedings and served as a perfect backdrop for Santa as he handed out the gifts. Thanks to all who attended.

**Eagle Scout Honors Night**

On January 6th it was standing room only when the guys from No. 549 hosted local Boy Scouts and their families for an Eagle Scout Honors Dinner. Approximately 100 people enjoyed a delicious Spaghetti Dinner followed

**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

**Great news**


You will be receiving a regular subscription of the *Masonic Times* starting with this issue. We are hoping this will help keep everyone in touch with what is taking place in our Lodge and around the District.

In this paper there will be information about other Concordant Bodies. If you have any information or news you would like to put in the news letter, please contact me at 352 Sanders Hill Rd., Strykersville, NY 14145, Or call me at 716-457-3325. ☐



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Master  
322-7545  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays  
(Jan/Feb/Mar: 1st Tues only)

W.: Richard L. Smith, Secretary  
493-5408  
134 South Main St.  
Castile, N.Y. 14427

**Greetings, Brothers**

As we move past the holiday season into February, several important items need to be mentioned.

**Condolences**

I am saddened to report the passing of one of our beloved Brothers, Curtis Zintel, on December 20th. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. I would like to thank all of those who attended the Memorial Service.

**Success**

I am pleased to report the Table Lodge held at Oakland on the 10th was successful in every way. There was a turnout of 33. Fun was had by all. Special thanks to those who participated and made the evening worthwhile.

**Master Mason Degree**

On Saturday, January 24th, there was a joint 3rd Degree at Oakland. Castile, Warsaw and Attica had candidates. After the Degree was conferred, there was a Spaghetti Dinner. It was a good afternoon meeting our new Brothers.

**Fun, fun, fun!**

On February 3rd Oakland will host a Euchre Night. Mark your calendar for a fun evening. It's a sure bet W.: Chuck Krause will be there from Triluminar Lodge. We all know he's the best in the West! Let's all give him a run for his money! See you there.

**Bowling**

Forms for the 1998 Masonic Tournament have been received in the mail. It will be at Lake George this year. Please Contact me as soon as possible for reservations.

**Closing**

It's not enough to dream your dreams, you must put them into action. Please join us in Lodge to help revitalize No. 379 to be the best it can be. Let's show our new Brothers our pride and determination and what *Masons* are all about. ☐

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## HESPERUS Lodge No. 837



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

1st and 3rd  
Thursday

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

### Condolences

Brethren, it is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Brother Victor Poole, Sr. Brother Poole was raised on December 3, 1981 and was called to the Great Architect on December 30, 1997. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Phyllis, and the rest of his family.

### Sickness

W.: Theodore Paine and Brother Gilbert Ernst both suffered mild setbacks and were hospitalized. After visiting each of these Brothers, I was assured that they will both be up and around in no time. We look forward to seeing you both at Lodge soon.

### Euchre Champs

W.: John Specht and Brother Ralph Marsocci brought the championship back to Hesperus. Teams from Etolian, Churchville and Hesperus competed in this tournament. It was gratifying to see W.: John and Brother Ralph win because they are both "Euchre under-studies" of mine!

### Molly report

The Molly Trophy eluded nine Brothers of Hesperus who traveled to Varysburg on January 5th. Attica Lodge took possession, with 10 Brothers in attendance. I have a strong feeling Molly will be heading home in the not too distant future.

### Table Lodge

Thanks to W.: John Cooper, W.: Garry Hutcherson and all other Brothers for their help at our recent Table Lodge, which was enjoyed by everyone.

### 1st Degree

As a result of our recent Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, five candidates will be taking the 1st Degree on February 19th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

### George Walker Scholarship

Applications for this Scholarship are available to any member in good standing of Hesperus. Also included are spouses, sons and daughters. Contact W.: John Specht for application forms. Deadline is May 1st.

### Ski outing

February 21st, weather permitting, will be a ski outing at

Frost Ridge in LeRoy. This is an all day event, open to all Masons and their families. Skiing and equipment will be furnished free of charge. If you are a non-skier, come out to play cards and enjoy fine fellowship in the Lodge. See you on the mountain at 10:00 a.m.

### Ladies Night out

Plans are being finalized for an evening of dinner and entertainment with our ladies on February 28th at the Viking Valhalla in Bergen. Please plan to attend! For more information, contact W.: Ruel Lovett at 494-2546. □

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



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

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

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

### Reminder

As reported in last month's *Masonic Times*, Attica Lodge will have just one meeting in January, February and March, which is the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

### 3rd Degree

By the time you read this, Attica Lodge will have another new member. Our Brother, along with four members from Oakland Lodge No. 379, became Master Masons on January 24th at Oakland Lodge. Congratulations on becoming a member of the largest Fraternal organization in the world. Our sincere thanks to W.: Henry Robinson and the officers of Oakland Lodge for allowing us to take part in this most honored celebration.

### Welcome home, Molly

It was a tough fight, Brothers, but Attica Lodge won! On January 5th, nine members of Attica Lodge visited West Star Lodge No. 413 with the hope of bringing Molly, our District Traveling Trophy, back to Attica. Much to our surprise, Hesperus Lodge No. 837 had the same thing in mind. When R.: W.: Ken Kohlhausen, Secretary of West Star Lodge called the roll, nine members of Attica Lodge stood and nine members of Hesperus Lodge also stood up. A tie was called until we found our "ace in the hole". W.: Glen Cramer, Senior Deacon of West Star Lodge, luckily was in Lodge. Since Glen is a dual member of Attica Lodge through affiliation, he stood up, which gave Attica 10 members in attendance vs nine for Hesperus. Molly is now in Attica Lodge,

resting quietly and waiting for her next home to visit.

It's surprising how a trophy, called Molly, can draw so much attention and increase Lodge attendance. A simple trophy made of wood, sheet metal and held together with nails and screws. She stands about three feet in height and to be truthful, isn't very pretty, but oh, how she attracts the men! Thanks, Molly, for keeping our District alive.

### Sickness and distress

R.: W.: Norman Godfrey is still confined to the Wyoming County Skilled Nursing Facility at North Main Street, Warsaw, NY 14569. Please send a card. □

## Constellation Lodge No. 404



W.: Paul  
Stickley  
Master  
(716)  
237-3442  
\$  
1st & 3rd  
Thursdays

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

### Euchre Tournery

The Annual Inter-Lodge Euchre Tournery will start in Oakland Lodge No. 379, Castile, on February 3rd. The 2nd leg of the Tournery will be Triluminal Lodge No. 543 in Pike on February 11th and the 3rd leg at Warsaw Lodge No. 549 on February 17th. The final session will be on March 5th at Constellation Lodge No. 404 in Perry.

### 2nd Degree

Thursday evening, February 19th, 8:00 p.m. will find the Brothers engaged in 2nd Degree work. Come and meet our candidate.

### Table Lodge

The Brothers had an enjoyable get-together at Oakland Lodge No. 379 in Castile on Saturday, January 10th.

### Best wishes

Our thoughts, hopes, prayers and best wishes go out to Kim Owen, daughter of Brother Emmett L. Milks and his wife, Ruth. Kim is currently in a Massachusetts hospital where she received a new heart.

### Thank, Brother Ernie

Brother Ernest D. Olin's Christmas decorations received much praise again this year. Thanks, too, to Brother John Cook for his part in this noteworthy project. □

## Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161



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

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

### Greetings Brethren

Our February meeting will be the continuing work on our By-Laws. One of the changes is to have only one meeting a month. This will take place on the 4th Thursday of the month, unless specially convened. Due and

timely notice will be given. Our next meeting will be held on February 26th. Let us not forget the promises that we all made, to answer all due signs and regular summons within the length of our cabletow.

### Attendance

Surely everyone can find a reason for not attending meetings, but there must be just as many reasons to attend. As we are in the process of changing our By-Laws, your voice cannot be heard if you do not attend.

Just think what our founding fathers would think of our excuses today. The early Masons had to keep the home fires burning. They hand cut wood (no chain saws), split the wood by wedge and sledge (no gas powered splitters).

The night of their meeting they would take their one horse powered vehicle and head to the meeting many miles away. We, on the other hand, can get into a nice warm 80 plus horse powered vehicle, usually automatic drive. We don't even have to shift, and we're even out of the cold, unless the heater doesn't work. Still we can't make the Lodge meetings. The Lodge room was also centrally heated with a wood stove in the center (more chopping and splitting). I find these are some very good reasons for not attending. Are our reasons today just as good as our forefathers? Just a thought from the past. What does the future of Masonry hold?

