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Gift Wrap & Distribution at Canandaigua VAMC is Great Success



On the right of the picture is the group of Masons and their wives from the Monroes. For more see VAMC article on page 15. (Photo courtesy Harold Bolotin)

Brothers of Charlotte/Corinthian Mark Third Year of Volunteer Effort.



Brother Andres Alvarez - JW, his daughter Rachel, Major Lynette Reel of the Salvation Army, W. - Michael Gorall - Master of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge and R. - W. - David Jones - DDGM 2nd Mon. and member of Charlotte /Corinthian No. 1088 at the Salvation Army's Toy and Food Basket Program.

**BEST WISHES
FOR
A
Happy &
PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR**

From the Times' staff
Don & Joan Brunner - Mat Cinnold
Earb Goodrich - Ech Oulton - Ech Pottit

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Local Courtesies Extended to Brother for Grand Lodge of Ohio



R. W. Cyrus Kloner, DDGM of the 1st Monroe District, presenting a 50 Year Membership Award, as a courtesy to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, to Brother Robert Q. Whipple at his residence in Rochester.

Save the Date!

12th Annual Widows' Luncheon

Saturday
April 25, 1998

Logan's Party House, Scottsville Road

Grand Lodge Scholarship Program Set to Begin

R. W. James E. Sullivan, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Scholarship Program, has announced that the applications for 1998 will be available after the 1st of January through your Lodge Secretary. The deadline for completed applications will be April 30, 1998. Those selected will be notified by June 1st and presentations will be made across the State in July.

Requirements

- Be a child/grandchild/widow of a Master Mason.
- Show academic or vocational achievement.
- Demonstrate leadership abilities.
- Participate in community service.
- Submit 2 letters of recommendation.
- Submit an essay on successes, goals and career choices. □

Masonic Service Bureau, Local Scholarship Program

By Erna-Jean Walker
Applications for the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc. 1998 Scholarships are being sent to your Lodge Secretaries and will be available in January. Questions and requests for additional applications should be referred to me at 663-2266. □

Child ID Volunteers Needed

By SW Andy Alvarez
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 me at 426-1946. We need your help with set-ups, camera men, and general support. Wives are welcome. □

Attention Downtown Temple Residents

We have had problems with doors being left open, especially in the dining rooms. Carts have been left on the freight elevator or in the main floor loading dock area. Unless equipment is returned where it is secure, we may lose it. It would be appreciated if the areas used were left in the same condition as found. Please include these items in your New Year's resolution list. Thank you. □

Attention! All Members of the Masonic Family



By Brian P. Keery, Chairman
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 the appropriate leader of your organization and let him or her know that you want to help. This event is one of the only times when all members of the Masonic family unite together to perform a very worthwhile community service.

Some things you should know about the Ronald McDonald House: The average age of the parents using the House is 24 years old. A family is charged a maximum of \$10.00 a day to use the House; this includes all meals, lodging, any long distance call to anywhere in the world, pager service and much more. If a family cannot foot the bill, they pay what they can afford.

The annual budget to run the House for hundreds of families is over \$400,000. This is where our fundraising, and that of many other groups, comes in.

Please let us count you among our family members who will make this year's campaign one of significant help to the "Home Away from Home".

Thank you so much. Let's Do It!!!

Have-a-Heart Clarification

All funds raised by the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign go only to the operating costs of the local Ronald McDonald House. The RMHC referred to in the "Heartbeats" Fall issue stands for the Ronald McDonald House Charitable Fund, a totally separated fund raised by the Ronald McDonald fast food restaurants around the world, specifically for their own Charities Fund. This is separate and distinct from the Ronald McDonald Home Away from Home Program. □

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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I came across an interesting comment printed in the Scottish Rite news magazine, "The Northern Light", that bears repeating. It was written by Edward P. Priebe, 32° of North East, PA and it was in the "Our Reader's Respond" section.

I might preface this quote with the comment that I do not think Brother Priebe meant to offend the younger members of our Craft, but to whisper words of wisdom in their ears.

Brother Priebe writes, "The Grand Commander's Message in the August 1995 issue really hit me when it first came out. I have kept that issue and am still moved by his words: "...we have never viewed ourselves as the ones who were out of step".

The younger half of us need to understand that there is nothing fundamentally wrong with Freemasonry. America is struggling to recover from a long illness. Freemasonry teaches what America needs - tolerance in divisiveness, individual responsibility in place of irresponsible "in your face" rights and that good men can work together, without necessarily agreeing on points of doctrine, for the common good and improve themselves in the process.

New members must shoulder leadership responsibility. Somehow they must be taught that the practice of Freemasonry ranks up there with soccer for six-year-olds. They need to understand that working to make America work right again will benefit their kids more than some of today's activities. We must teach them what Freemasonry could do, if only they will lift their hands to do it."

The Grinch did it!

We sometimes explain away typos and other errors in the *Times* by telling our readers that we include them to see if they are paying attention and determine if anyone really reads the paper. For this we add, a prize will be given to the one who finds it. It seems that one astute Staff Officer, whom we won't name, but, whose initials are Gene Brendel, commented in his article that he hoped that everyone celebrated Christmas, because we (the *Times*) had left it off the back page calendar. Well, unfortu-

nately, that was not one of the intentional errors. Better luck next time, Gene.

Deadline; again!

An unusually large number of contributors had trouble with FAXing their articles to the *Times* for this issue. One Brother called to say that the line was busy so he mailed it; on the 12th? It's about time that we took a little responsibility and discarded this "victim" posture. Don't wait until the deadline to FAX in your copy! As I have said in the past, "you can call in changes and updates up to the time the paper goes to the printer". It is the sole responsibility of the author to see that his/her copy in on time and hanging the responsibility on a two minute busy signal is preposterous. That's only an infinitesimal space of time compared with the 24 hours our FAX is operational every day. Even if the FAX machine is down for some reason, shoulder some responsibility and get it here, better yet get the copy here before the deadline. Rely on those "old fashioned, face to face, communication methods".

Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc.

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What type of year was it? Great, and you were there. Your Masonic Service Bureau has been very active. We have handled over 8000 phone calls; had a very active year at Camp DeMolay; gave \$10,000 to various charities; handed out \$10,000 in scholarships to high school seniors; started on the internet and are in the process of developing our own Web Page; we added the Shrine as subscribers to the *Masonic Times*; and most of all, we're in sound financial condition.

Your Directors have met each month (except July and August) to review, suggest and support the various activities of your Masonic Service Bureau. Gary Burke has done an excellent job over the last two years as President of the Bureau, and I, as Executive Director, thank him for his active support and guidance throughout those two years.

The only way your Service Bureau has been and will continue to be a viable, active participant in the community at large and the Masonic Community in particular, is through your continued marvelous support, both in volunteer work and financial backing.

It is with great pride that I tell people all that the Masonic Service Bureau, the local charitable arm of the Masons, does. Next month we will be sending out our annual appeal for funds and I am sure you will continue your magnificent support.

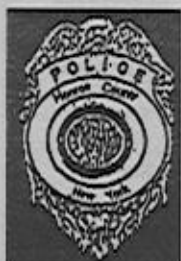
If I can take a pun from Starwars: "May the force be with you".

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

There have been no community service events recently and at the present time, none are scheduled. We hope to resume our activities in the new year.

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Editor's Award for Non-Lodge Articles

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

As the holiday season winds down and Winter takes a firm grip in New York State, many of our members depart to the tropical climates of the South or Southwest. Our sincere wishes for a safe journey and the joyous holiday season follow you, wherever you travel and we will keep watch over the horizon because your return not only holds the promise of renewed fellowship, but also heralds the return of Spring.

Annual Meeting

On December 2nd we held our Annual Meeting at the Maplewood Inn. The company was enjoyable and the dinner was delicious. Nominations were accepted and the following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: President - Michael J. Herrmann Vice-President - Michael Pollock Secretary - Paul Soltzick Treasurer - Leonard Gessin

Summer event

To the Bishop brothers - yes, there will be a dinner cruise on the Canandaigua Lady this year. Arrangements are already in progress. Information regarding the up-coming cruise and other important dates for 1998 will be mailed to each member in February. We hope to have as many dates and times as possible confirmed by then that you may mark your calendars and plan to attend and enjoy these special events.

Dean honored

Dean Marsaw has been honored with a lifetime membership in the Club. The time and dedication which Dean gave to our Metro Club deserves recognition. Dean's personal commitment as Executive Secretary is greatly appreciated and the award of a Life Membership to the Club he has loved and supported for so many years seems to be a fitting token of our thanks and esteem.

Make-a-Wish

The 1997 charitable contribution was made to the Make-a-Wish Foundation of WNY. This organization's goal is to grant a special wish to seriously ill children as their families try to cope with the physical, emotional and

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financial burdens the illness has brought into their lives. Our hope is that in a small way we can make a difference, help a child; if just for a moment, be just a child.

Sickness and distress

The following members have either been ill or are unable to be out and about and would appreciate a note or call from their Brothers: Roger McCaughey, Eugene Shaw, and Joseph Jung. Please accept our sincere wishes for a very happy and healthy new year.

Dues

Please check your dues card. If it doesn't say 1998 it's time to get a new one. The cost remains \$5.00, an unbeatable bargain in this day and age. If in doubt, give our Secretary or Treasurer a call to find out where you stand.

Keep healthy and stay happy until we meet again. Oh, one more thing, Dean wants everyone to please check your smoke alarms.

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Gift wrapping

The gift wrapping session went very well. A good representation from the Masons, Eastern Star, Nile and friends of each group turned out to assist. A good time was had by all. The gifts included 500 of each of the following: sweaters, calendars, comfort kits, baseball caps and canteen books. These were distributed on December 21st.

Donations for the Christmas gifts amounted to over \$12,000. The volunteers are very grateful for these contributions.

Thank you

Our thanks to Union Lodge No. 45, West Bloomfield, and Marion Lodge No. 926, Marion, donations. If each Lodge would give \$50 to the Christmas Fund, we would realize \$1,100 just from the Masonic Fraternity. If all Masons, and ladies organizations pooled their resources, it would show everyone that, "Masons Care". Remember, these veterans are the ones who have protected your rights to belong to these organizations.

I am sure that each of the above organizations can afford a \$50 donation. If every smoker would donate an amount equal to a carton of cigarettes, football fan the price of seeing a game, and tailgate party reveler the price to attend his next event, we would realize donations of \$5,000 or better. The veterans cannot get

out and enjoy what you take for granted. Thank God for what He gives you and share, this He mentions in the Bible.

VA Healthcare Enrollment

What is VA Healthcare Enrollment? It is a new system providing access for veterans to a comprehensive package of VA healthcare services. According to the Department of Veteran Affairs it is easy to use. All that is required is that you fill out a questionnaire and if found qualified you will be assigned one of the newly established priority groups.

Am I required to be enrolled?

You must be enrolled to receive healthcare after October 1998 unless you are in one of the following categories:

1. You are rated by the VA as having a service connected disability of 50% or more.
2. It has been less than one year since you were discharged from military service for a compensable disability that the military determined was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, and which has not yet been rated by the VA.
3. You are seeking care from the VA only for a service connected disability.

The VA encourages veterans in the above categories to also apply for enrollment so they can better plan their healthcare needs.

How do I apply?

Starting in October 1997, all veterans are able to apply by contacting the nearest VA healthcare facility. If you have received VA healthcare services after October 1996, you do not need to apply. In this case, the VA will process an application on your behalf. When enrollment is confirmed, you will be notified in writing. You can apply any time during the year.

How long will I be enrolled?

You will remain enrolled for one year. Your enrollment will be reviewed and renewed each

year depending upon your priority group and available resources. If the VA cannot renew your enrollment for another year you will be notified in writing 60 days before your enrollment expires.

This information was obtained from the "Voluntary Service Newsletter" distributed at the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua.

My recommendation is that you seriously consider these health care options if you are a veteran.

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].

One of my readers called me to see if I would write a column about NASDAQ, so here goes.

The NASDAQ is one of many stock exchanges available for buying and selling securities in the United States.

A listing of some of them are as follows: American Stock Exchange, Boston Stock Exchange, Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Midwest Stock Exchange, Pacific Stock Exchange, NASDAQ Stock Exchange, Philadelphia Stock Exchange, and the OTC market.

The best known one is the New York Stock Exchange. This Exchange is the most difficult exchange to get listed on since their requirements are the toughest.

Next comes the American Stock Exchange. Their rules are not as stringent as the NYSE, and they trade fewer stocks.

The NASDAQ Stock Exchange is a subsidiary of the National Association of Securities Dealers. Translated into English, its title is National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations. This exchange lists the most companies of any US exchange, and its operation is


similar to the NYSE and AMEX exchanges, in that it has a computerized quoting and operational system.

The OTC exchange stands for Over the Counter, and is the catch all for the remaining securities. A lot of these so called "Penny Stocks" are found here, and there is a listing called the Pink Sheets, which is a daily listing of this type of stock. This exchange has market makers, [a "market maker" is a broker who maintains an inventory of specific stocks thus serving as a market or location for the purchase of those stocks] as all exchanges do, but the prices are not as well regulated as are the other exchanges. You can call ten market makers and get ten different prices on a security.

The remaining exchanges are small regional exchanges, sort of like the American Stock Exchange, and trade in all of the above, plus some stocks of their locale.

Remember that my dissertation is not a complete coverage. It is a brief summary, so the reader can obtain a little information on this subject. Please refer to my caveat at the top.

Your Legal Rights FYI



By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Effective and beginning with the 1998/99 school year, an important new school tax break takes effect.

Called the STAR EXEMPTION, this tax break is available to all owners of 1, 2, or 3 family residences in New York State. Mobile homes and farms qualify, too. There are two Star Exemptions available, Enhanced and Basic.

Enhanced Star Exemption

This is available to all persons who own real property as described above, and are at least 65 years of age. Income cannot exceed \$60,000 per year. If married, then only one spouse need be 65, but combined income cannot exceed \$60,000. The Enhanced Star Exemption will reduce the assessed value on your home for the purposes of calculating school taxes. Beginning with the 1998-99 school year, this exemption will be worth \$12,500, and will increase each year to \$50,000 in school year 2000-2001. Those of you who already qualify for a senior citizen property tax exemption, can also take advantage of this new Enhanced Star Exemption. If your income exceeds \$60,000, or you haven't reached 65 years of age, then you can qualify for the Basic Star Exemption.