### Table Lodge

A Table Lodge was held at Oakland Lodge in Castile, sponsored by Oakland and Triluminal Lodges. It was well attended. Over 30 Brethren were there. Of the 12 Lodges in the Genesee/Wyoming District only three Lodges were not represented. The Master was R.: W.: Steven L. Wing, Senior Warden, W.: William Swyers; and Junior Warden, W.: Dick Smith. It was a great day of fellowship and a very enjoyable time was had by all. □

## Triluminal Lodge No. 543 F. & A.M.



W.: William A.  
Swyers, Master  
493-2962

2nd and 4th  
Wednesdays

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

### Greetings, Brethren

On January 14th we conferred a 1st Degree at Triluminal Lodge with R.: W.: Stephen Wing in the East.

The 2nd Degree is scheduled tentatively for February 11th at 7:30 p.m.

### Table Lodge

The Annual Table Lodge was held January 10th at Oakland Lodge in Castile. The food was excellent and a good time was had by all.

### Euchre Tournament

The Euchre Tournament is fast approaching. The dates are as follows: February 3rd at Oakland Lodge No. 379, Castile; February 11th at Triluminal Lodge No. 543, Pike; February 17th at Warsaw No. 549 and March 5th at Constellation No. 404, Perry.

W.: Chuck Krauss says he is ready to defend his title. He has

also heard the faint rattle of Musketry and the bugler is about to sound the charge. Good luck to all.

### Thanks

A belated thank you on behalf of Triluminal Lodge to Waneta Krauss and her supporting cast of Stebbins Chapter, OES, of Pike, for the fine dinner and refreshments prepared at our Annual Widows Night and Awards Ceremony in December. I would like to say a special thank you. We are very fortunate to have dedicated and giving people as members of our OES. □



## FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

William Lindsay, President  
621-3573  
Bill Edwards, Secretary  
872-3993

The holidays always bring me some good books to read and some titles I would recommend to any person who enjoys a good book would be "The Color of Water", "Makes Me Wanna Hollar" and "Angela's Ashes". All three are autobiographical and are testament to the enduring strength of the human spirit. While there is a Masonic reference in the first one, I would not classify any of them as Craft related. For those who like to read "Masonic" books, Bill Zufall has promised me a list of titles that I will share with you.

### Carey Collection

On January 26th (Monday) at 6:00 p.m., the Finger Lakes Chapter of IPS will be touring the Carey Collection at RIT. This program will be moderated by Brother Steve Whittaker and will last 1 1/2 hours. The Carey Collection is considered the finest print media collection in North America, outside the Library of Congress. The curator, Mr. David Pankow, will be our host. This program is open to any Chapter/Lodge member as well as FLC members. To sign up, please call me at 621-3573 and I will give you directions on how to get in. As we are limited in the size of the group, please call right away.

### April meeting

Our annual feast date is set for April 29th at the Diplomat Party House. Our guest will be Mr. Jim Kelly, former Buffalo Bills quarterback. We will be recognizing him with a DeWitt Clinton Award for his work in raising funds to support research in Krabbe's Disease (leuco-dystrophy). You may have learned through the news that the Kelly's infant son has this condition, which is nearly always fatal in infancy. Please plan to join us that evening and share with him and his family the support and hope that Masons can bring to the world around us. Please watch next month's *Times* for ticket reservation information.

Finally, Professor Stephen Bullock, author of "Revolutionary Brotherhood", will be speaking on March 30th at Grand Lodge at 7:30 p.m. His topic is the History of American Freemasonry. Reservations are not required. □

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# York Rite NEWS

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## District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons  
29th Capitular District



R.E. Daniel N. Evans

### Companions

Now that Winter is upon us and some of our Companions are warmly roosting in the South, we must carry on with our labors in this land of ice and snow.

### Membership

Last year the Chapters of the District gained several new members. Membership is the basis for all Chapters. Without new Companions a Chapter cannot survive. In order to keep our Chapters from failing, we must make every effort to obtain new members. The DDGHP, along with the AGL of the District, are issuing a challenge to all High Priests of the District. This is to take in at least 3 new members this coming year. This will strengthen the Chapters and also the District.

### Ritual

Ritual is a very important ingredient in helping to strengthen a Chapter. Without good Ritual a new Companion does not obtain the full meaning of the work. This year there has been good work, true work, and square work in the District. Now is the time to continue our work. The AGL and I will be available to help you continue to show good work, which you have shown in the past year.

### Grand Chapter

As High Priest it becomes your duty to attend this important function. However, should you find your cabled to be short it is your duty to appoint an alternate to act on your Chapter's wishes. As High Priest, it is very important to see that your Chapter is represented and able to vote.

The dates of Grand Chapter are as follows: March 5th, 6th and 7th. As in the past several years, it will be in Albany, NY at the Holiday Inn. Be sure that you register at the Registration Table and receive your Chapter's packet. It will contain entrance passes to the meetings and also ballots for voting.

### Official Visits

I will make my Official Visits as in the past. In March, following Grand Chapter, and also in April and May. These will be finalized in Albany.

### Important notice

To all newly elected High Priests, who as yet have not been

anointed-the Ceremony will take place at the Downtown Rochester Temple on February 14th at 3:00 p.m. If you cannot attend this one you will be required to attend the one in Albany. You must be anointed before you can sit as a High Priest.

## 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

By Stephen Licht

### Companions

I have been asked by the High Priest to put into writing some of his thoughts for the upcoming year and will undertake this with some trepidation.

1. The Chapter has changed its meeting night to the THIRD THURSDAY of the month for one reason: to accommodate the Companions' wishes. Now the responsibility rests firmly upon the shoulders of the Companions to put forth the effort to participate in Royal Arch Masonry. Western Star has always been a functioning Chapter and not just one existing on paper, opening once a year to meet the Constitutional requirements. Royal Arch Masons have agreed to take offices and assented to the charges accompanying those offices. Now, let's get to work!

2. Dues are very slowly trickling in to the Secretary. By early November the Annual Summons was in the hands of all Companions. Your Chapter, although NOT a business, has expenses that must be met. Dues income pays these expenses, including the per capita tax, rent, Masonic Times subscriptions, and postage. Please be certain that your dues are paid and that you have met your financial obligation to Western Star Chapter for 1998.

### Capitular Calendar

February 19th, at 8:00 p.m., will be our next stated convocation. An instructive Opening and Closing Ritual will be the work of the evening. Review of assignments for the Grand Lecturer's Convention on March 10th will be done. Final plans for Grand Chapter will be confirmed, or more directly, "who is taking what refreshments"!

March 5-7 is the 200th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of NY in Albany.

March 10th is the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Wyoming Chapter No. 181. Please see the AGL article for more information regarding the Grand Lecturer's Convention. Western Star Chapter has been assigned three parts in the Mark Master Degree and officers should be prepared to fill any vacancies in the Opening and/or Closing Ceremonies, as needed. Dinner reservations for 6:00 p.m. at the Old Heidelberg Restaurant may be made through "Doc" Benn at 495-6545, prior to Grand Chapter.

### Scholarship Dinner

The Past High Priest's Association Scholarship Dinner at Ripa's Restaurant is April 25th. Tickets are available at \$19.00 per person. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. The dinner music will be performed by E. Karl Reich.

## Assistant Grand Lecturer - 29th Capitular District

V.E. Stephen Licht

By V.E. Stephen A. Licht

### Greetings

On Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m., March 10th, in the Tabernacle of Wyoming Chapter No. 181, the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be convened by R.E. Hobert C. Cook, Grand Lecturer.

The work of the evening to be covered will be:

1. The Opening of the Chapter.
  2. The 1st Section of the Mark Master Mason Degree and into the 2nd Section as time permits.
- Preceding the Convention, a Dutch Treat Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Heidelberg Restaurant on Route 19, South of Warsaw. Please confirm your dinner reservations with E. Richard "Doc" Benn at 495-6545 prior to March 5th.

The assignment of parts to be filled by each Chapter has been provided to the High Priest or Secretary of each Chapter. If there are difficulties filling your Chapter's assignment, please contact me as soon as possible.

## District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons  
29th Capitular District



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

### Grand Chapter

Reservations for Grand Chapter were closed on January 23rd. If you have not made a reservation and have the opportunity to attend the Grand Chapter Convocation you should contact Grand Chapter in Utica directly. The trip to Albany is well worth it.

### Bicentennial Committees

The Chapter Committees formed for the Bicentennial Year Celebration activities should be in full swing and ready to start their work. If your Chapter has not initiated its Bicentennial Programs; it's time.

### Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention for the 27th District will be hosted by Hiram Chapter on Thursday, March 26th. The AGL usually dines out with the Grand Lecturer, R.E. Hobert Cook, prior to the Convention. If you would like to join them contact Bill Zufall at 271-0795.

### Degrees

I must remind you that the Spring round of Degrees will begin in March starting with the Mark and Past Master Degrees on the 12th. The Most Excellent Master will be conferred on March 30th and the Holy Royal Arch on April 23rd. These will all be at Hiram Chapter. Please, if you wish to assist, contact the Degree Directors.

### DDGHP

After Grand Chapter you will be served by a new District Deputy. Although it may be a little early I would like to thank the Chapters for the warm hospitality extended to me on the occasion of my Official Visits and at all other times I have visited. I have no doubt that the new kid on the block will experience the same cheerful cooperation that I did during my two years of service to you. I will still be visiting from time to time when I can or whenever you may need assistance. So, you will not be rid of me that easily.

## Hiram Chapter



No. 62



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E. Bruce Horncastle, High Priest  
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Richard J. Oliver, Secretary  
594-2380  
875 Main Street East  
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

1998 takes us all one step closer to the Millennium. I hope that Royal Arch Masonry continues in its forward leap into the new century as a brilliant epoch of progression.

The holiday season and the preparation for this new year appear to have been our primary focus recently, along with ongoing work for the Installation and celebration of R.E. Arnold Palmer as the Grand High Priest in 1999.

### Grand Chapter 1998

Please don't forget to make your reservations for Grand Chapter in Albany. The dates are the 6th and 7th of March. Contact Don Brugger 473-4351(w) or 458-6125 (h) for reservations as soon as you can. The officers of

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The Installing Team: R.E. Charles Roberts-Grand Chaplain, R.E. Donald Wright-Past DDGHP 27th, R.E. Don Brugger-DDGHP 27th, R.E. Vernon Goodrich-Grand Treasurer and R.E. Arnold Palmer-Grand Scribe around E. Bruce Horncastle-new High Priest of Hiram Chapter No. 62. (Photos courtesy Linda Zahn)



Newly Installed Officers of Hiram Chapter with Canadian guests and Installing Team. (center) HP-Bruce Horncastle, King-Larry Dunn, Scribe-proxied by Bill Zufall. (Remainder in no particular order) E. Ed Walker-P.S., Dennis Gellasch-Royal Arch Capt, Tom Kendig-M. of 3rd V., Ed Brereton-M of 2nd V., Doug Koenig-M of 1st V., M.E. Dick Oliver-Sec., E. Robert Pettit-Treasurer, E. Jerry Jones-Trustee (3yr.), John Walker-Organist, Ernie Stelianou-(Proxy - Glenn Ide) Sentinel, E. Tom Paglia-PHP, & E. Bob Zahn-PDDGHP (hidden). All others identified in other pictures.

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**12 Hiram Chapter**

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the Chapter must attempt to attend, if at all possible. A great time is had by all, and attending the meetings gives the Companions a great insight into the workings of our Grand Chapter and Hiram's important part in Royal Arch Masonry in the State.

**Installation of Hiram Officers**

The Installation of Hiram Chapter Officers took place at 7:30 p.m., January 8th, 1998 in Cathedral Hall at the Downtown Masonic Temple. A total of 49 people were in attendance, including the officers installed, friends, family and others. Two of our Companions from Orient Chapter in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, attended. I am delighted that they made the trip here for this event.

**Past High Priest Dinner**

This excellent event (no, that wasn't a pun as that "excellent" is not capitalized) was held at the Maplewood Inn on the evening of the 28th of December, 1997. The dinner was attended by about 30 members of the Chapter, their wives and friends. This was certainly surprising, as the weather was hostile that evening (at my home hear Ithaca we were

dumped on by 3 feet of the white stuff). The dinner was typical of our hosts at the Maplewood, the food and drink being filling and flavorful.

A redundant toast by myself, as that I did not know what to say (can you imagine that? Me, at a loss for words!) and a brief speech by E.. Tom Paglia and R..E.. Arnold Palmer, the Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, comprised the discussions during our dinner. Af-

terwards, almost everyone ended up where they had originally arrived-in the lounge. A good evening was enjoyed by all.

**A correction!**

Yes! I did it! I goofed! The gala following the Installation of R..E.. Arnold Palmer as the Grand High Priest in 1999 is to be held at the Marriott in Henrietta, not where I originally said. The dates for the gala are the 16th and 17th of April, 1999. To register a

room there, contact Tom Paglia at 227-2046.

I apologize for the error and I will do my best to be more accurate in the future.

So long until next month.

**Dates**

Grand Chapter Conclave, March 6 - 7, 1998. Mark Master Mason & Past Master's Degrees. March 12, 1998. Most Excellent Master Degree. March 30, 1998. Holy Royal Arch Degree. April 23, 1998. □



E.. Rick Forester-First Principal, Orient Chapter Scarborough Ontario, Can.(left) & R..E.. Doug Ephriam-Past Superintendent of Toronto District (right) with E.. Bruce Horncastle.



Bruce Horncastle-High Priest and "He's our newest", Doug Koenig-Master of the 1st Veil.

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

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

**By R..I.. Stephen Licht  
Visitations**

After criss-crossing New York State throughout the Autumn to visit Councils, some inescapable facts stood out. Councils, both large and small, are receiving petitions, conferring Degrees and participating in every facet of their Masonic community activities. Acting as a social visitor, the warmth and enthusiasm generated by these Companions was overwhelming. There were no exceptions to this!

District 8 is beginning Leadership Training under the direction of R..I.. Douglas Poole, DDGM. This education added to the Grand Lodge Leadership Development Course will lay the foundation for the strong leaders our Craft requires.

**Tri-State Festival**

On Saturday, March 21st, King Solomon Council No. 31 in Poughkeepsie will host an all day Degree Festival. This will include the Super Excellent Degree. For more information please contact M..I.. Jay Kosseff, 1 Manor Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572-1707, or call him at 914-876-3892.

**175th Annual Assembly**

This will be held August 14-16 at the Owego Treadway Inn. The Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master will be conferred on all newly elected Illustrious Masters. Your Recorder has more information.

**175th Anniversary of the Grand Council of New York**

In October at Utica, the Grand Council of Connecticut will rededicate the Grand Council of New York. This event will coincide with the Annual Northeast Regional Festival at which time all three Cryptic Degrees will be conferred. This is perhaps the closest opportunity that will be available in 1998 to witness the spectacle of the Super Excellent Master Degree. More details will be coming from your DDGM.

**Sickness**

Jean Nosal, wife of our Most Illustrious Grand Master, John Nosal, recently underwent successful cardiac surgery and is recovering at home. Mary Alice Swan, wife of Grand P.C.W., Douglas Swan, has been experiencing severe respiratory problems and I am certain she would appreciate a card.

**News**

M..I.. Fred Hickein and his wife, Ellie, are visiting Portugal and Spain while we sit through snow, ice and flooding. Just imagine M..I.. Fred running for his life through the streets of Pamplona, Spain, during the "Running of the Bulls".

**Finally**

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO

News

Patrol  
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Richard Topel, Monarch

### Monarch's Message

The Installation is over and it is now time to get back to work. I hope everyone had a good time. I was pleased that the President of the ESGA was able to attend after his operation. He also brought along the Line Officers of the ESGA for the occasion.

### Thanks

I thank the James Hard Masonic War Veterans for Posting the Colors. I also thank our organist, Beverly Murray, for a job well done. A big thank you to PM Mike Bell and his Lady, Doris, for the fabulous dinner served at the Installation. The dessert table was great, especially for those who have to watch their diet. If I missed mentioning anyone who helped out at the Installation, I say thank you. I hope you know that your help was greatly appreciated.

### Announcement

There will be a Swiss Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on February 18th. It is also the night we have the Euchre Tournament after the meeting, so grab your partner (either another Grotto member or a Master Mason) and join us in a night of good fellowship.