Basic Star Exemption

This will be extended to all homeowners beginning with the 1999-2000 school year; this applies regardless of age or income. The Basic Exemption will begin at \$10,000, and will increase each year until the exemption is \$30,000 in the 2001-02 school year.

Regardless which exemption you qualify for, the amount of the exemption is deducted from the assessed value of your home. This reduced assessed value is then used to calculate your school tax. This Star Exemption will not affect assessed value for the purpose of calculating other property taxes.

The deadline to file for an Enhanced Star Exemption (65 or older with income of \$60,000 or less) is March 2, 1998. Applications are available from your local assessor's office, library, or elected official. The forms themselves must be filed with your local assessor, not the State. For those of you with online access, you can download the form from <http://www.oprs.state.ny.us> This is the home page for the NYS Office of Real Property Services. The application deadline for the Basic Star Exemption will be March, 1999.

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By V.W. John Zabel
Training Junior Officers

Part 3

"Well, I think I have the word down pat and I've been working on delivery. What's next?" asked Terry when he called George.

"The physical stuff, like posture, how you hold your hands and what you do with your eyes during the Lecture," replied George. "I'll explain when we get together. How is tomorrow evening about 7:30 p.m.?"

The next evening George gave Terry several pointers on the physical part of giving the Lecture. "First, stand up straight, but be comfortable. You don't need to act the part of a Marine guard. Next, keep your hands at your side or in front of you. This looks better than having them in your pockets or behind you. You can use your hands for emphasis, but keep it to a minimum.

Now, for your eyes, look at the candidate. We will have more than one candidate, so move your eyes from one candidate to the next. Do not look at the floor or

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**Bureau of Masonic Education
Presents the
Grand Lodge
Leadership Development Course**

**When: Saturday, March 7
Where: Rochester Masonic Temple
Time: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Cost: \$20**

Course Outline:

1. History and Philosophy of Freemasonry
2. Duties and Responsibilities of Lodge Officers
3. Motivational Skill and Team Building
4. Oral Communications
5. Written Communications
6. Program Planning
7. Structure of Grand Lodge
8. Masonic Charity

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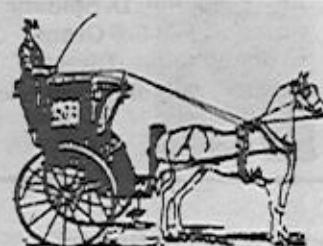
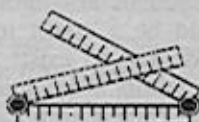
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By R.W.: David Jones
Help wanted

Bright, energetic Past Masters and Brothers are needed to chair

various committees at the District level. Several committees to choose from. Good avenue for advancement. Great fringe benefits. If you have what it takes, there's room for you on the 1998-2000 District team.

This is a serious call for active Brothers who have a desire to serve the Craft. It is an opportunity to travel throughout the Districts (1st and 2nd Monroe) to improve and inspire Lodges to be the best they can be. Our current committees are: Brotherhood Development, Brotherhood Retention, Fellowship and Family Involvement, Public Involvement and Awareness, and the Brotherhood Fund.

No need for resumes, just call or write me. I'll be happy to review the opportunities and responsibilities of the committees with you.

A little reminder that while there is serious business to perform in service to the Fraternity, there definitely is a place for fun in our organization. Towpath Lodge's sponsoring a Soap Box Derby racer is not only a great community service project, it is an opportunity for some great excitement and camaraderie. When the races finally start, let's get a large rooting section out to encourage our driver. Towpath, keep us all posted as to the vehicle's progress, and race dates.

Fellowship

Speaking of fun, our Annual Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House is coming up in February. If you've never partici-

pated, you are missing a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of your Brothers and do some good for the community at the same time. Too often fundraisers ask that you dig into your wallets and part with some hard-earned cash. Here's a chance to trade some time for some dollars. Check with your Master for the time and location of your Lodge's assignment.

Brotherhood

A tip of the Masonic Top Hat to Ill.: Erwin Newell, Potentate of Damascus Temple, Noble Bruce Chilton, and all the Damascus Temple Shriners for their unwavering support of the Blue Lodges in their jurisdiction. The new audio informational tapes provided by Damascus Temple should be in your Master's hands. If he hasn't played it for you yet, please ask him to do so. Then take the tape and lend it to a potential candidate. The tape is meant to arouse your prospect's interest and curiosity, and provide the opening for your further conversations on the virtues and benefits of our Brotherhood.

By the way, what have you done today to make some stranger's life more livable? How have you eased life's burden for someone else in the last twenty-four hours? Help a stranger, and he's no longer unknown to you, nor you to him or her. Be a positive force for good in your world. Make a difference as often as the opportunities present themselves.

Cy Kloner and I wish every Lodge and each individual Mason out there a joyous and prosperous 1998. Happy New Year. □

P. I. & A.

Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention

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

Brethren

Every time I turn the television on, I hear that another young person has died from alcohol poisoning. College fraternity hazing, military initiation or similar functions contribute to drug and alcohol abuse.

What are these people thinking of? How can you make someone drink until they pass out? Why would anyone want to do something so ridiculous?

These deaths are such an unnecessary waste. I do not know how those involved can live with themselves afterward.

These unfortunate instances happen all of the time. Jealous rage, over-possessive mates, and rape, are becoming more frequent because of drug and alcohol abuse.

Statistics reveal that alcohol, cocaine, and heroin abuses, are on the rise. Those abusing these drugs, also contribute to spousal/mate abuse.

What a wonderful world we live in. There are more millionaires on the continent than ever before, and many of them are

making their money from the sale of drugs. I do not see how they can sleep at night.

Our drug problem just keeps getting increasingly worse. What can we do to help decrease the problem?

Our children have too much freedom, free time, and not enough responsibility. When I was growing up I lived on a farm. I had chores to do before school and more awaiting me when I returned home. These ideals were accepted then.

Today's children have designer jeans, sneakers, and jackets. I saved money from doing odd jobs for my neighbors, to buy Lee jeans and engineer boots. My parents bought me cotton work shirts and I thought that was great! Today's children would not go out of the house like that unless they were told not to.

Children feel the need to rebel or dress sloppy to get attention. I cannot figure out their dress codes, or if they even have one. I also cannot figure out their attitudes, and they all seem to have one. Most of all, I cannot figure out why they use drugs. They must know by now what can happen, yet they still continue to cross the line.

On top of all these drug problems, we have sixteen thousand people each day contracting AIDS. There is no end in sight.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, or if you want a program about drug or alcohol abuse, please call me. □

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By R.W.: Gene Brendel
Happy Holidays

Although this issue of the Times is for the first month of the new year, it probably will arrive while we are in the midst of celebrating the Holidays and we extend our wishes to all of our

Brothers and Sisters of Freemasonry for a joyous season. For those of you who only use the calendar on the back page we hope you didn't miss Christmas. It did occur on the 25th, between Hanukkah and the first day of Kwanzaa! Don Brugger was testing us again, but we are sure that Santa made his rounds.

Official Visits

As we write we are preparing for the last of our Official Visits. We thank the Brethren of all the Lodges for their kindness and the warm receptions we received. It is in experiences like these that we sense the true meaning of the Fraternity. What a shame that more men do not share that experience.

With that in mind we share our thoughts with all those Brothers who did not have the opportunity or who could not attend our Visits for one reason or another. In his Message at St. John's Day in Utica last June, Grand Master Hino said, "Two of the most essential characteristics of a Masonic Lodge are...1. to initiate new members and...2. to instruct and educate those new members, as to the nature-philos-

ophy-history of the heart, and the responsibility of Craft membership."

Training

I don't think any of us would challenge the need to initiate new members as being unimportant. Membership is the life blood of not just our individual Lodges, but of Grand Lodge as well.

Instructing and educating our members has always been essential to the health and success of our Fraternity and we need to renew our efforts in this area. You might ask, "Who is responsible for this task?" Well, the answer to that is easy...we all are! It is true that Grand Lodge has assigned the duty of education to the Staff Officers, but that is only part of the Charge! Before we can initiate and educate new members we must first educate ourselves!

Responsibilities

The Staff Officers are responsible for providing and seeing that your elected and appointed officers have the opportunity to attend "The Road to the East" Program, the Leadership Development Course, Schools of Ritual and other educational programs offered by Grand Lodge.

Your officers are responsible for planning meaningful, educational Trestleboards, ensuring training according to the Lodge System of Masonic Education, preparing and scheduling good, solid Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights and assigning knowledgeable mentors to work with new members.

To those of you on the sidelines, and even those who seldom darken the doors of the Lodge, falls an extremely important job...that of identifying those men of good repute in the community who would be a credit to the Craft...and they do exist! They may be neighbors, acquaintances, close family friends, someone we work with or did, sons, grandsons and yes, even great-grandsons. All

that is needed is for you to provide those names to your officers and let them take it from there.

What's the reason?

Are those good men too busy working and trying to raise a family to join one of the finest organizations that exists? Do we overlook those who may have shown little interest in their younger years and now having more free time, may be looking for a new challenge? Don't assume that they will reject an offer of a Brother Bring-a-Friend Dinner. Don't assume that they will pass up an opportunity to hear about Freemasonry and its impact on society since 1717. You might be surprised at the result of your invitation, especially if Freemasonry is important to you and your Lodge has an enthusiastic line of officers. If the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program is not working in your Lodge, it is probably because the members are not providing names of qualified candidates.

A great find

Last Summer while rummaging through a garage sale we came across an old battered paperback which we purchased. The title was "H.M.S. Ulysses" by Alistair MacLean. It was a novel published in 1955. The setting was the North Atlantic and it told of the struggles of the Allied Forces to provide material to Russia during some of the darkest days of World War 2. The H.M.S. Ulysses was a British light cruiser providing escort to a convoy of ships sailing from Halifax, Nova Scotia and bound for Murmansk in Russia. Plagued by fierce Winter storms, stalked by wolf packs of U-boats and hounded by Nazi dive bombers only 5 of the original convoy of 36 reached port. During the height of the last pitched battle with the outcome looking bleak, and receiving word

of help on the way, the Captain elatedly cried out..."It may be that we shall touch the Happy Isles"...which was an expression of hope on his part.

These words were from a poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson and the full text was included in the preface of the book. If one sorts carefully through the lines there is a message that we believe has meaning to our Fraternity.

Come my friends,
Tis not too late to seek a newer world.
Push off, and sitting well in order smite
The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the western stars, until I die.
It may be that the gulfs will wash us down:
It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew.
Tho' much is taken, much abides;
and tho'
We are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven' that which we are, we are;
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Indeed, my Brothers, "that which we are, we are". We have been "made weak by time and fate", but if we commit ourselves to be "strong in will. To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield". Free and Accepted Masonry will continue to serve society and our communities as a positive force for ages to come.

May the Great Architect grant you peace and prosperity. □

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By R.W. Scott Seltzer
Assistants

At the October meeting of the Purple Club, a proposal was put forth to appoint two very deserving and dedicated Brothers as AGL Assistants in the Monroe Districts. The proposal was unanimously approved.

We are pleased to welcome W.: Donald Darrohn from the 1st Monroe and W.: Daniel Walker from the 2nd Monroe to our team.

1st Monroe District

See page 8 - More 1st Monroe.

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538



W. George R. BRACHT, Master
383-1947

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

Henry Libera, Secretary
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WEBSTER, N.Y. 14580

Greetings

Happy New Year to everybody and I hope all enjoyed the holidays. Our new year starts off with our first meeting falling on New Year's Day. Please remember, there will not be a meeting that evening.

2nd Degree

On December 4th, there was an excellent 2nd Degree with Brother Bernie Russell in the East. Many Brothers were in attendance to support him and our candidate. Brother Eric Hinkston, along with being our Senior Deacon, presented the Middle Chamber Lecture.

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

We had a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on December 18th. If you were unable to attend that meeting, and know of someone you would like to bring into Masonry, please let the Secretary or me know so we can make arrangements for another Bring-a-Friend Night before our Spring Degrees.

Holiday Visitation

On Wednesday, December 24th, we had our Holiday Visitation, organized by R.W.: Bruce Chilton. Our shut-in members each received a visit and a poinsettia from the members of the Lodge. The visitation was enjoyed by all and there will be many stories reported at our meeting in January.

Future dates

Since the outstanding showing from the Monroes at the Grand Lecturer's Convention, we gave everyone a break from the Schools of Ritual. On the evening of December 3rd the AGL Team met and mapped out the future:

Thursday, January 29th - School of Ritual, 1st Degree at Wakan/Hubbard.

Wednesday, March 11th or 18th - School of Ritual, 2nd Degree at Etolian.

Saturday, April 4th - 3rd Degree Festival at the Downtown Temple.

Friday, May 15th - Joint Investiture Service in Cathedral Hall, Downtown Masonic Temple.

Monday, June 1st - School of Ritual, Open/Close/Balloting at a place to be announced.

Thursday, September 17th - AGL Convention, 1st Degree at a place to be announced.

Other dates going into 1999 were also planned. More information will be forthcoming. Please note that we did not list participants. As of this writing, we are still waiting for volunteers. If your Lodge is interested in performing any of the Ritual or hosting an event, please let us know as soon as possible. As always, we stand ready to assist with Degrees, rehearsals, etc. Good luck to all in 1998!

New Year's Day

Please remember New Year's Day is a holiday to spend with our family. There will not be a meeting that evening.

3rd Degree

On January 15th we will have a 3rd Degree for our candidate. Brother John Ponshock will be in the East, and the Fellowcraft Club will be presenting the Dramatic Section. There will be a dinner preceding the Degree. Please make your reservation for the dinner to Brother Bernie Russell, 872-1353.

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 have our 1st Degree for our second class of candidates. Please remember the Bring-a-Friend Nights mentioned before so that the petitions can be processed in time.

Spaghetti Dinners

Please remember our monthly Spaghetti Dinners on the 1st Friday of the month. From January thru April, many of our regular workers will be going South for warmer weather and sunshine. This will make a vacancy in our volunteer staff, and we will need some extra workers to fill the gap.

Brother Doug Koenig has dedicated these Fridays to working the dinners and only asked for our support. Some of the members are there from early afternoon thru cleaning up. Please come out and give us whatever time you can. These dinners are profitable fundraisers that provide good meals, and the fellowship of working along side your Brothers.