Visit a Masonic  
War  
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### Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson, Comm.  
Congratulations to our immediate Past Commander, Dick Topel, who has been installed as Monarch. He will, in turn, install the 1998 Legion Officers at the Public Installation on January 31st.

### Legion Officers 1998

The Officers are:  
Commander **Ken Hutchinson**  
Exec. Ofc. **Leon VanHuben**  
Finance Ofc. **Frank Murrer**  
Chaplain **Mike Bell**  
I am looking forward to a very active term as Commander, and I hope to see more of you involved in the coming months.

### February meeting

The next meeting of the Legion of Honor will be Monday, February 9th 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 VanHuben at 647-1391 with your reservation.

### Caldron News

In spite of the flooding around the city, Lalla Rookh Caldron had a successful Mighty Chosen One's Night on January 8th. Thanks to all the Daughters who made a special effort to attend. You're a great bunch of trouper!

### Special Event

I hope the same spirit will prevail on February 7th when our

50th Birthday will be celebrated. Come to the Maplewood Inn at 6:00 p.m. and join the festivities. There's still time to make a reservation. Just call Daughter Rose Hartwig at 544-2473 or me at 473-0181 right away. We'll be looking for all our loyal friends.

### Coming events

Lalla Rookh Grotto has asked the Caldron to serve a Swiss Steak Dinner on February 18th. Can Daughter Mildred Painton count on you for help? Give her a call at 467-5349. Thanks

**Dates to Remember**

Mon., Feb. 2nd - Board of Governors

Sat., Feb. 7th - Caldron Birthday Banquet Maplewood Inn 6p.m.

Mon., Feb. 9th - Legion of Honor - Dutch Mill

Wed., Feb. 18 - Grotto Meeting, Euchre Tournament and Dinner Downtown Temple 6:30 p.m.

**Attend Grotto Meetings  
Enjoy the Fellowship**

Very soon we will be having our Annual Smorgasbord. Keep watching for the exact date. Remember, all the profits go to help Cerebral Palsychildren. We hope to have a large check to present to our Supreme Mighty Chosen One when she visits on May 14th.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Monarch Richard Topel and the other Officers of Lalla Rookh Grotto. Have a good year! Remember, the Caldron is pledged to help the Grotto in any possible way.

### Sunshine

As of now we have heard of no new sickness among our members. That's good news. Both Daughters Merline Bueg and Patricia Slack are able to get out occasionally and we're always happy to see them. If you hear of anything we should know, please call Daughter Arlene Topel at 663-2547.

### Best wishes

Everyday brings Spring closer. Keep up your spirits and the worst will soon be a memory.

**Lalla Rookh Grotto  
M.O.V.P.E.R.  
Annual  
Monarch's Euchre  
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**Wednesday, February 18, 1998  
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**22nd Capitular  
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In conjunction with the 200 Year Anniversary Celebration of the Grand Chapter of New York State, the 22nd Capitular District will sponsor a Luncheon Cruise out of Hammondsport, N.Y. The Cruise vessel, the Keuka Maid, will load at noon on July 11, 1998 and return at 3 p.m. The price will be \$20 per person. This is a fundraiser for the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund

In order to fill out the day you may want to visit one of the local wineries or the Curtis Aircraft Museum at Hammondsport. Further information will be made available soon through your local Royal Arch Chapter Secretary or High Priest. There is limited space so, plan to attend this event by sending your check to me, Harvey E. Payne, 16 Beach Road, Lansing, N.Y. 14882-9011; if you want to be one of the early birds, sign up at Grand Chapter March 5-7, 1998.

Don't forget to support your Grand Chapter Officers by turning out for this event. After March 7th the price will go up to \$22 per person.

**Brothers Receive  
President's  
Award**

At the January meeting of the Masonic Service Bureau two Brothers received the President's Award for extraordinary service on behalf of the Bureau. Both Brothers were surprised to receive




**Bro. Hook** the Award when it was presented to them by Gary Burke, the outgoing President of the Bureau.

**Bro. Bolotin** Brother William Hook was presented the Award for his countless hours and

efforts in restoring Camp DeMolay. Brother Harold Bolotin received the Award for his true dedication to Community service and promoting Masonry.

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February is already upon us and our Inspection date draws nearer. Remember, it's March 16th. We will have special rehearsals on February 23rd and March 9th at 7:30 p.m. Each officer is expected to be present. Please notify me if you cannot.

SK Laszlo Tuczai would like to meet with our Past Commanders after our Conclave on February 2nd.

We will have a catered dinner on February 16th. Each of you will receive a letter with the details.

I would like the officers to contact me if they cannot make any of these Conclaves. This gives me a chance to get a replacement.

**Telephone Committee**

By Don Brugger

The Telephone Committee Chairman has not heard from all those who were assigned lists. In order to have a good working telephone tree we must get busy and make those contacts. Please get those reports to me as soon as possible. Let me know when you have made contact with those on your list and we will make any necessary adjustments.

By Don Brugger

**Orders**

The Zone 11 Council Officers met on January 18th. Plans were discussed for the upcoming Orders on March 28th. If you are able to make it at all, we need help! So, dust off your memory and contact any of the Directors to offer your services. It just might be fun. All Orders will be conferred at the Downtown Temple.

Order of the Red Cross  
Ron Edwards/Dave Lathers

Order of Malta  
Dave Taber

Order of the Temple  
Chuck Roberts.

**Inspections**

The Zone 11 Inspections are as follows: Cyrene/Monroe - March 16th and Sagoyewatha - March 27th. Area Commandery Inspections where help is also needed are DeMolay - February 18th and Batavia - April 23rd.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Zone 11 Council Officers will be on June 14th at Bill Jones' Home in Macedon; more details to come.

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



**Donation**

I received a letter from Brother Sven Mossberg, Treasurer of Bredablick Lodge No. 880 in New York City, informing me that the Brothers of that Lodge have donated \$1,000 to the Frank and Bette Paul Masonic Children's Learning Center.

**A faithful servant**

With regret, the Valley of Rochester has accepted the resignation of Ill. Norman H. Selke, 33°, who has served as our Treasurer for 24 years. To avoid the necessity of holding a special election, he has agreed to remain in that office until a successor is elected and installed in May.

**Helping out**

The Valley has been committed to manning the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart booth to raise operating funds for the Ronald McDonald House on Friday, February 6th, noon - 9 p.m., at Marketplace Mall. There will be three shifts; noon - 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We need at least three volunteers per shift. I will be acting as chairman so, if you



Lawrence Dunn, Asst. Sec., Valley of Rochester, presenting a Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award to Cyril White, Macedon Lodge No. 665. Brother White was not able to be present at the Awards Ceremony at Rochester on October 2nd.

want to participate, call me at home at 461-1254 or work, 475-5261, or just show up.

**February program**

This month's meeting will be on February 19th. It will be a program meeting with Eldon White arranging for the entertainment.

**Scottish Rite Degree Dates**

Anyone interested in traveling to participate in or observing Scottish Rite Degrees in other Valleys may be interested in the following schedule:

- Albany - April 18
- Binghamton - April 24, 25
- Buffalo - March 6 (Lockport), March 13, 20 (Tonawanda), April 17
- Corning - April 3, 17, 25
- Jamestown - April 23, 24, 25
- Niagara Falls - March 10
- Rochester - April 16, 18
- Syracuse - February 23, March 16, May 16
- Utica - February 20, March 20, April 17, 25
- Eric, PA - April 24, 25
- Williamsport, PA - April 24, 25

**Abbott Scholarships**

Scholarship forms are available in the Scottish Rite Office. Only students who have completed at least one year in an accredited two or four year college, university or specialty school need apply.

These scholarships are for children and grandchildren of Scottish Rite Masons, living or deceased. Members of Masonic youth groups, if located in the Northern Jurisdiction, are also eligible.

The scholarship applications should be filled out in duplicate and mailed to the Scottish Rite Office, 875 Main St. E., Rochester, NY 14605, before April 1st.

**Important Notice - Life Memberships**

A new table showing the cost of purchasing a Life Annuity Membership was received after the publication of the 1997-98 Pocket Appointment Calendar and Yearbook. Using the following table as a guide, you can determine the cost of purchasing a Life Annuity Membership. This means you will provide for the payment of your dues for the remainder of your life, on condition that you remain in good standing in your Symbolic Lodge.

After purchasing a Life Annuity Membership, you will be billed for only Assessments and Charities. (Currently \$5.00)

Attained Age	Annuity Duc	Attained Age	Annuity Duc
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22	939.12	47	751.80
23	934.50	48	741.30
24	929.46	49	730.38
25	924.42	50	719.46
26	918.96	51	708.12
27	913.50	52	696.78
28	907.62	53	685.02
29	901.74	54	673.26
30	895.44	55	661.08
31	889.14	56	648.48
32	882.42	57	635.88
33	875.70	58	622.86
34	868.56	59	609.42
35	861.00	60	595.56
36	853.44	61	581.70
37	845.46	62	567.42
38	837.06	63	552.72
39	828.66	64	538.02
40	819.84	65	522.90
41	811.02	66	507.78
42	801.78	67	492.66
43	792.12	68	477.12
44	782.46	69	461.58
45	772.38	70	446.04

**Watch the mails for details of the Program for February 19th. It will be open to the public with refreshments to follow in the 3rd Floor Dining Room!**

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# Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News



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Potentate - Erwin Newell

## From the Potentate



**Joseph E. Bourcy III**

(716) 975-2317 w  
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By Joseph E. Bourcy III

It's hard to believe that 1998 is here. At the time of this writing our Annual Meeting still looms in the distance. The time is at hand to take the reins of Damascus Temple.

### Thank you

I start by thanking you, the Nobles of the greatest Temple in Shrinedom, for your support and confidence by electing me your Potentate for the coming year. I feel very fortunate to follow some very energetic and imaginative people in this job. With their help and yours, I look forward to a fun filled and prosperous 1998.

### Vision and goals

At one of the seminars I was fortunate enough to attend the speaker talked of vision and goals. He also revised the use of slogans to attain these goals. This coming year we have an opportunity to extend our family of Shriners to many new Brothers. With the help of Noble Bruce Chilton and his Membership Team we hope to reach every corner of our jurisdiction. From Dansville to the lake, from Batavia to Auburn, the light of the Shrine will shine.

### Membership

Nobles, you will hear a lot this year about membership. This is our life blood and our future. It has been exciting talking to and listening to many great people in the Shrine, about what they are doing in regards to membership. I am proud to say that Damascus Temple is a leader in this area. Our tape to the Blue Lodges and the computer program are just the beginnings.

## Events

There are several events scheduled this year starting with an open meeting in February. There will be a dinner for you and your lady which will be followed by the Installation of Officers of the Clubs and Units by the ever witty and clever Illustrious Rae Clark. Reservations are a must! March holds a Card Tournament and a couple of Noble, Bring-a-Friend Nights.

The rest of the Spring will be busy with parades and dinners and such, bringing us up to the Imperial Session in Orlando, FL, from June 27 to July 2. The rest of the year should be just as fun filled as the 1st half. There are some events scheduled for the whole family so keep reading these articles for further details. For anyone interested in the Imperial Session, please call me or the office at 671-7701.

### Thank you

I end this by again thanking all of you for your vote of confidence for the ensuing year. I look forward to serving you, the Nobles of Damascus Temple.

"Turn on to the Shrine" □

## Shrine Membership

By Bruce Chilton

As you prepare the schedules for your year as Master, keep in mind the offer from the Damascus Temple Shriners to supply you with interesting programs. We are prepared to come to your Lodge and present programs on the history, the philanthropic aspect including the hospitals, the activities of the local Temple and any other variations you may want. The programs can be designed for presentation to the Master Mason, as well as to his wife and family, if you so desire. We are there to help fill in the gaps. All you have to do is pick up the phone and call on us. We will put these programs on with the state of the art equipment that we purchased last year and if you do not have the space for all the people who might attend, we can even offer the Mosque on Bay Road in Webster to present your program.

We have many exciting plans for 1998. We have scheduled a "Noble Bring-a-Brother Night" for March 12th. That evening there will be a program which will take the non-Mason through all the Degrees and both Rites to the Shrine. As in the past, the ladies are invited and if you bring a potential Shriner you and your guests dinners will be free. If you

would like your whole Lodge to come to the event, encourage your Master to put it on the calendar and call the office with your RSVPs.

If you have problems putting on your 2nd Section of the 3rd Degree, as in the past you can call on the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team. They will be thrilled to come out and do it for you.

As you prepare for your membership efforts, please do not forget to use the audio tape that has been provided for you by the Damascus Temple.

As I am also the Membership Chairman of both the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts, I would be happy to talk with you about any other efforts you may be considering to help boost your membership. I have been at this for six or seven years now and I can help you. I only need to be asked.

The Shrine, Blue Lodge and all the Concordant Bodies have to continue to work together in an effort to sustain this wonderful philanthropic family that we know as Masonry. If there is anything that I can do to help you, it is your duty as Master to call on me. □

## From the Recorder

By Cyrus Kloner, PP

The holiday season has come and gone and we have now commenced a new year for Damascus Temple. The new year means new leadership, which occurred at the elections on January 14th. The results are as follows:

Potentate	Joseph E. Bourcy III
Chief Rabban	Donald F. Leisten
Ass't. Rabban	George Simon
High Priest	
and Prophet	Donald A. Rose
Oriental Guide	Dayne A. Tharrett
Treasurer	Erwin M. Newell, PP
Recorder	Cyrus Kloner, PP
Immediately upon election, the Potentate announced his Appointed Divan as follows:	
1st Ceremonial Master	William A. Baldwin
2nd Ceremonial Master	Douglas C. Spencer
Marshal	Harry E. Dainty
Capt. of the Guard	Kenneth E. Buckland
Outer Guard	Earl K. DeSmith

A warm and hearty congratulations to the Potentate and to all of the members of his elected and appointed Divan.

It is anticipated that the new Potentate will have a well planned program of activities and functions for 1998. It is well established that activities and functions of any organization can only

## Damascus Temple's Florida Picnic

War Veteran's Park - Shelter #4  
9600 Bay Pines Blvd., St. Petersburg, Florida

**When:** Saturday, February 28, 1998

**Time:** Social Hour - 1:00 p.m.  
Dinner - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$12.00 per person

**Bring:** Your own tableware - plates and utensils, including a sharp knife.

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be successful if they are supported by its members and, therefore, I encourage each and every one of you to become active, get involved and enjoy the Shrine.

### Membership

Nineteen ninety-seven Membership data reported was as follows:

Regular members as of December 31, 1997	1098
Creations	44
Affiliations	1
Restorations	64
	1183
Deductions	
Deaths	45
Suspensions	15
Demits	27
	87
Regular members as of December 31, 1997	1075
Associated members	4
Total membership	1079

From these numbers it should be evident that although we had a great emphasis on membership last year, we still have to strive to accomplish more. There can be no argument that we cannot do anything to stop our members from dying, but we can direct our efforts toward reducing the number of suspensions and demits and increase our restorations.

Last year, through the concerted efforts of the Membership Committee, under the direction of Bruce D. Chilton and the Recorder's Office, we reduced the potential number of suspensions from a of 51 to 8; 7 were necessitated by the member being suspended from a prerequisite body. Nineteen were restored. We not

only have to continue this level of effort, but increase it in the ensuing year.

Membership is the life blood of every organization. In an effort to assist the Blue Lodges in your jurisdiction, Damascus Temple has produced and distributed an audio tape entitled "What is Freemasonry". This tape, professionally narrated by R. W. and Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., is best utilized by lending it to a prospective Blue Lodge Mason and answering any questions he might have. This tape is becoming renowned, not only locally, but throughout the United States and Canada. It is an excellent example of the "unity among all Masons", a theme that originated locally during my term as Potentate.

Remember, you only get out of an organization what you put into it. So, if you're not already involved, get involved. If you are involved, become more involved.

If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon the Recorder's Office.

Until the next time, may all of your Masonic/Shrine encounters be meaningful and pleasant. □



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**Acacia Village "Buzzing"**

Acacia Village has been "abuzz" with activity throughout December and into the New Year. With line-dance lessons, Latin Dancers, slide presentations on Egypt, Puerto Rico and Russia, Art History, Barbershop Chorus' singing, creative salad making, as well as language and computer lessons, there was no opportunity to rest!

New Year's Eve was also celebrated in style. The "No Name Band" provided after dinner music to sing, dance or just tap your foot. Noisemakers, hats, balloons and a champagne toast added to the festive fun.