Closing

Come out and support your officers and Lodge. Join the fellowship at our meetings and activities, especially come out and fill the sidelines when our candidates take their Degrees.

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943



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

R.W.: Richard C. FRIEDMAN
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Meeting Review

Our November 24th meeting was a very special evening as our guest speaker drove in from Utica, NY just to present material on the Masonic Research Laboratory. Ron Kamp battled snowy conditions to arrive and enlighten us on the marvels of research and its impact on our lives. We were so pleased with Ron's effort and presentation that we made him an honorary member of our Lodge. He promises to be back. If you need a topic for a meeting, consider the Masonic Research Laboratory.

The results of our 3rd Degree on December 8th were outstanding: a great dinner, compliments of Hilde DiJames, solid Ritual work, a powerful Hiram Leg-end and close to 40 in attendance. Special thanks to R.W.: Maurice Solomon and W.: Bill Kuehne for assisting in the night. We had wonderful contributions to the Degree by Brothers Dave Sylvester and Steve Lysenko. Real nice to see newer Brothers stepping in to the Ritual activity.

Leadership change

As a result of some cabletown challenges, our Senior Warden has stepped down. Fortunately for us, one of our past Masters, W.: Tom O'Leary, has agreed to sit in the West for the rest of this year and be Master again in 1998. All of us at ERAC are grateful to his commitment to the Lodge. This also allows the other officers to move properly through the line.

Junior Warden's night

Monday, January 12th, will be our Annual Table Lodge. This attracted a great crowd last year and we expect another good one again. Dinner menu includes steak, baked potato, green beans, salad and dessert for \$10.00. Of course, we will have quality wine and non-alcoholic wine as well. Details and reservations can be obtained through JW Sean King at 224-8067. Hope to see you there!

Back in the saddle

Brother Chet Wilday has returned to the ranks after a brief illness. Recuperation went well and he looks ready to position himself at the outer door. Good to have you back! As usual, Brothers rose to the occasion during his illness to check on him with regularity.

Holiday message

From our Lodge to yours, we extend our best to all Masons and their families during this holiday season. ERAC will be visiting many of our Brethren who are not as able to get out or make meetings. Our poinsettias and good cheer tend to make a real difference to those on our list during the holidays. If it cannot be a visit, a phone call to a Brother you have been thinking of or have not seen for a while can warm up one's day.

Reminder

Hope to see you at an upcoming meeting. Check your pocket calendar and plan to get out for a night of education and fellowship. Many of our Brothers have volunteered to make dinners and have done a bang-up job! For our out of towners, please drop us a line and you can count on our Secretary reading your message. Also, remember the Brotherhood Fund.

CLIO Lodge No. 779



W.: Dale POLMATEER
Master
392-9076

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

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Reflections

Since the last edition of the Times, we had another eventful month. At the November 18th meeting we all enjoyed the talk on a unique story about the Civil War by Don Groth. At the December 2nd meeting, W.: Wilbur Hermance presented his slides on the Grand Master's visit to Clio and our Installation of Officers. We also had visiting Brethren from Etolian Lodge with us. It was good to see our Brothers from Spencerport, as we are only six miles from each other, we need to get better acquainted. On December 6th we had a group visit Social Lodge for their Annual Goose Dinner. A good time and meal was had by all. At the time of this writing, we have not had our holiday dinner meeting. I thank all who are working on making this evening a fine event and will comment more next month.

January meeting

There is only one meeting in January, on the 20th. This is Move-up Night with Sean Noonan in the East. We will be having the Annual Reports, planning for our Degree work that will start in February with a class of four at this time and a discussion on the Ox Roast in April. Hopefully, there will be good attendance on the side lines.

Spaghetti dinners

A special thanks to all who have worked on the dinners and those who come to enjoy the meal. Everyone enjoys the fellowship, but we could use more help. If you have any time that you could give the Lodge, give me a call. We have two dinners in January, the 14th and 28th. The time is 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and

the cost is still \$3.95 for all you can eat.

Sickness and distress

We have three Brothers that need our thoughts and prayers. W.: Allen Mercer had eye surgery. Brother Carl Doell had two falls this last month and we are glad to hear that Brother Ross Wayne's wife is back home.

Closing

We wish all of you a safe and healthy new year and look forward to seeing you in Lodge. For those that are going to warmer climates for the Winter, we will miss you, but please keep in touch. We are all family.

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



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2nd TUESDAY
7:30 P.M.

R.W.: Herbert SPENCER, Sec.
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14605-2789

December events

This month W.: Glenn Stahl presided over Lodge, since I was not able to get back from St. Louis in time. The meeting was relatively short and without a program. There was no significant business discussed and everyone got home before 9:00 p.m.

The Altar was draped in memory of Brother, W.: Bruce Mason. Many Brothers attended his Masonic Service in Webster. We will miss you, friend.

The Fellowcraft Club met at W.: Glenn Stahl's home for holiday fare and good cheer. R.W.: Mat Gingold was elected President for the year 1998. The group is planning to go to Etolian Lodge No. 479 on January 12th to bring back the Traveling Gavel.

January

There will be a dinner preceding the January 13th meeting. Dinners are subsidized and cost only \$5.00 a head; reservations are to be in by Friday, January 9th. Hilde DiJames will provide the 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 meeting. Come out in support of your Lodge and break bread with us. If you need a ride, call Herb Spencer at 271-8577 or me.

We will discuss the future of the Fellowcraft Club regarding the general interest and suggestions for its purpose.

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Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

Roy D. Goold, Secretary
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Brockport, N.Y. 14420

Editor's Award for Lodge Articles

This article was selected for its concise, straight-forward style and economy of language.

Brotherhood is boundless

Eight of our Brothers from my home Lodge, Hesperus No. 837 in Bergen, made what could have been a very embarrassing DDGM's Visit, a very proud and cherished evening. Their support proved that the Brotherhood of Masonry is stronger than the boundaries placed on us by District affiliations.

My sincere thanks to the five Brothers from our own Lodge who attended on December 9th. A very special thanks to Brothers: Joe Chimino, Garry Hutcherson, John Cooper, Holden Miller, Don Mattice, Norman Austin, Chet Banach, and Ken Barons from Hesperus Lodge in Genesec/Wyoming District who filled most of our officer's chairs and allowed us to open. I owe you all a debt of gratitude that will be hard to repay!

Displaced Brothers

Last month I received a phone call from Brother Joe Olson, a name I wasn't familiar with, but a Brother none the less, who asked that I stop by and visit with him. Joe and I talked at great length. It's true that as a Mason, even if you don't know him, you will find in that person a Brother and a friend. Joe gave me tuxedos, shirts, and accessories he wanted passed on to someone who could use them. He also shared with me some very personal stories about his life and what Masonry means to him. Joe has never forgotten Masonry though it seems Masonry may have forgotten him.

Joe used to live on St. Paul in Rochester and was active in Germania Lodge and the Grotto. He was even part of the Grotto's Clown Unit. After the loss of his first wife, some personal problems and retirement from Gleasons, he remarried and moved to Brockport. Joe said he's not even sure he could remember the password to get into a Lodge, but he often thinks of visiting with his Brothers.

Those of you who know Joe should make an effort to re-establish contact, I know after the

short time I spent with him, it was a mistake to have lost touch in the first place.

Lesson to be learned

As for the rest of us, there is a lesson here. There are a lot of "Joes" out there who need to know we care and haven't forgotten them. Masonry is founded on brotherly love and affection, but even the strongest ties can survive without contact and communication. Make reuniting with lost Brothers your No. 1 resolution for the upcoming year. I promise you, it will be worth the effort!

P.S. Joe, I hope you know you're always welcome in Brockport. Don't worry about what you've forgotten, it's what you haven't that's important to us! I even found a taker for the red tux. Thank you.

Upcoming events

Don't forget, only one "business" meeting a month, the 2nd Tuesday (7:30 p.m.), and one social event to be announced. ☐

FAIRPORT

Lodge No. 476



R. W. Gerald K. Becker,
Master

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

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

My Brethren

I do hope that all of you had a great and joyous holiday. It's time to rejoice. It is also time for us to rejoice that we are F&AM. It is also time to remember all our sick and shut-ins: Brother Ed Skeates, R. W. John Moll, W. Nels Venette and Brother Robbins.

3rd Degree

Everything went well with the 3rd Degree. Our new member is Brother Kermit Moyer, who is also new to the Fairport School system. He just started there as a Phys. Ed. teacher and coach. The OES No. 444 served us a delicious Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. Thanks gals.

We also have two new affiliations, Brother Greg Hampton from a Canadian Lodge and Brother Jeff Budd from South Carolina. We have another affiliation out for investigation. Please come out and meet these new Brothers.

December

Our December 8th meeting was great. We had a dish to pass supper and I made a big Roast of Beef. Our ladies joined us for supper. The Fairport Police Chief, Brian Page, gave a very interesting talk. This type of meeting lets the ladies know a little more about what we are doing.

On December 15th we had a Bring-a-Friend Night. We hope to pick up about 4 new candidates. I must mention that our Table Lodge went off great. These are always enjoyable.

Thanks

Thanks to SW, Doug Skelton and Brother Greg Ludwig for the new phone in the kitchen area. So much easier to answer this one!

50 Years!

We received a note from Chuck and Kay Blazey in South Dakota. Belated best wishes on their 50 years of wedded bliss. Many more to you two. Hey Chuck, I'm still thin-yeah! Chuck was a friend and teacher with the late M. W. Sheldon Blank.

January

January 12th is Awards Night. There will be several 25, 40, and 50 year memberships. This will be preceded with a Steak Dinner. Please call the JW or me for reservations. If any of you do have petitions out, please get them in as on January 26th we will be starting a new class.

Communications

We received a letter from W. Bob Slominski. He has had his problems, as well as being sick. He would like to hear from you. His address is 1707 Celtic Ct., Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

To our members, I would like to state that thru Brother Russ Coon, a member of Eagle Lodge in Honcoye, we will be able to participate in the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart at Eastview Mall in February. I will put out a call to the Brethren for this project, which supports the Ronald McDonald House. ☐

ETOLIAN

Lodge No. 479



W. Brian P. Keery
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2nd & 4th
Mondays
7:30 p. m.

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

Traveling Gavel for a fleeting moment!

On December 8th, Brother Karl Reich reported that Clio Lodge no longer had possession of the Traveling Gavel. I want to thank the Brothers who went to Clio to reclaim Etolian's rightful gavel! The Brothers attending included R. W. James Powell, W. Ruel Lovett, Brothers Bob Spencer, Jim McAtee, Gary Ukshe, Art McMichaels and Karl Reich. Thank you to all for taking the initiative and regaining our gavel.

Regrettably, visiting Brothers from Clio Lodge, under the leadership of W. Dale Polmateer and W. Dave Upham, regained the Traveling Gavel at the end of the evening! Fortunately, it is just a short drive up the street in Hilton. While it is not resting in its rightful location, it is close to home!

Recent events

December 8th was a very busy evening. In addition to the Spaghetti Dinner benefiting the Oden Farmer's Library and the visitors from the cold, cold North, an excellent program was presented by W. Dave Upham of

Clio Lodge, titled "Building Upon the Cornerstone". The theme of this program was the apparent apathy of members to grow the Fraternity in order to keep Masonry alive. As mortal men, it is our duty as Masons to find one Brother to replace us and one to grow the Fraternity. His message was opportune as January 8th is the next Brother Bring-a-Friend Night.

So far, I have four names for dinner (no confirmations). I will accept reservations until the last minute if that is what it takes. Please do what you can to provide me names. Remember that the dinner is free for you and your guest.

December 15th was the Lodge Christmas Party with Etolian Chapter. The night was very enjoyable and memorable for all ages. Thank you to all who attended to make the evening so successful. A very special thank you is extended to W. Floyd Seeley for organizing and providing the entertainment. In addition, I want to thank W. Ed Hoak for volunteering to be Santa's helper. My daughter, Alexandra, age four, is still convinced that Ed is the real thing!

Sickness

I am pleased to report that W. Martin Michaels is recovering nicely from his back surgery. In addition, W. Marty Zillman is also recovering from his abdominal surgery and Brother Harold Beatson is recovering from his operation.

January events

January 8th will be Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. January 12th is Move Up Night and Brother Dennis Tianello will give a program on Lodge-Planning and Finances. On January 26th, I will be giving a program regarding the Electronic Mason. While this program will include references from Masonic material that is available on the world wide web, it will include a short history on the internet, including its origin. This program is geared for all ages, so come if you can. Best wishes in the New Year. ☐

Wakan/Hubbard

Lodge No. 154



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

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Caring and sharing

We have all listened to the need to open our doors to the community to get the word out about Masons and Masonry. Penfield had a program for the holidays called Caring and Sharing. It is a yearly Food Drive to help the people of the area. The Lodge helped out in this effort for the first time. I hope this will become an annual event for us. Although our first effort was small, we have begun to open the door of our Lodge to the community. Thanks to the Brothers who donated items to the Drive.

Playground

A couple of months ago R. W. Richard Friedman talked

to me about a fundraiser for the Penfield Village School. They are raising money in order to build a playground. I have contacted the school and received a call from the parent in charge of the program, Mora Hayward. Here are some of the details so far: Total monies needed for the playground is estimated to be \$14,000. The school has raised \$8,000 so far. Mora said that the quotes for the playground total approximately \$10,000, plus the installation costs, extra timber for the border around the playground and the mulch for fill.

I told Mora that I would talk to the members as to our role in helping with the project. I have made no commitments at this time, except that we would give it our consideration. She also explained that our efforts would not go unnoticed. She explained that at the completion of the playground, depending on our involvement, a plaque would commemorate our Lodge and its efforts. There are ways we can help. Think about them and call me with suggestions. I can be reached at 392-7665. Thank you.

Holidays

I want to say a few words in hopes that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I know, however, that we have several Brothers who are sick and can no longer be active in Lodge. Our hearts and prayers go out to each and every one of them.

Prayers needed

Andy Shubert's daughter was in the hospital recently, suffering from severe complications from sugar diabetes. She was paralyzed in a 1989 accident and lost the use of her legs and had her pancreas removed. As a result she is a diabetic. Andy said that the doctors have removed her right leg above the knee and may have to remove part of the left. Andy is traveling the VA Hospital for stomach tests. I do not know the results at this writing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Paul Kuritz had an operation for a rotator cuff and is home doing fine. Paul's wife is suffering from Alzheimers and is having a tough time coping.

There are other members that are continuing with their own private health battles. Leonard DuBois is in the hospital in Florida; Victor Lupo was ill; Michael Wilson was in the hospital recently; John Lawrence continues to need our support and R. W. Louis DiJames is having back problems, but is starting to see some improvement.

More recently (Dec. 12th), it was reported that R. W. Bob Pettit was hospitalized (RGH) with respiratory problems. No further information was available.

It was reported that Julius Myerhoff passed away on October 11th. We extend our sympathies and condolences of the Lodge to his family and are thankful for the life he shared with us.

On the lighter side, it was reported that W. John Rees is on a new diet. It appears he returned from a visit to the Niagara Casino several pounds lighter.

Looking ahead

It is hard to believe that half of my term is over. Past Masters Night is on January 12th. This is in conjuncture with a Concordant Bodies Night and ladies are invited to dinner. There will be a Euchre Tournament afterwards.

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January 21st is our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Everyone think of a friend to bring.

There is a dinner on the 26th and ladies are invited. We are having a friend from Country Cove Ceramics there with pieces to make for Valentine's Day. The cost will be approximately \$6.00. You will be able to paint them and take them home that night. This will be great fun.

February 9th the officers of the Lodge will put on an appreciation dinner for the members of the Eastern Star. We will also be having a wine tasting and cheese.

Thanks

I take these few words to thank all the Brothers who have supported me so far this year: R. W. A. John Tijou for being my Advisor and for filling in for me at our last meeting; the backbone of our Lodge, W. Ted Snyder, Secretary. We don't realize the amount of work this man does for us until we get a chance to be Master and need his support. Great job Ted. To our Treasurer, Brother Paul Kober, I do value your input about the budgets. To SW Sherwin Isaacs and JW Ray DiJames, you will both make excellent Masters. To V. W. John Zabel for his involvement in the Degrees. He makes sure that our Lodge continues to be the best. To W. Angelo DiCataldo, thank you for your advice and help with the Master's Ball. To W. Don Bell who helps keep my computer up and running, thanks. To R. W. Don Brugger who tolerates my articles and edits them for me, thank you. To all the other Past Masters and Brothers let it be known that I appreciate all you have done for me and the Lodge. I sincerely hope you have a wonderful holiday season and a bright year to come.

Soap Box Derby update

We've received wonderful response in the form of donations from other Lodges, individuals, and from participation in our December 19th Spaghetti Dinner. On behalf of all our Brothers involved in the project, I extend our many thanks! We are planning our next dinner in February. More information coming soon.

Food Drive continues

January brings with it another chance for us to reach out to those in our immediate community by remembering to bring non-perishable food stuffs (and/or monetary gifts) to Lodge. Support the East Rochester Community Resource Center.

DeWitt Clinton Award

With great pleasure we announce our 1998 DeWitt Clinton Award recipient: Calvin Hubbard. Join us on January 20th for a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and an evening of celebrating Mr. Hubbard's extensive community service to the Brown Street area of the City, the City School District, and his leadership in Prince Hall Masonry.

and a very fine job done on the Working Tools by SW Bill Fraser. Nice job guys!

Official Visit

The Official Visit was held on December 4th when we were surprised to get a visit by "Darth Vader". R. W. Dave Jones was announced and came in wearing his motorcycle helmet, goggles and leather jacket over his tux as a joke, because I, as well as Dave, ride a motorcycle. R. W. Dave gave a most inspirational talk as he gave the Grand Master's Message. R. W. Bill Spillane delivered a message from our Staff Officers having to do with the "Road to the East". This is a Course given by the Staff Officers to aid the officers of all the Lodges in planning their years as Masters. A great time was had by all who attended. I was very disappointed by the turnout, however. I feel that it is very important to get the Brothers out to meetings, especially the Official Visit of the District Deputy.

Brotherhood Fund

Don't forget the Brotherhood Fund. When I think of which cause I would choose to drop because of the lack of money, which one I think would be the least important, I can't. All of the programs and charities we fund are very important, so please support the Brotherhood Fund and don't forget, dues are due!

Looking ahead

Our January meeting is a Summoned Meeting. We will be voting on issues that affect our By-Laws. Our Senior Warden will be in the East to get his feet wet. At the February 5th meeting R. W. Richard C. Friedman will be the guest speaker. He is quite an inspirational speaker and I hope to have a really good turnout that night.

That's all for now. Remember guys, if each of us brought just one new Brother into Lodge, we would double our membership.

Current Lodge news

We had a dinner December 8th at the Lodge. The ladies did a fine job and everyone was happy. We will be having dinners in February, April, and June so put the dates on your calendars. We didn't have anything under sickness and distress and I'm glad everyone is well.

Fellowcraft

As I reported last month, the Lodge has started a Fellowcraft Club and our first meeting was on November 30th. We had a nice turnout and some cleaning and work was done. Thanks to W. Ron Morthorst for spearheading the effort to put plastic over the windows to conserve heat. The Fellowcraft Club will meet on the 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Come and join us.

Brotherhood Fund

Brother John Williams reports that the Brotherhood Fund is progressing, although rather slowly. To date, only 18 of 141 members have returned their envelope. Please make every effort to contribute.

Closing


Until next month, take care and be safe.

Churchville Lodge No. 667

W. George Burke, Master
293-1629

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

R. W. Earl C. Steffen
Secretary 392-8224
20 South Main St.
Churchville, N.Y. 14428



It was snowing pretty hard on the evening of our December 10th meeting. JW, George Pflieger and I were trying to figure out what to do with all the lasagna! With the slippery roads outside, enough Brothers to open Lodge seemed doubtful. Twelve Brothers showed and the lasagna problem was taken care of! Thanks to all who showed and helped to make it an enjoyable evening.

January

There will be a Swiss Steak Dinner before the January 14th meeting. The dinner will be prepared by Brother Bill Dunn, who has agreed to help out in our JW station. Bill's family has been in the restaurant business and Bill's talents in the culinary field come from his family background.

On January 28th we will be conferring the 2nd Degree on our 5 candidates. I'd like all the Brothers to know that they are needed on Degree night. There are usually a lot of chairs on the sidelines left empty and it would be great to see them full. Brother Bill Dunn will prepare a Ham Dinner with all the trimmings for this meeting.

Both JW, George Pflieger (who will be in the East), and I encourage all our Brothers to come on out to the Lodge, check out our Degree work and enjoy a great Ham Dinner. Let's show our new Brothers that we have an active Lodge that's worth joining and participating in.

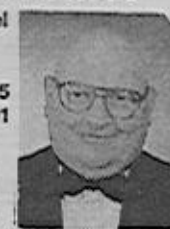
Our social time (refreshments, cards, pool etc.) before dinner is still happening. Dinners are at 6:30 p.m. and for reservations call George Pflieger at 426-0603.

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

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

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

C. William Flemming, Secretary
723-0083
4550 Lake Avenue
Rochester, New York 14612



Hello again. By the time everyone reads this it will be close to or already a new year, so I start out by wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!

Business

I hope Brother Frank Jansson has a speedy recovery from a bout of pneumonia.

There are a lot of people we need to thank. To everyone who helped in the 3rd Degree, once again an excellent job. Thank you to JW Tom Grape, the Shrine Clowns and Santa for a great job at our Family Christmas Party. It was a great success.

Future plans

On January 6th we will have an Open House and a Bring-a-Friend Night. The Triangle Girls will be there to provide child care so everyone may attend without the worry of what to do with the children. On February 3rd we will confer the 1st Degree with our Junior Warden in the East. February 17th will be our Youth Night with the Triangle and DeMolay. We will be honoring two students from Charlotte Middle School for leading a drug free life style.


NORTHFIELD Lodge No. 426

Instituted March 1857

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

W. Randall S. Griswold
Master
787-3357

R. W. D. Scott Seltzer
Secretary 247-0334
17 Church Street
Pittsford, N.Y. 14534



Greetings and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had an exceptional holiday and it was filled with joy, happiness and food. Now all we have to do is work off those extra pounds.

Belated thank you

I have to mention before I go any further something forgotten in my last article, otherwise I may never hear the end of it. R. W. Bill Spillane did an outstanding job at our 2nd Degree delivering the Charge, nice job Bill, thanks!

2nd Degree

Our 2nd Degree was held on November 20th. Linda Zahn did it again by making a great chicken dinner. Thanks again, Linda. This was followed by a very good Degree. JW Jim Weick did a great job in the East, as did R. W. Bob Zahn with the Charge, W. Don Smith and W. Dan Walker with the Questions and Answers




W. Thomas A. LeBeau, Master of Towpath Lodge No. 163, Mrs. Sylvia Aroesty, Brother Albert Aroesty, R. W. David W. Jones, DDGM 2nd Monroe, presenting Brother Aroesty with his 50 year Certificate and Pin.

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

By the time you read this, the Holidays will almost be over. I hope all of you had a good and safe holiday season. May the new year be better for us all.


2nd Monroe District

Towpath Lodge No. 163

W. Thomas A. LeBeau,
Master
482-3936

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

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



Greetings for a new year

I once heard a "campy", but really quite wonderful sermon from an elderly clergyman. He said that New Year's Day is kind of like God acting as a football coach. We are reminded that the first part of the game is over. Learn what we need to from it, but most important, focus on the opportunities before us! The game is just starting again! May you each be invigorated by new opportunities!

Bring-a-Friend Night

There is still time to call R. W. Terry Wihlen (461-1368) with the name and address of anyone you wish to invite. Give that friend of yours a chance to learn about Freemasonry - you've been meaning to do it for a while now, right?

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7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Charles O. Ogburn
Secretary 889-2372
5 Browns Ave.
Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

Happy New Year!
We hope for a great year at Oatka and pray for one for all of you.

Thanks
Thank you to all who contributed to making 1997 a memorable year at Oatka. Thank you to all who helped with our 2nd Degree, December 17th (Don't be confused, we did not have three 2nd Degrees as I reported in the Times.) I do appreciate being allowed to attend our Children's Christmas Concert on December 10th.

Thank you W.: Carmen "Santa" Valeri, and W.: John "The Elf" Pascucci for providing support for our Holiday Party on December 21st. All had a great time.

3rd Degree
This Degree is planned for January 14th and will be preceded by a dinner at 6:00 p.m. by the OES. Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls will provide their Degree Team to assist in the conferring of the Degree.

Official Visit
This is scheduled for January 28th. We look forward to seeing R.: W.: David Jones at that time. SW Gary Trescott is well on his way with the program, "Road to the East". Please come to Lodge and support us.

FAME
Lodge No. 945
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W.: Glen S. Campbell, Master
865-5395
2nd & 4th
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

Leon VanHuben, Secretary
647-1391
4275 Culver Rd.
Rochester, N.Y. 14622

Brethren
I would like to thank the Irondequoit Police Department's Captain Richard Boyan and Officer Steve Kautz. On November 25th Officer Kautz, a K9 handler,

put on a demonstration for the Brothers, ladies and friends of Fame Lodge. Officer Kautz is assigned to the road patrol at the Irondequoit Police Department. His partner is a German Shepherd that was born and raised in Eastern Europe and is named "Dax".

Kautz told us that it common for police dogs to be bred and trained outside of the country and then purchased by the various agencies after they have been shipped to private dog trainers in the United States.

Kautz explained that the transition for Dax went smoothly. He said Dax came to our country when he was 3 years old and didn't understand English commands. Kautz said that with a lot of personal contact and patience, Dax has become a part of his family.

Dax is trained to do regular patrol work, but is also a certified narcotics dog. Kautz told us that the patrol work Dax is involved with on a daily basis is building searches, protection, and the tracking of both suspects and missing persons. Dax can also detect marijuana, crack and cocaine. Dax has also recovered money that has been in contact with drugs. We all wish Officer Kautz and K9 Dax a long and healthy career.

Westill have open nights available for any group looking for meeting space. Contact Brother Charles Petersen at 663-7661.

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

In memoriam
Our prayers go out to the families of Brothers Thomas O'Reilly, who passed away November 14th and George Whitwell of the Phillipines, who died the latter part of November.

Foodlink
On November 11th, approximately 24 members of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge participated in the processing, sorting and stacking of food products, including canned goods and various cereals, plus many miscellaneous items. W.: Volney Frankel coordinated this effort, along with Program Director, Dennis Shrader of Foodlink. It was a fun



A group of Craftsman/Robertson children giving all their attention to Santa (Strickland) Claus and his helpers, Chris (Elf #1) McWhinney & Helen (Elf #2) Hook.

event and all left with a thought of satisfaction in helping people in our ten county region. Our thanks go out to you, Brother Volney, for arranging this successful event.

Chinese Dinner
Many thanks to Brother Bill and Roberta Shelby for arranging a fine Chinese Dinner on November 15th at the Golden Dynasty. Twenty members and their wives attended and I believe this was our 3rd dinner at the Dynasty.

News from our Secretary
W.: Tom Kendig reports that Brother Chuck Freida is recovering from surgery and we all wish him the very best. Mrs. Oran Kissinger writes that her husband, Oran, is unable to do many things by himself, but has fond memories of his years in Masonry. He especially enjoys receiving and reading the Masonic Times. Brother Perry Sweet and his wife, Gladys, have moved to Florida to enjoy the good life. Gladys states Perry is a little under the weather, and would appreciate hearing from his Lodge Brothers. A note from Floridian, Brother Chuck Chatfield, stating he is really enjoying the sunshine and I don't think he misses his days at the "Yellow Box" at all. A note of sincere thanks to the Brothers who have sent in their dues-it really helps your Lodge.

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night
The delicious dinner went very smoothly on December 2nd, with 52 Masons, wives and guests. Following the dinner, Brothers Chuck Strickland touched on several aspects of Masonry, aided by Vern Goodrich with an audio cassette explaining Masonry. Brother Vern also described the operation of the Masonic Service Bureau. Brothers Jack Grover and Jim Causey organized the table display. After the meeting, Brother Ken Skidmore's wife, Sue, presented a cake she had baked with a very artistically decorated frosting bearing the name of the Lodge. Very nice, Sue.