Munson Williams Proctor Institute, the world renowned Art Museum and teaching facility in Utica, continued to provide special activities for the residents at Acacia. Pottery making, a bell choir concert, a discussion on Shakespeare's "Midsummer's Night Dream" and a performance by lutist Paul O'Dette were among the programs presented in January.

Utica College of Syracuse University continues to schedule Leisure Learning Courses at Acacia Village. This semester they are offering "Drawing and Sketching" and "A Study of the Onecida Community". What a wonderful opportunity to showcase to the Mohawk Valley our beautiful Masonic Campus and breathtaking Acacia Village.

If you would like any information about the Masonic Campus, including Acacia Village, please contact W.: Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator at 315-798-4923 or 800-322-8826. Your visit and tour of the Masonic Campus and Acacia Village will be beneficial to you and your Lodge Brethren. □

**Holiday Season A Busy Time**

The holidays at the Masonic Home are always a busy time for the residents and staff. In Decem-

ber there was a steady stream of visitors to the Campus to visit their friends and family members. The Lodge officers also visited with their Brothers and their ladies. Community groups and students from local schools scheduled time to bring a special program to the Masonic Home for its residents.

Girl Scouts from Utica and Cub Scouts from New Hartford and Whitesboro visited with the residents and sang Christmas carols. Bill Rausche entertained the residents with piano music. Nobles from the Ziyara Shrine Temple Drum and Bugle Corp stopped on each unit and played for a few minutes. They finished their visit by playing in the Nursing Center lobby. Residents and staff thanked them with applause.

The Master Mason Activity Room had activity every day during December. Musical entertainment was provided by the Sauquoit Elementary School Band and Choir, Utica College Concert Band, Our Lady of Lourdes Folk Group, "Four for Fun" Barbershop Quartet and the West Side Senior Center Choral Unit. Andy Carlo and his band provided Christmas Party music.

Entertainment in Wiley Hall's Dining Room featured the El Cora Italiano Choir and Music by Tom Pflanz. A special part of the "Tis the Season" Party in Wiley was the presentation of 151 hand made teddy bears to the Illustrious Potentate of Ziyara Shrine Temple, Louis Leogrande. These bears will be distributed to the children in the Burns Institute and Children's Hospital in Massachusetts. The Wiley Hall residents' Care Bear Club made the colorful and cheery teddy bears.

The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held their annual party for the residents who are members of an Eastern Star Chapter in the State of New York. The Grand Matron, M. Wthy. Peggy Grupp, along with the Grand Patron, Grand Secretary and many Officers in the Grand Line, were present for a fun afternoon with the residents. Santa and Mrs. Claus also helped to distribute gifts.

This increase in visitors brought many smiles and much joy to our residents. To schedule a Masonic Campus visit or a program for your Lodge, contact W.: Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator at Masonic Home, 2150 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY 13501-1788 or call 800-322-8826 or 315-798-4923. □

**MMRL**  
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"It's very exciting using the immune system itself (instead of introducing chemicals into the body)", he said.

Ofoosu-Appiah said each step forward in his research also gives hope for advances in the treatment of other auto immune diseases, including AIDS.

Ronald Kamp, Director of Development and Communications for the lab, said one of the lab's attractions is its relatively small size.

Its 12 staff scientists meet weekly for a three hour review of the latest scientific literature and hardly a day goes by that they aren't asking questions of a colleague doing related research.

"It's the greatest strength of this laboratory," Dumaine said.

"Everyone is working together, attacking some of the same problems from different vantage points," Antzelevitch said.

**The results**

Researchers also share their findings with a much broader audience, he said, frequently presenting papers at national and international conferences.

Kamp said while commercial drug labs have budgets many times greater than the Masonic Lab's \$1.8 million a year, all research done in Utica is shared publicly. Drug labs have to recoup their research investments before going public, he said.

The laboratory's Summer Fellowship Program also offers research opportunities each year to about 10 college students, only about a third of the number who apply for the jobs.

While recognized worldwide in the scientific community, the lab has a bit of an identity problem in its own community.

The laboratory is on the parklike grounds of the Masonic Home, but it is a separate entity with a completely separate budget, Kamp said.

He emphasized residents of the Masonic Home never are involved in the research that goes on at the lab. In fact, no clinical research-test on patients- is done in Utica, he said. laboratory rats are the only living creatures involved in experiments, he said.

Thosesmallcreatures represent the mid-point in many experiments that one day may be the basis for new treatments, or even cures, for some of the health conditions that plague mankind, hesaid. □

**Keeping in Touch**  
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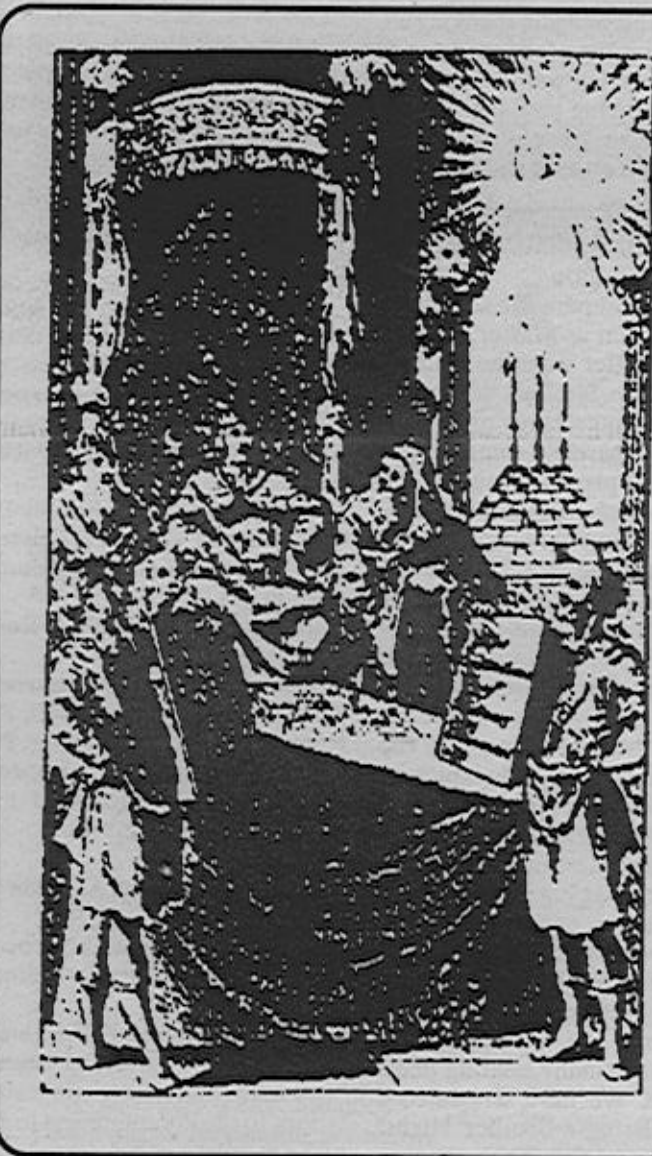
those who seek only the Title and could care less about the responsibility. I am sure that we have all met with some of each in our Masonic careers. I'm not being judgemental here, only realistic.

Those who truly have the interests of their Masonic organization at heart do great things for the Fraternity, while those who have only self interest do great damage. The damage being that of inattention to the health of the Organization, but that is not germane to the subject at hand; excuse the digression. What we are talking about here is "How do we satisfy the necessity of keeping Brothers who have made contributions to the Craft in the main stream?"

**How do we do that?**

I know it is difficult for the Presiding Officer of an organization to conscientiously run that Organization and also satisfy the needs of the individual Brother. Perhaps, with the shrinking of the Fraternity and the increasing demands put on those in positions of responsibility, sometimes in

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The Founding of the Fraternity  
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By Jay McCullough

**About a Lodge founder**

"My Dear Friend...I Shake Your Hand with my Heart, your friend, Ring Thunder". There you have the title of a book, written by Dr. Dana R. Spencer, that contains insights into the life and character of Libbeus Foster Spencer. It was published June 1st, 1997 and is in the historical or genealogical section of local libraries.

**So what?**

The US Indian Agent, who monitored the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota from 1886 to 1889, was based in Spencerport, NY, for most of his life. He was one of 14 charter members of Etolian Lodge No. 479 in the Village and was Master in 1865, 1866 and 1870. (There has been no "repeat Master" in the Lodge since 1904 and Libbeus was one of only 7 repeaters prior to that, according to the history of the Lodge. The Lodge began in 1859, and was chartered June 9, 1860).