Brotherhood Fund
The Masonic Brotherhood Fund continues to roll along its merry way with 87 contributions totaling \$2,800.00. Again, my sincere thanks to all who have supported this worthy cause. Please keep it up, Brothers.

Birthdays
To all the Brothers whose birthdays fall in January, we salute you: Jim Clark, Al Connon, Roy Guess, Oran Kissinger, Frank Morse, Bob Ogden, Dirk Oukes, John Sanna, Ken Skidmore and Ed Walker.

January meetings
On January 6th we will have a dinner meeting with the ladies. A 1st Degree rehearsal will take place at the Fellowship meeting on January 13th. January 20th will be a regular meeting.



Aw, c'mon Santa, when is it gonna' be my turn?.



Children being entertained by one of the clowns that were at the Craftsman/Robertson Children's Christmas Party.

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

Master's Message, January 1998

A new year, a time for resolutions that will change our lives. Resolutions that with any type of success will make us better individuals. Hey! Isn't it the basis of Masonry that we "Make Good Men Better"? What a great time to hold a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, and help some other man in his quest for perfection.

I, too, become resolute at this time of the year, and my personal resolution is to offer more exciting programs at our meetings, and encourage our members to come out and join us. Please help me in my task by coming to Lodge and bring a Brother with you.

A token
All too often the holiday season becomes involved with "sales forecasts", or "travel reports". To give some relevance to the season and as a sign that they are in our minds and in our hearts I have,

with the aid of the Lodge, furnished a token to those of our members who are unable to get out and join us.

I urge the members interested to examine our trestleboard for January. It will include a schedule of our remaining regular communications and social events.

To all, a safe (watch that ice) Winter. For those reading this article in warmer climates, congratulations! We wish we were with you, and to all, a Fraternal regard.

Poetry Niche
Contributions welcome

As in the past, the January folio of the Poetry Niche is devoted to the immortal Bard on this 237th anniversary of his birth.

The Star of Rabbie Burns
There is a star whose beaming rays
Is shed on every clime,
It shines by night, it shines by day
And ne'er grows dim wi' time,
It rose upon the banks o' Ayr
It shone on Doon's clear stream,
A hundred years are gone and mair,
Yet brighter grows its beam.

Chorus
Let Kings and courtiers rise an' fa'
This world has many turns,
But brightly beams aboon about
them a'
The star of Rabbie Burns
(Words to a song sung at most Burns Suppers. Author unknown)

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As we begin the new year, it is my wish that each and everyone enjoys a very happy and prosperous New Year. I trust that all enjoyed the recent holiday season, a season which allowed us to once again experience the true meaning of giving and sharing, not just materialistic, but spiritual as well.

Beginning the new calendar year is also generally thought of as the beginning of the second half of the Masonic year for the present leadership of our Lodges. I have been witness to many positive strides made within the Lodges and respective leadership of each so far this Masonic year. To reiterate a phrase heard many times 'good things don't just happen, they take effort', that effort is self evident. Thank you, my Brethren. Keep the pace and you will be rewarded many times over.

As a reminder, as promised, the 'applications' for the Masonic Scholarships will be available during the first week of January. These Scholarship grants are available to the children and grandchildren of all Masons in good standing. They are awarded solely on merit and accomplishments shown by the applicant. For more information, contact the Secretary of your Lodge or W.: George Springett by mail or phone. You can also contact me. The applications must be submitted by the end of April.

A reminder

The Council of Masonic Activities meeting will be held on January 18th at West Star Lodge No. 413, Varysburg, at 2:00 p.m. Several important events will be decided at this meeting, among which will be the preliminary planning for our trip to New York City in May for the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. It is requested that the Master be prepared to respond for this event so that appropriate plans can be put into action. I would like to encourage all Brethren to attend this meeting, it is not just for officers or a select few of the Brethren. What happens at this meeting impacts all of the Lodges and their respective memberships.

Keep up your Masonic endeavors and may God Bless each and everyone!

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Grand Sword Bearer

Genesee/Wyoming District



R. W. Richard C. Anderson

Brethren

I hope everyone had a successful and rewarding year in 1997 with your family, as well as Lodge affairs. I express my appreciation to the members of the Genesee/Wyoming District for their accomplishments during the past year. I have witnessed programs and meetings that were of utmost character and achievement. Installation of officers, the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, Awards Programs, Grand Lecturer's Convention and the Degree work in the District has been tremendously rewarding. The increase of the activities and involvement is a great help to our District and the Fraternity.

In 1998, the District will continue to be building members and Lodges. The Leadership Development Course and the Road to the East Programs will be presented to the Brothers of the Lodges.

Please keep in touch and inform one another.

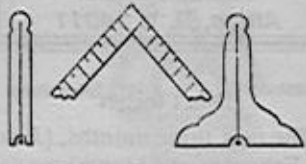
Future events

On January 6th the Eagle Badge Presentation will take place at Warsaw Lodge.

There will be a Master Mason Degree at Oakland Lodge in Castile on January 6th.

Oakland Lodge in Castile will have a Table Lodge on January 10th.

The Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred at Triluminar Lodge in Pike on January 14th.



**Masters &
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 GENESSEE-WYOMING
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 W. Dennis M. Turton, Sr.
 591-1179

Secretary/Treasurer
 R. W. Richard C. Anderson
 493-2203

On behalf of the officers of the Genesee/Wyoming Masters and Wardens Association, I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year! I hope the holidays were pleasant for all.

Reminder

Just a reminder to all Lodges in the District - this Association has in place a list of Brothers who are willing to assist you in the Ritual work of your Degrees. If any Master, Warden or other in-

terested Brother isn't on the "Degree Assistance Team", please call or write me for a parts form. It would be nice to have all the Masters and Wardens taking part in this program.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 29th at Attica Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m. We will have a brief meeting and an interesting program. Bring your lovely ladies and afterwards we'll have friendship, fellowship, and light refreshments. Please mark your calendars and make an effort to attend. Your Association can only grow and prosper with your participation.

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



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

January 18, 1998

A very important date, a date not to be missed. WHY? This is the date for the next Council meeting which will start at 2:00 p.m. Make special note that the place of the meeting has been changed to Varysburg, New York.

Check your schedule and plan on being at the meeting. You will not be missing any football, as there is not a game that day.

This will also be Candy Distribution Day. See R. W. Jerold Brade for your share of the bars.

I hope that your holiday was a joyous occasion, and I expect to see you on January 18th.

PLA 

G/W

Communications

W. George R. Springett
 Chairman

By W.: George Springett

Many ways

There are many ways in which a person can communicate with another. Mouth to ear is probably the method that is the most commonly used. You are looking at another method here. E-mail and the Internet are some new methods.

If you are so inclined to be an Internet user, here are some web sites that I find may be of interest to you. All contain links to other Masonic sites.

1) <http://www.masonic-network.com>

You must obtain a password for access to the Masonic chat room.

2) <http://www.nymasons.org>
 NY Grand Lodge site with link to e-mason ring (interconnecting link to other Grand Lodges, Lodges and other Masonic sites).

3) <http://www.freemasonry.org>
 A link site to miscellaneous Masonic sites of both related and anti-Masonic subjects. Don't get caught up in some of the improper sites for they can be very deceptive.

4) <http://167.217.91.135/graphics/home.htm>


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5) <http://www.iinc.com/vangelis>

Website of Batavia Lodge No. 475 (needs to be updated but is interesting).

My Brothers, if you are aware of another interesting Masonic site, I would appreciate a land line connection at 247-3557 or e-mail at Grand_Poohbaa@msn.com. If the site is found worthy, I will communicate the address in a later column.

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 David Hossenlopp,
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 Arcade, New York 14009

Combined event

The previously scheduled Brother Bring-a-Friend Night will now occur on January 27th. We are anticipating an interesting night. The event has been combined with Mt. Vernon Lodge in Java Village, so that more prospective candidates can participate.

For those who do not live nearby and are not familiar with this program, it is an evening to bring an acquaintance to Lodge to show them what Masonry is about.

All guests are sent invitations and those accepting are shown what the history of Masonry is, the programs of all groups of Masonry, including all Concordant Bodies, and the expectations of becoming and being a Mason.

For those Rusty Brothers who have not been present in the last year or so, it would be nice to be able to see you there and say to the guests, we are all Brothers and members of this Masonic Lodge. Realizing that it will be COLD in January and you may not be able to attend, please make an effort to before the end of May, the end of my tenure.

This evening will be an open meeting and therefore, there will be no formal opening or closing. Try to be there.

4th Tuesday only

The January and February meeting dates shown in the previous issue's calendar were incorrect. They should have been the 4th Tuesday only.

Programs


The District Child ID Program has been slow this Fall, but shows signs of taking a giant leap this Spring. It appears, as of this writing, that several tapings will be done in conjunction with the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts in Bergen, LeRoy and Varysburg, with others pending. We always need help at these tapings and it is not rocket science.

The Road to the East and Leadership Training Programs will take place in the near future. Both are informative and inter-

esting, relative to Masonry. Some of the questions that come up are not that easy. You do not have to be an officer to take the Course, but you do have to take the Course to be a better officer.

May you and yours have a very happy New Year.

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

 W.: Robert
 Clow,
 Master
 584-9944
 1st & 3rd
 Wed.

R. W.: Robert Nicoll, Secretary
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Brethren

This is the happy New Year issue of the *Masonic Times*. It's the time to look ahead and "Plan Ahead". In just two more years will be the new millennium, 2000. Thirteen years ahead Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 will celebrate its founding and 200 years of tradition and history.

Olive Branch is a "surviving" Lodge. It survived the Morgan Incident, wars, depression, good times and not so good. There have been many bumps in the road, and there has always been a core of Brothers making this Lodge survive.

Our number one project now is to induce men's interest in our Fraternity, the greatest Fraternity conceived by the minds of men. The square, compasses, and letter "G", our logo, is the worldwide sign in integrity. Too long we have been silent about Masonry. Now we are resurging, building a stronger Fraternity in LeRoy, New York State and the world. So, Brothers, talk to young men, write to young men, tell the story of Masonry, why you are a Freemason, and join in this fellowship of Lodge meetings.

January

There will be one communication in January, the third Wednesday, January 21, 1998. A short business meeting, refreshments, and a surprise entertainment are planned.

We, the Officers of Olive Branch Lodge No. 39, with all our members locally and throughout this great country of ours, wish all a happy and prosperous New Year.

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F. & A.M.




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January 1998
of your Lodge. To those who are more fortunate, please send a little extra for "the good of the order".

Pancake Breakfast

Since October our monthly Pancake Breakfast has generated over \$350.00 profit. This money helps defray our Lodge expenses and keeps us from the possible raising of our annual Lodge dues. Every member within driving distance of the Lodge has a work schedule of when they have to work. Please adhere to this schedule, and if for some good reason you cannot work when assigned, call another worker to replace you. Keep in mind that this \$350.00 would equal 6 1/2 annual dues.

Happy New Year

The Master and Officers of Attica Lodge wish you and yours a very happy and prosperous New Year.

West Star
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F. & A.M.



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I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday season.

A good year

1997 went by fast and we accomplished many tasks. We had a lot of fun and got work done. We also learned a few things, so putting it all together, I feel it was a good year.

Past events

Before I go any further I will mention some events that took place since we visited last. On November 26th eight Brothers from West Star No. 413 traveled to Triluminal Lodge No. 543 and we brought the Traveling Trophy, Molly, back to West Star. Although there was no power shortage in the Temple like the last time we visited them, something new happened. While Brother Charles Krauss from Triluminal created a disturbance, bragging about being at the Euchre Camp, we caught someone trying to carry Molly out the back door. I shouldn't mention Keith's name, so I won't.

Bring-a-Friend

On December 3rd Varysburg and Attica hosted a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. It was a very enjoyable evening and both Lodges may gain new members. R.: W.: Jerold Brade served an excellent Spaghetti Dinner with meatballs and sausage. Thank you Jerry and all those who helped. I had seconds.

Santa's visit

On December 13th Santa visited West Star at our Christmas Party.

A new year

Now it is time to look forward to 1998. We have many ideas about things to do. We want to have some fun, as well as, get some work done. My main goal this year is a new member and to get as many members as possible to visit Lodge at least once or twice. We are all Brothers and we miss the opportunity to socialize with you. Have a nice holiday and drive carefully.

Special thanks

A special thank you to all who donated items for our Auction and to those who attended and made it a huge success.

Greetings Brothers

The holidays are over and I hope you had a very Merry Christmas. Best wishes for a Happy New Year! Now it is time for us to return to our labors.

Gifts

The widows of the District were pleased with their poinsettias. These Christmas plants are distributed each year as a token of the Lodge appreciation for their help. The last several years we have been including all widows in Bliss and all who are confined during the Holidays.

Future plans

The first item on the agenda will be the selecting of a committee to work on updating and revising the Lodge By-Laws. We are thinking of holding one meeting a month in January and February. Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas, there is only one meeting in November and December.

Goals

Next will be the setting of goals for 1998. In order to properly upgrade our Lodge, new goals must be set. Teamwork and cooperation among the Brothers is very important. Everyone should try to attend all meetings and present his ideas to the Lodge. A Lodge will only be able to grow and flourish if ALL members help.

Many times you hear complaints that this was Jones' idea. He is running the Lodge for himself. If you do not attend meetings, you won't be heard. Take an active part in your Lodge and attend meetings. Remember, committees are being formed to establish how the Lodge will be run in the future. If you have any ideas come and join a committee. We will be looking for you and your input.

Sickness and distress

Many times a Brother becomes ill or disabled. The message of his plight does not reach us and therefore cards and well wishes can't be sent to him to let him know we care.

Award

A 55 Year Pin and Plaque was presented to Brother Gordon Klump on October 5th at his home in Bliss.

Greetings Brothers

As we look into the new year all Brothers should reflect on those less fortunate than themselves. If you know of anyone in need of our aid or sympathy, stretch out your hand and hands the best way you can. Sometimes a friendly handshake or a few kind words are all that it takes to brighten one's day or holiday season. May everyone have a safe, prosperous new year.

New year

Several committees have been formed at Oakland to address some very important issues. I would urge all members to attend our first meeting in January. Discussions will range from fundraising and building maintenance to finance. See you there on January 6th.

Table Lodge

As reported in the last issue there will be a Table Lodge at Oakland on January 10th. We will start at 3:00 p.m. This will undoubtedly be a memorable occasion. All are invited. Please RSVP to me at PO Box 25, Bliss, NY 14024 or call me at 322-7545 by December 31st.

3rd Degree

In an effort to better accommodate our new Brothers for the 3rd Degree, the date has been changed from January 6th to January 24th at 1:00 p.m. without taking time off work, they would not be able to start at 5:30 p.m. on a weekday. W.: Tom Scott (and their wives) will be in charge of dinner. Let's all show our love of the Craft by welcoming these new Brothers into Masonry. Plan to attend and after the Ritual we will share our Super Bowl picks.

Closing

As we go through our daily lives we should all attempt to have a positive and healthy attitude. All our actions and reactions are reflected upon others. As Brothers we should all show our love of the Craft, and all mankind, how men should act. No one is perfect, but that journey toward perfection should be a pleasant and meaningful experience.

A short time ago I told my District Deputy that one of my goals at Oakland was to raise the morale of the troops. I have since learned that morale can only be raised from the top down. No one better exemplifies this than our Grand Master, Earle J. Hino, Jr. With his direction and leadership it's made my job in the East a pleasure. I am looking forward to a prosperous 1998. Mark your calendars and join us at our next meetings. There is strength in numbers. God Bless.

Happy holidays
Season's greetings and a wish for continued happiness for 1998!

Table Lodge

Oakland Lodge No. 379 in Castile will host a Table Lodge on Saturday, January 10th at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.


1st Degree

Thursday, January 15th, at 8:00 p.m., will find us with a new candidate in the throes of the 1st Degree. It is still not too late to volunteer to help, and it will be an opportunity to renew your proficiency.

Congratulations

The following Brothers were raised in the month of December in the past: Donald H. Ackerman, Bruce J. Billings, Eric D. Bryant, Harold G. Chapin, Dale Cooley, Robert G. Cox, Charles C. Foskett, Omer P. Gill, Frederick E. Gilluly, Lawrence L. Graves, Searle W. Hocking, Gary A. Jurkowski, Wesley H. Kline, Sr., Leo D. Milhollen, Raymond H. Morgan, Russell B. Olin, Gerald C. Sharle and Merle C. Webster. Congratulations, Master Masons!

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Don't forget

The next three months, (January, February and March) we will have just one meeting each month, which is the 3rd Wednesday.

Brother Bring-a-Friend

On December 3rd Attica Lodge hosted a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We met at 6:30 p.m. for a Spaghetti Dinner prepared by R.: W.: Jerry Brade and W.: Dennis Turton. After dinner we adjourned to the Lodge room where several Lodge Officers spoke on different phases of Masonry. We had five friends in attendance who enjoyed the meeting and hopefully will consider joining our Craft. We are scheduling another such night in the Spring of 1998.

Dues


The Lodge dues notices were sent to all members the latter part of November and thus far, 45% have already remitted. The Master wishes to thank all who responded so quickly and encourages all those who haven't as yet to do so as soon as your cabletow will allow. Don't forget Brothers, your annual dues are the life-line

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reflected against the white snow.

The religious activities included the Hanukkah Luncheon, Christian services and the Resident Christmas Parties in the Health Facility and Wiley Hall. On Christmas Eve, a Candlelight Service was held in the Master Mason Activity Room with many residents, their family members and friends in attendance.

The residents also looked forward to the many visitors who came during December. Many Lodges and Districts made time in their busy holiday schedules to bring holiday greetings to the residents. Special thanks to Wantagh Morton Lodge as well as the 8th Manhattan, Dutchess and Oneida Districts.

With the holidays as the theme, the Activities Department led the residents in reminiscing about the family traditions. Special intergenerational programs were held with the children from the Masonic Campus Child Care Center including watching the movie, "The Beauty and the Beast-The Enchanted Christmas". The Utica Community, through various groups, provided the residents with holiday cheer and song. The West Side Senior Center Choral Unit and the Sauquoit Elementary School Band and Choir performed in the Master Mason Activity Room. At the Ladies Club meeting, the Masonic Campus Child Care Center and the Shriner's Hospitals received donations from the Club. The Shrine Clowns attended and entertained the ladies. Men's Clubs had a special meal of venison stew, in addition to holiday merriment. They also had a program about the Battle of Gettysburg.

While fun, fellowship, fraternalism, and excitement were the bywords during this time of the year, everyone spent some time reflecting on how thankful we are for the beautiful Masonic Campus, appreciative residents, and supportive Masonic members, Lodges and Districts. The residents and staff at the Masonic Home trust that this holiday season was safe and joyous for you and yours. It is our sincere hope that 1998 be healthy and prosperous.

To schedule a Masonic Campus visit or program, 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.

Acacia Village News

New Arrivals at Acacia Village

Acacia Village welcomed several new residents to their circle of friends during November and December. A. Edward Gay, Lockport Lodge No. 73, F&AM, is a retired dental surgeon from Lockport, NY. He is a widower with three children. Edward's hobbies are hunting and painting. He plans to expand his leatherworking hobby.

Bernarr Cooper, Ph.D., is from Rensselaer, NY, and a member of Greenbush Schodack Union Lodge No. 87. For many years he worked for the State Department as a media specialist. He has also acted and performed as a night club singer. Bernarr is a professor emeritus from Worcester State in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Carolyn Caul, from Ithaca, is a retired school teacher. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Syracuse University and her Masters Degree from Cornell. Mrs. Caul is a widow with three children. She is an avid reader and swimmer who loves to knit.

We are proud to have these fine individuals as a part of Acacia Village's family. We welcome each of them. If you would like to arrange for a tour of our Masonic Retirement Community or if you would like some information, please call 315-798-4775 or 800-593-3353.

Video available

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

If you would like to use the video for a program, contact W.: Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator, Masonic Home, 2150 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY 13501-1788 or call 800-322-8826 or 315-798-4923. Brother Clark will arrange for a speaker to be there when the video is shown to answer any questions. He will also coordinate your visit to the Campus in Utica.

Visitors Welcome

Acacia Village has recently had, and will have in the next few weeks, the opportunity to welcome many visitors. In November, Brethren and ladies from the 8th Manhattan stopped in for lunch and a tour. In December, in addition to the family members visiting for the holidays, the Dutchess District joined us on December 6th.

At the end of January, Acacia Village will host a very interesting event. On Saturday, January 31st, from 3-5 p.m., the First and Second Oneida Districts, along with the Herkimer District, will be hosting a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program at Acacia Village. The purpose is to introduce perspective candidates and their wives to the Fraternity with a presentation by several speakers sharing information of what Masonry is all about. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. For more information, contact W.: David High at the Masonic Home, 315-798-4931 or at his residence, 315-841-3466. Masons and their wives are welcome to attend.

Later in 1998 two special occasions will take place at Acacia. On February 7th, the Utica Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, will celebrate their 175th Anniversary with a full program on the Campus. As part of the New York Ontario Shrine Association meeting in Utica, the Shriner's ladies will enjoy lunch and a tour of Acacia Village and the Masonic Campus on May 9th.

To be part of our calendar of events for 1998 at the Masonic Campus, please contact either W.: Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator at 315-798-

4923 or 800-322-8826 or Alice Demma, Director of Acacia Village at 315-798-4775 or 800-593-3353. Your visit and tour of the Masonic Campus and Acacia Village will be very rewarding.

The Rest of the Tale

By Jay McCullough

The Rest of the Tale

In the November issue of the *Times*, a feature article appeared on Brother William G. Rohrbacher, relating to his WW II time as a POW.



The family and Masonic connections were not recorded. Bill was raised in Warren C. Hubbard No. 964 on March 15, 1957. He became interested in the Craft through a customer friend who was in that Lodge. He demitted from the consolidated Wakan/Hubbard No. 154 in November of 1995 and affiliated with Etolian No. 479 in Spencerport the next month. He and his wife, Mary, have lived in Spencerport for 46 years and were more familiar with other Craft members in the village than with those in his mother Lodge. His frequent visits to Lodge in Spencerport helped in the decision to make a change.

Bill was born in Buffalo. He was employed by Canada Dry and was later attached to the plant on Mt. Read Blvd., where he became manager of the Syrup Division. Dealing with jobbers around the State got him involved with theatre chains, carnivals, circuses, vending machine people and the like, so most of his professional life was connected to or in the entertainment business. He was the manager of Olympic Park on Scottsville Road and with A and S Entertainment for several years each, in business for himself having booked acts at Kodak's Management Club and the Xerox long service events for many years. Even today, he can't let go. He's with Vernon Specialty Co., dealing with calendars, pens, T-shirts and the like. He does admit to getting away more often to play a little golf in the local area these days.

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Cardiovascular Disease Meeting

Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) and members of his Experimental Cardiology Team, attended the 70th Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association in Orlando, Florida.

The meeting, which brought together over 37,000 scientists, physicians, nurses and exhibitors from all over the world, serves as a forum for the exchange of state-of-the-art information relating to Cardiovascular Disease.

MMRL scientists presented five papers at the annual meeting dealing with subjects ranging from mechanisms controlling the flow of calcium ions into heart cells to the cellular mechanisms responsible for life-threatening abnormal rhythms of the heart.

Drs. Alexander Burashnikov and Antzelevitch presented two papers showing how a newly developed drug blocks an ionic current known as IKs acts to dissipate electrical heterogeneities that normally exist in the heart, causing heart cells to develop "triggered activity" that can cause single extrasystoles and lead to rapid heart rates (tachycardia).

Drs. Wataru Shimizu and Antzelevitch presented a paper dealing with two forms of the Long QT Syndrome, a syndrome responsible for causing sudden death in children and young adults. The scientists presented data showing how two genetically distinct forms of this disease may be distinguished in the ECG. These studies are important in that scientists and physicians agree that future therapy of the Long QT Syndrome, as well as other diseases, should be tailored to the genetic basis for the disease.

Drs. Gan-Xin, Antzelevitch and Drs. Fadi and Rosenbaum, collaborators at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, presented a paper showing the mechanism underlying the appearance of life-threatening rapid heart rates in patients with the Long QT Syndrome.

Drs. Andrew Zygmunt, Robert Goodnow and Antzelevitch presented a paper dealing with the intricate mechanisms that control the flow of calcium ions into heart cells. Calcium ions regulate the flow of other ions into the cardiac cells and are essential for effecting contraction of the heart cell, which is the basis for the pumping action of the heart.

The Experimental Cardiology Team at the MMRL is widely regarded as one of the leading groups in the field of cardiac electrophysiology and arrhythmias working to unravel the mysteries of the electrical function of the heart and to provide new treatments and cures for abnormal rhythms of the heart.

Remodeling of the Heart

The Annual Meeting of the International Cardiac Electrophysiology Society preceding the Annual Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association focused on remodeling of the heart, a phenomenon in which the electrical activity and structure of the heart change progressively during the course of chronic cardiac disease. Among the highlights of the meeting was the Gordon K. Moe Lecture given by Dr. Maurits Allesie of the Netherlands, who presented data in support of the concept that "atrial fibrillation begets atrial fibrillation".

Atrial fibrillation is the most prevalent cardiac arrhythmia or abnormal heart rhythm afflicting our senior citizens. The Dutch study showed that when atrial fibrillation is permitted to continue for long periods, electrical and structural changes occur in the cells of the heart, making termination of atrial fibrillation progressively more difficult and its initiation more probable. These findings may have important implications for how atrial fibrillation will be treated in the future.

The meeting, held in Orlando, Florida, was co-organized and presided over by the Society's President, Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) located in Utica, NY. The named lecture was in memory of Gordon K. Moe, who preceded Antzelevitch as Director of the MMRL.



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Holiday Season Very Festive

The Holiday season is always a very exciting time of the year for the residents and staff at the Masonic Home. Starting with Thanksgiving, family members and friends made that special effort to be with their loved ones. This increase in visitors brought many smiles and much joy to our residents.

In December, the Campus became a Winter Wonderland. The Holiday decorations were abundant throughout the Campus. Santa's sleigh, the manger scene, the Menorah and hundreds of lights on the buildings, trees and bushes. The freshly fallen snow glistened as the colorful lights displayed their magic-their rays

Masonic Q & A

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

Q. What are the "Old Charges"?

A. The first book of Freemasonry, printed in 1723, is known as *Anderson's Constitutions*. In it appear six "Old Charges" which are a statement of the old laws of operative Freemasonry concerning a Mason and his conduct. These six Old Charges are titled: Of God and Religion; Of the Civil Magistrate Supreme and Subordinate; Of Lodges; Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices; Of the Management of the Craft in Working [and] Of Behavior. The last (sixth) Old Charge is concerned with behavior: "in the Lodge while constituted; after Lodge is over and the Brethren not gone; when Brethren meet [with] Strangers, but not in a Lodge; in the presence of Strangers not Masons; at Home and in the Neighborhood [and] towards a strange Brother."

Many "Books of the Law" - Constitutions, Codes etc. - of

Grand Lodges print these Old Charges. They can also be found in Mackey's Encyclopedia and in the Little Masonic Library.

Q. What is the "Regius Poem"?

A. [The Regius poem], sometimes called the Halliwell Document, is loosely speaking, the oldest of the "Manuscript Constitutions" of Freemasonry. Dated approximately A.D. 1390, it is in old Chaucerian English [and] difficult to read without a translation. It is preserved in the British Museum.

It is not, strictly speaking, a "Constitution", although it has within it much that is found in manuscripts. It is more a document about Freemasonry than for Masons. It is discursive, rambling, wordy and parts of it are copies of contemporary documents, notably "Urbanitatis" and "Instructions to a Parish Priest". Within the Regius, thirty-eight lines are devoted to "The Four Crowned Martyrs", which are not referred to in any of the manuscript Constitutions.

The book is approximately four by five and one-half inches, the pages fine vellum, the letters in red and what was probably once black but now is a rather drab greenish-brown color.

Its most curious feature is that it is written in verse, which is why it is often called the Regius Poem, although it is

much more Doggerel (you can look this one up) than poetry.

It is important to Masonic students for many reasons; to the average Mason its most salient feature may be that it ends with what are, so far as is known, the oldest words in Masonic Ritual (see next question).