The Lodge data are from W. Clark Kunes, Historian, who was Secretary for over 40 years. He kept, and still keeps, meticulous track of items such as these. Younger Brethren of today, because of Clark's wit, wisdom and vivid recollections of the part, are convinced *he was there* when he unwinds tales from "the Kunes Den".

**On with the story**

Libbeus was a resident of Spencerport from February 17, 1833 until his death the 24th of December, 1904. He was sometimes titled Major and at others, Colonel, often honorary titles for Indian agents. The Bureau of In-

dian Affairs in this country was created by Daniel Spencer who emigrated on February 20, 1780 from East Haddam, CT, to Spencerport, becoming a founder of the village, we are told. He was Libbeus' father.

Libbeus was educated in District School in the Russ House in the Village. He had been on the Ogden Board of Supervisors in 1878 and 1879. He was the first to own and operate a coal yard in town and kept it going until 2 years prior to his death.

He was a member of the historical Congregational Church (White Church) which continues today on West Avenue near the Village Hall. His father-in-law appears to have been a founder of a primitive Lodge, an early Lodge in Manlius, NY, and the author is exploring that.

**The book**

While doing genealogical research, the author did extensive work on the Plains Indians, inserting several letters from the Indians to Libbeus. The book contains considerable research with many reference documents.

The next time you visit your library, look it up. If not immediately visible, ask the librarian or assistant most conversant with historical references to assist in locating it.

**The author**

As one can or should imagine, the author is a native of Spencerport, residing the past several years in Blacksburg, VA. He is Brother and Dr. Dana R. Spencer, member of Etolian Lodge since January 26, 1964 (you can communicate with him on e-mail at "drsc@usit.net", as I do) and were in the Libbeus Spencer lineage. Many of his forebearers are interred in Fairfield Cemetery in the Village of Spencerport.

He is a 1958 graduate of Spencerport High School and a 1962 graduate of RIT with a BS in Food Administration. His credentials continue with RD, Dietetic Internship, Department of Mental Hygiene in 1963; and MS in Insti-



Dana Spencer, author of the book on Libbeus Spencer, 19th Century Indian agent and former Master of Etolian Lodge (1865, 1866 & 1870) upper right.

tutional Management from Purdue University in 1969; a PhD in Food Business Administration, Virginia Polytech in 1977 and he added a BS in Anthropology from Radford University in 1996.

Brother Spencer was honorably retired, as a Captain, from the USAF in 1972.

He has had simultaneous involvements. He's the owner of Spencer Enterprise Consulting since 1994; Assistant Professor at Radford University from 1987 to 1994; Assistant Administrator, Columbia/Greene Memorial Hospital, Hudson, NY from 1981 to 1987; and Director of Food Service at Marvin's Garden Restaurant in Boone, NC from 1977 to 1981.

His awards include the prestigious Sarah Margaret Gilliam Award from RIT in 1987 and being elected a Fellow of the American Dietetic Association in 1995. He's a charter member of RIT's Hospitality Society; a member of Pi Gamma Mu, an honorary society of Social Science and a member of the Society of Descendants-Founders of Hartford.

Brother Dana and Marilyn (Sanderson) were married in Spencerport in 1963. They have three children and two grandchildren.

He is proud of his Masonic heritage and in particular, remarks "I will never leave my Mother Lodge".

**Masonic Times read everywhere**

R. W. Gary Heinmiller, Secretary of Liverpool, Syracuse Lodge No. 501 and Trustee of the Livingston Library, happened on a copy of this paper earlier this year.

He is a genealogist who has some 8,000 Spencers, cousins and in-laws on file and has records on some of whom made their way to Spencerport (then Spencer's Basin). The list includes the founders of the Village. He offered data sheets with details pertaining to them and a particular interest was Libbeus Foster, a petitioner for Military Lodge No. 93 of the Syracuse District who disappeared from the records there circa 1815. He had a son, Joseph Arnold Foster, in Spencerport in 1829 and died there in 1851.

Brother Heinmiller is also Area 11 Historian, son of Ithamar Spencer Heinmiller, another Mason.

His data sheets have been sent on to Brother Dana Spencer for the next edition of his book. □

**Mid-Day Bowling League**



John Specht, Secretary  
548-2694

By Jay McCullough  
**Are you free Tuesday afternoons?**

The Seniors Tuesday afternoon (1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.) bowling league is at Spencerport Bowl. President Buz Lovett calls on area seniors, and younger Masonic bowlers or wanna-be's, who are free from other responsibilities during those hours, to join with us, or just come and kabitz! The coffee pot is always on, courtesy of house management.

Secretary John (wow!) Specht says an entry fee for an ABC card and \$5.25 for each week's outing constitute the cost, along with a buck or two the first time out for a Little League prize money.

Chet (Boom Boom) Riley of Etolian Lodge has climbed the charts since enrolling a few weeks back-before we declared him a truesandbagger. Lefty Giedd still uses the outing to warm up for Wednesday nights at Maiden Lanes, the old Masonic League. Says he hasn't gotten warm enough yet to do any good!

Don Hargrave still regales us with "when I was a young aggressive bowler" stories (from the days when pinsetters stood in the pits and raised spikes to stand pins on, during the "Flintstone" era?).

Join us anytime. Call Buz at 494-2456 or John at 548-2694 to let them know you'll be along to see what's happenin'. □

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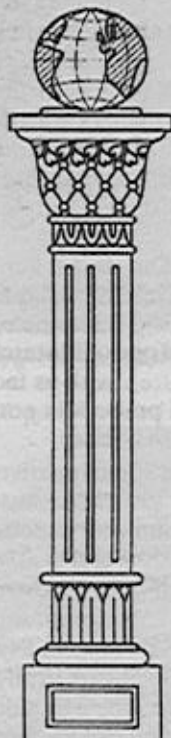
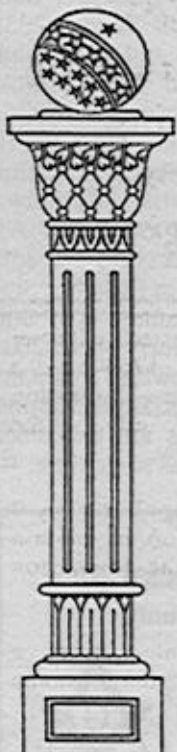
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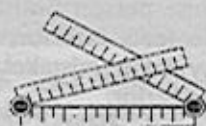
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## Keeping in Touch

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*I hope you have stayed with us and this important message. It's really worth the bother. [Editor]*

several Organizations at once, make attention to individual Brothers difficult. This is especially the case with those who have only recently joined the Craft and find themselves in a position of responsibility. Familiarity with the Fraternity takes some time, sometimes years, depending on how many Organizations you join.

So, perhaps we should all, when we feel an older Brother has been forgotten, bring that fact to the attention of those who are now in the position of responsibility. In other words, don't just complain about it, do something about it! Perhaps, in some cases, those in charge might not even have met the person or know he exists. In that case it would be incumbent upon the concerned party to let them know the details.

This kind of situation is all too common and responsibility lies on both sides. How many times have we heard stories about a Brother being sick or even passing away without the knowledge of the Organization? Brothers must, if in need, somehow let people know about it. Communication is the key to all Masonic relations and is usually the last necessity to get attention.

### It's a two way street

This brings us down to the "nitty-gritty". Organize those Telephone Committees and Telephone Trees. Impress upon the Brothers of your Organization the importance of keeping in touch, not only look out for your Brothers, but when you are in need of assistance or visitation, let someone know about it. It is a two-way street. Don't be shy. Don't think news of yours or another Brother's need will reach the Lodge or Organization by osmosis. Don't feel that it is an imposition, that's what Brotherhood is all about. Let's bring back that Brotherly feeling and concern that made this Fraternity great. ☐

**If you have comments on this or any of the articles that appear in the Masonic Times, do not hesitate to call the Office and talk to me about it/ them. I will be happy to discuss it/them with you. ☺**

## Masonic Facets of the Life of George Washington

George Washington was the first President of the United States, Supreme Commander of the Continental Forces in the American Revolution and "father of his country". He was born at Bridges Creek, Va., on February 22, 1732.