Q. Why do we use "So mote it be" instead of "Amen"?

A. "So Mote It Be" are the final words of the "Regius Poem". "Mote" is old English for "may". Masons have used the phrase since the beginning of the written history of the Craft. Freemasonry includes many words, now obsolete, which bring the sanctity of age and the continuity of Ritual from ancient days to modern times. □



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Secretary
W.: Robert Sanford

The Past Master's Supper Club meets every fourth Friday at 7:00 p.m. at the Red Men's Club, 1000

Lexington Avenue near Mt. Read. Those who wish may come at 6:00 p.m. and enjoy the fellowship or try a few hands of Euchre. This is a very fast hour!

After Euchre, we adjourn to the dining room for dinner off the menu. The prices are reasonable, generally under \$10.00, and the food is fine. We have a good relationship with the Club. They cooperate with us well, and provide a meeting room for us.

We generally have a speaker. For instance, on Friday, January 23rd, our guest speaker will be Sgt. St. John from the Ogden Police Department. Sgt. St. John is on the Canine Squad. He will bring his well trained dog and tell us "all we ever wanted to know about police canines". It is expected that the dog will demonstrate his skills. Please call Bob Sanford at 292-6333 if you would like to join us for the evening.

All Past Masters are welcome to join our group. The yearly dues are very modest and are used to cover postage. Why don't you come out for one of our meetings. You might enjoy it! If you forget to call in your reservations, come anyway. This group wants all who attend to have a pleasant and entertaining evening. If you want to know more, call me at 494-2546. We'll see you there. □



FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

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We live in the Information Age. When Marshall McLuhan used this language thirty years ago to describe the future, the more practical of us accepted it with a rather large grain of salt, used the statement in all the right places-to pass tests, to be hip at cocktail parties-but otherwise largely ignored it as we went about the business of making a living. During that time our lives have been invaded by answering machines, faxes, copiers, cell phones, computers, CD's, laptops and the Internet.

As these changes were not "events" in the sense that Bell's "telephone" was at the Centennial Exposition, their occurrence incrementally changed our lives. I personally have had all the curmudgeonly responses-"...ain't gonna have one of those damn answering machines in my house!", I said. That lasted about two Christmases.

Even though I worked very hard to not acknowledge the truth of McLuhan's observation, I did notice that the Xerox Corporation and University of Michigan teamed up and offered for sale a set of CD's in 1978 that contained the complete text of every book published in North America up through 1930. That impressed me. By 1995, one could purchase the complete Encyclopedia Britannica on a set of CD's that would fit in your jacket pocket.

I could go on and talk about the impact of the computer as well as all the other technology that is changing our lives. But my point is, we are beyond the Information Age and into what I like to call the Age of Information Overload. Some evidence that I would assemble to support this point would be the "sound bite" nature of most media, the increasing number of magazines and newspapers available, the number of TV channels, the huge increase in the number of radio licenses in a given market, the amount of junk mail which arrives weekly.

While the increase in information availability is in some respects a boon to the Masonic researcher, it has its downside, too. To name a few:

Sorting through masses of information is challenging;

As information becomes replaced by sound bite versions vital information is lost;

Readers become conditioned to only dealing with sound bites and lose the skill or the desire to reflectively read;

Meaning is reshaped by the writer's editing into sound bites and the readers desire to only read cursory writing.

It is difficult to speculate where this trend will take us; for the Mason seriously in search of further light, one can hope that original sources will be read and meaning preserved in language designed to open, rather than close, the mind. □



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From the Potentate



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The end is in sight

Well, we made it. January 14th is almost here. Brenda and I really can't believe that 1997 is almost over. We had a great time and our only hope is that you did too. Looking back at the past year in Damascus Temple, we had many highlights - a Public Installation, Circus, Potentate's Reception, 75th Hospital Party and Dedication of the Shrine Statue, the Imperial Convention in St. Louis attended by over 100 Nobles and ladies, Ox Roast, Oktoberfest, Holiday Party and most excitingly, the creation of 41 new Nobles, plus the restorations and affiliations of several more. Nowonder I am tired.

Thank you

Nobles and ladies, none of this could have happened without you. You certainly gave us your support and respect. For this Brenda and I are ever thankful and we will have many fond

memories of our second family, the Nobles and ladies of Damascus Temple.

Audio tape

As I look back over 1997 I think the single most important contribution to Masonry and Damascus Shrine is the audio tape that our Membership Team produced to loan to a prospective member to explain what Freemasonry is all about.

Last week I was told that one of our Lodges had a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. They had 10 possible candidates there. The highlight of the program was the playing of the audio tape, "What is Freemasonry". After the program four of these men filled out petitions for membership, two more said that they would send theirs in, and if I heard right, two of them asked to borrow the tape to play for their friends.

My Brothers, we know that this tape is not the salvation for all Lodges, but if used properly and often, it works. It has been an arduous job getting the tapes delivered to Lodges, due to the fact that we do not have a proper listing of Secretaries and Masters in our outlying areas. Our office is working diligently to get them delivered. If your Lodge has not received the tape, please contact R. W. Ron Mertens at our Temple office (716-671-7701) and he will see that you get one.

Annual Meeting

Please note that our Annual Meeting has been changed to January 14th. This will be a true Shell-a-Buck Dinner. For only \$1.00 you will receive an open bar for one hour (5:00 - 6:00). Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and will include soup, salad, steak, baked potato, vegetable, rolls and but-

ter, dessert and coffee. Reservations are a must. No reservations will be accepted after Monday, January 12th. No walk-ins!

Best wishes

To Joe Bourcy and his lady, Barbara, and officers, Brenda and I congratulate you and wish you a very successful year.

A happy and healthy New Year to all.

Shrine Membership

By Bruce Chilton

"How good it is to dwell in unity". Of all the things that Damascus Temple has accomplished this year, I feel the most important is that we have done it together. We have joined forces to enlighten those who are uninformed, the benefits of membership in the Masonic family.

The Tape

The stories of the tape are pouring in and I will share one with you. A Lodge in the 2nd Monroe District used the tape at a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. They played the tape for 7 potential candidates and they received petitions for 5 of those men. I can't say that those men are joining Masonry solely because of that tape, but I can tell you that I was thrilled to hear that four of them asked if they could borrow the tape to take home to play for their families. To my knowledge, this has never happened before.

The Rites

We have worked closely along side of the Scottish Rite in an effort that has greatly rewarded both organizations and soon we will contact the Knights Templar and the Royal Arch to organize joint programs with them. This, my Brothers, is the way it is supposed to be!

1998

Our challenge in 1998 will be to keep the ball rolling and to improve. I have no doubt that this will be done. The Shrine wants to continue to work with all the Bodies to assist in any efforts that they may be undertaking. We want to help in any way we can. If you need programs, Degree work, facilities or anything else that we can give you, then call us at the office at 671-7701.

The current Potentate of Damascus Temple, Erwin Newell, will leave behind a legacy. He single handedly has started the turn around in unity and membership decline. Because of him, I know that anything is obtainable. The Blue Lodge, both Rites, and especially the Shrine, owes this man among men a deep debt of gratitude. His love for the Masonic family has given us a new direction. His dream for the future has made it possible for us to accomplish our lofty goals. I am sure I speak for all of us when I say from the bottom of my heart, ERWIN, THANK YOU!

From the Recorder

By Cyrus Kloner, PP

For the first time a Damascus Temple Cold Sands was held directly after the Scottish Rite Reunion and produced twenty-seven new Nobles. At this time I would like to again congratulate and welcome our new Nobles, who are as follows: James N. Bailey, Daryl L. Bentley, Vance R. Collom, Jr., Robert E. Cowley, Harry E. DeHollander, Paul L. Farnung, Raymond G. Glegg, Kenneth A. Gregory, U. Herbert Hoffman, Robert D. Kimmel, William T. King, Ralph Kraft, Roy L. Merritt, G. Michael

Morris, Scott D. Pellegrino, James R. Phillips, Larry D. Pritchard, William E. Reynolds, Raymond F. Ross, Norman F. Smith, William D. Spillane, David C. Sylvester, Lawrence D. Thibault, Edward F. Upchurch, Kenneth H. VanDuzer, B. Thomas Wadhams and Stacy L. Walker.

When you meet any of the above new Nobles, make them feel welcome because they are your Brothers. Remember that membership retention begins immediately upon a Noble's creation and should be started by each first line signer making sure that the Noble he brought into the Shrine is escorted to a Club or Unit meeting and becomes active.

It is our fervent desire to continue our energetic membership efforts in the coming year and increase the number of new Nobles created to reflect at least a zero decrease in membership. This is not a meager task considering that Damascus Temple loses approximately forty-five Nobles yearly to the Great Architect.

Congratulations

On another note, the Salvation Army will hold its Annual Meeting on February 10th. At this time they will present their most prestigious award, The "Others" award, to Ill. Charles R. Frear, PP. This Award is given to individuals who distinguish themselves as good and caring citizens by making significant contributions to the lives of others in the community. Anyone wishing to attend this function and support our "Charlie", please contact me at the office for details.

The Damascus Temple Office Staff wishes to extend to you and yours wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season!



**James A. Hard/
Wayne Charter**
Post No. 12

James Spencer, Commander
227-2419
William Golding, Adjutant
266-2384

By William Golding
Party time

On December 6th we held our Annual Christmas Party at Fame Lodge. The meal was terrific, plentiful and enjoyed by all. We had a nice turnout considering it was a sloppy Winter night and the roads were slippery. We all had a fun filled evening and went home happy.

As always, the high point of the evening was when the gifts were raffled off. The bidding went along at a terrific pace thanks to our auctioneer, Don McDill. From what I could see of the gifts that were opened, they were pretty nice considering there was a limit of \$5.00. I was glad to see

that Leon VanHuben won the major prize, something he really wanted. We are looking forward to next year's event.

From the Commander

I am really sorry I missed our Christmas Party, but it was because I had a previous commitment. Many thanks to those who did attend and made it a success. My particular thank you to those who worked so hard preparing the meal, setting up, serving, and cleaning up.

On behalf of my fellow officers, I wish you all a very Happy New Year. (James Spencer, Com.)

Back to the Adjutant

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and there are some of you that still have not paid your 1998 dues. I would appreciate it very much if you would take care of this as soon as possible.

I have to file a report with the Grand Post as to how many paid up members we have as of January 1st. We pay a per capita tax of \$3.00 per member and this is included in each member's dues. This is why I request you to pay your dues now.

Our next meeting will be on March 19th. At this meeting we will elect the 1998-99 officers. We welcome your input on all matters concerning our Post. Come out, exercise your vote, and have the freedom of the floor to express yourself.

Somewhere along the line I read the following. It gave me a smile and I pass it along to you, perhaps it will enlighten your day: People say I am old and grouchy. That's not quite true. I have always been grouchy. It's the old that's new.

Mid-Day Bowling League



John Specht, Secretary
548-2694

By Jay McCullough

Seniors still at it!

The seniors Tuesday afternoon (1:30 to 3:00) bowling league is at Spencerport Bowl. League President is a "good ole sport", namely Ruel 'Buz' Lovett (494-2546) and the Secretary is John (who didn't pay) Specht (548-2694). An entry fee for an ABC card and \$5.25 for each week's outing constitute the cost, along with a buck or two when you start for a little league prize money.

Last year's participants have returned. Any Brothers, along with their friends who need not

be of the Craft, but are available during the day, are welcome to come for no-pressure hour and a half of fellowship, fun and the exercise of bowling.

Want to do some bowling in the daylight, travel on good roads to get there, and find the coffee pots on and ready just for you? Come out and visit if you're free some Tuesday. This is a casual event. Buz has garnered high series this far in the season with a 689 (let's see, was that with or without handicap?). Dick Giedd uses this time to practice for Wednesday nights at Maiden Lanes. Don Hargrave gets the hospital to adjust his pacemaker checkup schedules so he doesn't

miss a frame. He's catching up to the league leaders at a steady rate.

Call Buz or John and let them know you'll trek down expressway 531 to see what's happenin'. The lanes are 16 minutes from the Downtown Temple.



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Scottish Rite NEWS

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Sing-a-Long

The Old Fashioned Holiday Sing-a-Long held on December 4th was a great hit. Those who could not sing, hummed or sat and enjoyed the music. Brother William Kuchne played the organ and Brother Paul Moore, Most Wise Master, led the music presentations.



The first part of the program consisted of singing Christmas songs that followed a brief introduction to the several phases of the birth of Christ. This was followed by the singing of more Carols without introductions.

Everyone had an enjoyable evening. □

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



Volunteers are needed

Alice Rossi is now working with seven students in the Frank and Bette Paul Children's Learning Center. Currently the Center is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and she tutors from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. While she is working with the children she needs someone in the receptionist's office to answer the telephone and just be there, especially in the evenings. If you can make yourself available for an hour or two on a regular basis, please call Alice at 442-7290, the Scottish Rite Office at 271-0715 or the Service Bureau at 473-4351. Word will be passed along to her if she is not available to answer the phone.

The copy for last month's article was submitted before the Reunion, of course, so there are some acknowledgments that need to be made:

- Bruce Chilton's Damascus Temple Membership Development Team and Bob Cameron's Scottish Rite Ambassadors to the Lodges, through special efforts and hard work, brought in 25 members to the Fall contingent of the Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA Class. They are:
- Daryl L. Bentley
 - Edward A.W. Brereton
 - Vance R. Collom, Jr.
 - Robert E. Cowley
 - Paul L. Farnung
 - Kenneth A. Gregory
 - U. Herbert Hofmann
 - Robert D. Kimmel
 - William T. King
 - Ralph Kraft
 - Roy L. Merritt
 - G. Michael Morris
 - Scott D. Pellegrino
 - James R. Phillips
 - Larry D. Pritchard
 - Charles C. Rettig
 - William E. Reynolds
 - Raymond F. Ross
 - Norman F. Smith
 - William D. Spillane
 - David C. Sylvester
 - Lawrence D. Thibault
 - Edward F. Upchurch
 - Kenneth H. VanDuzer
 - Stacy L. Walker

Sponsors

- The sponsors for these new Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret are:
- Robert Cameron
 - Bruce Chilton
 - Robert Coleman
 - Lee Coller
 - Robert Crystal
 - Harry Dainty (2)
 - Daniel Emerson
 - Nick Haldoupis
 - Robert Folts
 - Raymond Glegg
 - Donald Heath
 - Glenn Hedges 32° MSA
 - Garry Hutchurson (3)
 - Donald McDill

- Jacob Ponshock
- John Rodney
- Donald Rose
- Robert Sherberger
- Douglas Skelton
- George Simon
- Jeffrey VanHouten (2)
- Eldon White

Ernest Swan and McKinley Gath, of the Class Committee guided the Class through the Reunion with the willing assistance of Charles Hancock, Robert Pedersen, Douglas Skelton, Raymond Glegg, Dale Polmateer and Tom Grape. Thanks to their efforts the presentation of the Degrees went smoothly.