George was initiated in 1752 in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, VA., and the records of that Lodge, still in existence, show

It is possible that he received some additional Degree or was re-obligated during the French War in a military Lodge attached to the 46th Regiment. It is also speculated that he received the Royal Arch Degree in Fredericksburg Lodge as it was being worked by that Lodge at the time Washington was raised. This claim is aided by the fact that in August, 1784, Lafayette presented Washington with a Masonic Apron which had been embroidered by Madame Lafayette, and contained emblems of the Royal Arch with the letters H.T.W.S.S.T.K.S. in a circle and beehive within the circle to indicate that it was the wearer's mark.

In 1777 a convention of Virginia Lodges recommended Washington to be Grand Master of the Independent Grand Lodge of that commonwealth. Washington, however, declined. Soon after the start of the Revolution, there was a movement to throw off the authority of the mother country, and several of the provincial Grand Lodges assumed an independent character. The idea of a Grand Master for all the colonies also became popular.

A convention of delegates from Army Lodges met at Morristown, NJ, in 1780 and suggested to several Grand Lodges that "one Grand Lodge in America" be established.

In January of 1780, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held a session, and declaring that Freemasonry would benefit by "a Grand Master of Masons throughout the United States", they elected Washington for the position. They then sent minutes of the election to the different Grand Lodges, but when Massachusetts failed to come to any determination on the question, the matter was dropped.

The next Masonic record of Washington is in 1788 when Lodge No. 39 of Alexandria, Virginia, which had previously been working under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, transferred its allegiance to Virginia. On May 29th of that year the Lodge adopted the following resolution: "The Lodge proceeded to the appointment of Master and Deputy Master to be recommended to the Grand Lodge of Virginia when George Washington, Esq., was unanimously chosen Master...". The Charter to the Lodge was issued by the then Governor of Virginia and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and named Washington as Master. It also changed its name to Washington Alexandria Lodge No. 22 in honor of its first Master.

Washington served in the capacity of Master for a total of 20 months.

Throughout his career, Washington visited a number of Lodges and attended many Masonic functions.

Writing to the officers of St. David's Lodge in Newport, RI, in 1791, he stated: "Being persuaded that a just application of the principles on which the Masonic Fra-

## Poetry Niche

### Abraham Lincoln

(From the Ode Recited at the Harvard Commemoration, July 21, 1865)

Such was he, our Martyr-Chief  
Whom late the Nation he had led

With ashes on her head,  
Wept with the passion of an angry grief:

Forgive me, if from present thing  
I turn

To Speak what in my heart will  
beat and burn,  
And hand my wreath on his  
world-honored urn.

Nature, they say, doth dote,  
And cannot make a man  
Save on some worn-out plan,  
Repeating us by rote:

For him her Old-World moulds  
aside she threw,

And choosing sweet clay from  
the breast

of the unexhausted West,  
With stuff untainted shaped a  
hero new,

Wise, steadfast in the strength of  
God, and true.

How beautiful to see

Once more a shepherd of man  
kind indeed,

Who loved his charge, but never  
loved to lead;

One whose meek flock the people  
joyed to be,

not lured by any cheat of birth,  
But by his clear-grained human worth,

And brave old wisdom of sincerity!

They knew that outward grace  
is dust;

They could not choose but  
trust

In that sure-footed mind's

unflinching skill,

And supple-tempered will

That bent like perfect steel to  
spring again and thrust.

His was no lonely mountain-  
peak of mind,

Thrusting to thin air o'er our  
cloudy bars,

A sea-mark now, now lost in  
vapors blind;

Broad prairie rather, genial,  
level-lined,

Fruitful and friendly for all  
human kind,

Yet also nigh to heaven and loved  
of loftiest stars.

Nothing of Europe here,  
Or, then, of Europe fronting

mornward still,

Ere any names of Serf and Peer  
Could Nature's equal scheme

deface

And thwart her genial will;  
Here was a type of the true

elder race,  
And one of Plutarch's men talked  
with us face to face,

I praise him not; it were too  
late;

And some innate weakness  
there must be

In him who condescends to victory

Such as the Present gives, and  
cannot wait

Disturb our judgement for the  
hour,

But at last silence comes;

These all are gone, and, standing  
like a tower,

Our children shall behold his  
fame,

The kindly-earnest, brave, fore-  
seeing man,

Sagacious, patient, dreading  
praise, not blame,

New birth of our new soil, the  
first American.

(Of this poem Burns says: "There was a certain period of my life that my spirit was broke by repeated losses and disasters. In this wretched state I hung my harp on the willow trees except in some lucid interval in one of which I composed the following.")

## The Nineteenth Psalm Versified

### I

O Thou, the first, the greatest  
friend

Of the human race!

Whose strong right hand has ever  
been

Their stay and dwelling place!

### II

Before the mountains heav'd  
their heads

Beneath Thy forming hand,

Before this ponderous globe  
itself

Arose at Thy command:

### III

That Power, which rais'd and still  
upholds

This universal frame,

From Countless, unbeginning  
time

Was ever still the same.

### IV

Those mighty periods of years,

Which seem to us so vast,

Appear no more before Thy sight  
Than yesterday that's past.

### V

Thou giv'st the word: Thy  
creature, man

Is to existence brought;

Again Thou say'st: 'Ye sons of  
men,

Return ye into nought!'

### VI

Thou layest them, with all their  
cares,

In everlasting sleep;

As with a flood Thou tak'st them  
off

With overwhelming sweep.

### VII

They flourish like the morning  
flower

In beauty's pride array'd,

But long ere night, cut down, it  
lies

All wither'd and decay'd.

Robert Burns

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# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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- Mar. 5-7 Grand Chapter RAM, Albany
- Mar. 7 Leadership Training Course, Downtown Temple
- Mar. 28 Masonic Grand Ball  
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- Apr. 25 Widows Luncheon, Logan's Party House
- Apr. 25 Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner - Ripa's, Lancaster, NY
- Apr. 29 Annual Feast, Finger Lakes Chapter, Philaethes
- May 4,5 Grand Lodge Annual Comm., New York City

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The Deadline for the March issue is: February 12, 1997

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### Meeting date

Our next meeting will be at the Red Men's Club at 1001 Lexington Avenue on February 27th. As usual, we will have a social hour starting at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room. We will move to the dining room for dinner at 7:00 p.m.

### Share with us

At our January meeting the scheduled speaker could not be with us. We thank W.: Don Darrohn for joining us and speaking about "The Forgotten Medal".

The February speaker is yet to be announced, but all Past Masters are welcome. Call Bob Sanford if you plan to attend.

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# Calendar February 1998

Deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ronald McDonald Home Away from Home Have-A-Heart Campaign Feb. 6th - 14th	2 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club Divan/Board	3 Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castle Towpath Warsaw OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	4 Damascus Shrine - Open	5 Flower City KT - Batavia RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron	6 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5 - 7 p.m. 30 Orchard Street Webster NY Have-A-Heart Campgn. Starts	7 Road to the East Rochester Chapter Have-A-Heart
8 Have-A-Heart	9 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Dinner Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Arcade OES - Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club Have-A-Heart	10 Batavia Craftsman/Robertson - FC Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3X3, Danville, Wyoming OES - Leah Have-A-Heart	11 Service Bureau Luncheon Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia Shrine - Legion of Honor Have-A-Heart	12 Lincoln's Birthday Have-A-Heart	13 Geneva Shrine Club Valentine Party Have-A-Heart	14 RAM - Training - a.m. Anointing of High Priests - p.m., DTT Daughters of the Nile Fairport Valentine's Day Have-A-Heart
15	16 Western Star Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club, Clowns Auburn Shine Club President's Day	17 Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson - 1* Clio - Hilton Germania - Irondequoit Towpath - E. Rochester Valley/Simes - FC Warsaw OES - Nola, Perry, Webster Canandaigua Shrine Club	18 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Grotto RSM - Doric Council - RSM Shrine Patrol	19 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster - 1* RAM - Western Star, Batavia Scottish Rite	20	21
22 Washington's Birthday	23 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport-1* Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - 1* RAM - Arcade OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	24 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport RAM - 3X3, Danville, Wyoming OES - Leah	25 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia Shrine Director's Staff Ash Wednesday	26 Eagle Valley - Bliss RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Shrine - Horse Patrol, Color Guard, Perry Shm. Clb.	27 Past Master's Supper Club	28 Shrine Snow Bird's Picnic-Florida

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