In the 12° Vignette Darryl Griffing was the Narrator, but was not listed in the cast in the *Masonic Times*. In every Reunion there are members of the casts, who for one reason or another, are unable to make it and thus someone else has to be recruited at the last minute to fill in. A thank you is extended to each of the following who did just that: Robert Franzen in the 13° Vignette; Robert Crystal and Craig Mollon in the 14°; Don Brugger, 32° MSA in the 15°; Steve Whittaker, 32° MSA in the 18°; Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33° in the 32° - 1st Section; James Spencer, Jeff Ross, Lawrence Bright, Alan Jeerings and James Pray in the 32° - 2nd Section.

Partly because of the holiday and partly because we are trying where we can to schedule Valley meetings so that they are not on the night after Shrine meetings, the January meeting will be on **January 15th**. It will be an All Bodies Business Meeting at 7:30 p.m. The General Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. prior to that meeting. I am sure Hilde and Joy will be serving delicious refreshments afterwards. □

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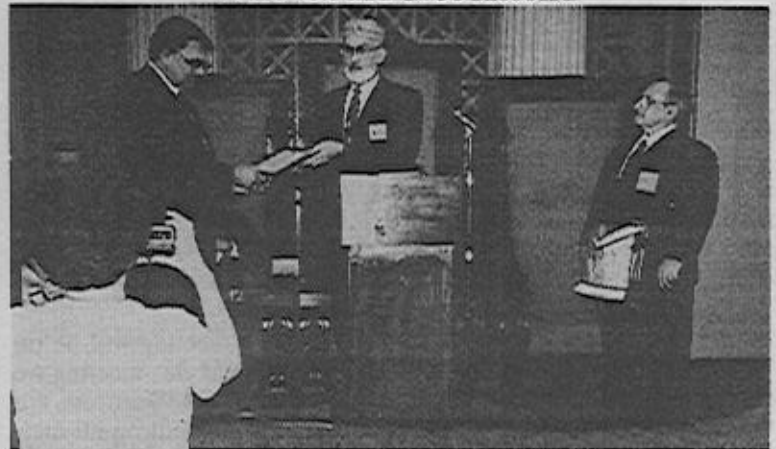
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Symbolic Lodge Awards Distributed to Those Who Could Not Attend



Donald Brugger, 32° MSA, presenting SR Symbolic Lodge Award to William Shelby in his home Lodge, Craftsman/Robertson No. 969. Distribution of these Awards will be completed by the Valley.



Lalla Rookh GROTTO

News

Patrol
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Caldron



Jan Lughart, Monarch

Monarch's Message

My lovely wife, Joyce, and I wish all Prophets and their families a joyous holiday season.

I would like to take this time to thank all my officers for a most productive year. Your help and advice has been highly appreciated.

Open Installation

January 24, 1998

We will be honored by having the ESGA Officers do the Installation, and Colors will be presented by the James Hard Masonic War Veterans. The Installation Ceremonies will begin at 4:00 p.m., refreshments at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Dancing and the social hour are to follow.

Please make your Dinner reservations by January 10th. The menu choices are Beef, Stuffed Chicken, or Eggplant Parmigiano. The cost is \$10.00 per dinner and checks may be made payable to and sent to Ron Morthorst, 231 Mystic Lane, Rochester, NY 14623.

Accommodations

Accommodations are available at the Strathallan, 550 East Avenue. For reservations, call 1-800-678-7248. The room rate is \$72.00 (Grotto rate). Use INSTANT to receive rate. All reser-

ervations must be made by December 27th. We have 10 rooms blocked off. Make your reservations now!!

Legion of Honor

December 3rd was our 233rd Dinner Meeting, at which time the 1998 Officers were elected. It was a pleasure to have Prophet Earl DeSmith with us after his November surgery.

We also welcomed our newest member, Prophet Ernie Swan of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154.

The Legion Public Installation will be held on Saturday, January 31st at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Avenue. Reservations/reply cards will be sent to all Legion members.

ESGA

Do you belong to the Empire State Grotto Association? Remember, the ESGA is open to ALL Prophets. Just ask any officer and we can take care of it for you. You can then join in the fun of our State organization. For information, call the Hotline.

Ceremonial Cast

By George Knierim
The Annual Cast Club Dinner Meeting to make plans for 1998 will be on Monday, January 12th at Rick's Prime Rib House, 788 Howard Road.

The social hour is at 5:00 p.m., and dinner at 5:45 p.m.

Dates to Remember

Thurs., Jan. 8th-Caldron Meeting Doric Hall 7:30 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 12th-Grotto Ceremony at Rick's Prime Rib, Howard Rd.

Thurs., Jan. 15th-Caldron Council home of Marcia Morrison

Wed., Jan. 21st-Board of Governors 5:30 p.m. Spring House

Sat., Jan. 24th-Grotto Installation

Sat., Jan. 31st-Legion of Honor Dutch Mill

Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship

Check the Auditorium Calendar

If there is a show on at the Auditorium, arrive early for a good parking space. Tell the attendant you are a Mason and the charge is only \$1.00.

Information Line

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

Board of Governors

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 21st at the Spring House. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies

The Officers of Lalla Rookh Grotto hope all the Prophets and families enjoyed a happy holiday season. January starts a new year and a time to set our goals and plans. Make a space in your busy schedule to include your attending the monthly Grotto meetings. You'll be glad you did.

Caldron News

Ring out the old, ring in the new. As we start the New Year let us remember the past, but with renewed energy anticipate the future and what we can do to help others.

Future events

The January 8th meeting will honor the Past Mighty Chosen Ones. On January 15th the Executive Council will meet at the home of Daughter Marcia Morrison, 169 Marion Street. Her co-hostess will be Daughter Dorothy Bartlett.

Grotto

Let's all support Lalla Rookh Grotto and attend their Installation on January 24th. See the Grotto News for further information.

Reminder

All our meetings are now at 7:30 p.m.

Special event

The Lalla Rookh Caldron's 50th Birthday Banquet will be held on February 7th at the Maplewood Inn. The social hour is at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Our friends are invited to help us celebrate this very special occasion. Call Daughter P. Rose Hartwig at 544-24763 or the MCO at 473-0181 for further information.

Thanks

Daughter Mildred Painton and I would like to thank all the Daughters who have helped prepare and serve the recent Grotto dinners. We appreciate the donation of your time during the busy holiday season.

Sunshine

Our shutins are doing very well. It was wonderful to see Daughter Merline Bueg at our Christmas Party. Don't forget to call our Sunshine Chairperson, Daughter Arline Topel at 663-2547 to report good or bad news. We want to know.

Best wishes

As we start the new year, our 50th, my wish for you is for a very happy and healthy new year.

Remember, the Caldron meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. We'll be looking for you.



By Harold Bollotin

Annual Gift Wrap Session

On Tuesday afternoon, December 9th, this annual event was held in the Auditorium of the Center.

This was one of the highlights of the year. The room was filled with a great many volunteers from various fraternal, veteran, civic and other organizations. Our Masonic volunteers have always enjoyed their participation.

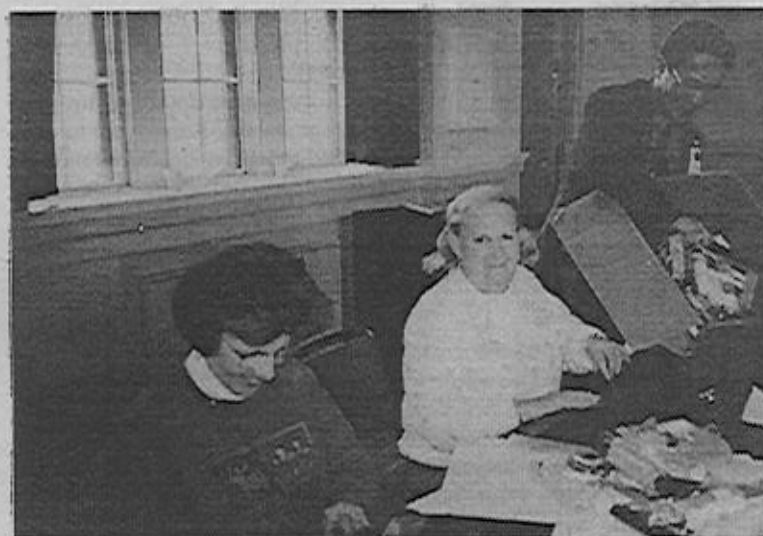
Our own volunteers and ladies who participated consisted of the following eleven: the nine regulars were Tom and Cora Paglia,

Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, Paul and Doris Robertson, Larry and Marge Hood and June Moon. The other two who joined us were Paul and Rose Israel, representing Flower City Lodge.

There were about 2,500 gifts that were made available for the Annual Gift Distribution Day on December 21st, consisting of about 1,000 canteen books and caps. We wrapped 1,500 gifts in one and a half hours.

Items of interest

We learned that the latest patient population is now at the level of 480, down from 600.



Cora Paglia and Sylvia Bollotin with Chief of Staff, Dr. Campbell, who gave a helping hand during the gift wrapping session.

Oscar Kohl, a veteran patient in another ward building, is a friend and former neighbor of Paul and Doris Robertson, and is a former member of Germania Lodge. Paul informed me that Oscar is 102 years old.

Prior to our Ward visit of October 12th, we received notice a

young lady patient was withdrawn, incommunicative and disturbed. We did not pay any particular attention to her because of her condition. During our visit in November, we found her in a private room. She was on a new medication and quiet. Tom, Cora,

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Lalla Rookh Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R.

Sympathy



Good Fellowship

Open Installation

4:00 p.m., Saturday, January 24, 1998

Cathedral Hall - Masonic Temple

875 Main Street East, Rochester N.Y.

Social Hour 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Dinner - Dancing to follow.

Dinner reservations by January 10, 1998 - Please!

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**District Deputy
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Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District



R.E. Daniel N. Evans

Joyous greetings, Companions
I hope that each and everyone of you has survived the holidays, that your Christmas was joyous and your New Year will be filled with happiness.

It is the beginning of a new year. New High Priests have been elected. They will soon be taking over the reins of their respective Chapters. Now is the time for each and everyone of them to be thinking the year ahead, and objectives that they wish to accomplish. A set of goals will be needed by each Chapter for this purpose.

The following are but two goals to be considered.

Meetings

Strive to hold meetings. If a sufficient number of members are not present, have an instructional meeting. Practice the Opening and Closing of a Chapter, spending time on floor and sword work.

Training

This is a good time for the senior officers of the Chapter to help the new officers. Some Chapters would benefit if there was more floor work. Especially those newer officers. Familiarity with the floor work will instill confidence in the new officers that they are ready for advancement to the next station.

Each High Priest must remember that he sets "the Craft at work giving them proper instruction for their labor". The High Priest is in charge of guiding his officers in Ritual and the conferring of Degrees. The full potential of this District's accomplishments rests solely with the High Priests of the District.

Having visited the District Chapters, we have seen much improvement, but we must continue to strive for more. As the DDGHP, I am looking forward to better communication between the Chapters and myself. □

**Western Star
Chapter No. 35
RAM**

1st & 3rd Thursdays

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

200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

By V.E.: Stephen Licht
Welcome to the new officers and Companions of Western Star Chapter as we begin 1998. At our Annual Convocation in December R.E.: Jerold Brade was elected High Priest, V.E.: Stephen Licht, King and Meritorious Companion, Franklin Lund as Scribe. Companion Paul McCullough has taken the reins as Secretary with R.E.: Horace Wilder serving as Treasurer. The appointed line of officers contains many new Companions embarking on their journey through Capitular Masonry.

New members

Please greet Companion Norman Steinbaugh who was exalted on December 18th in our Tabernacle. Several new Royal Arch Masons were also exalted, hailing from Arcade and Ames Chapters. With the influx of new members, it's important that our Companions attend, offer support and provide encouragement.

By-Laws

It was voted upon favorably to change our By-Laws to have only one stated convocation per month, on the 3rd Thursday, except in July and August, as was presented in the Summons mailed to all members. Approval by the Grand Chapter Standing Committee on By-Laws is pending.

Grand Chapter

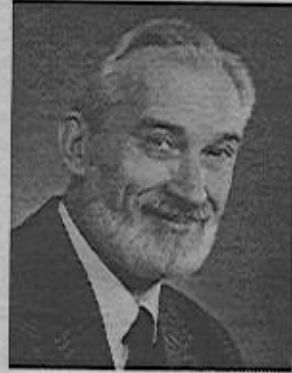
Arrangements are being made through District Deputy, R.E.: Dan Evans, for our annual sojourn to Grand Convocation in Albany. This year marks the 200th Anniversary of our Grand Chapter and a special celebration is planned to mark the event. This year the Thursday night Banquet is open to all Companions and their ladies. Room reservations must be made and meal tickets purchased prior to the 23rd of January. Several new Companions and their ladies will be attending for the first time, along with our regular contingent.

January

On January 15th our stated convocation is at 8:00 p.m. and the officers will be installed at that time. The Excellent High Priest will present his plan for the year and final arrangements will be made for attending Grand Chapter. □

**District Deputy
Grand
High Priest**

Royal Arch Masons
27th Capitular District



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

That time again

Room reservations for Grand Chapter in Albany, with deposit or credit card no., have to be in by January 23rd. Checks should be made payable to the Holiday Inn.

Reservations for meal tickets have to be purchased from me by February 1st. Checks should be made payable to Grand Chapter, RAM. They do not plan to sell tickets at the door and I have to return all unsold tickets by the deadline.

In celebration of the Grand Chapter's 200 Anniversary, the GHP has opened his Thursday night Banquet to all Companions (\$20 ea.). Both the Ladies and Men's Luncheons on Friday are \$13 and the Gala 200th Anniversary Banquet on Friday evening is \$30. It promises to be an enjoyable weekend.

Hospitality

As mentioned in the last issue, the Zahns will be hosting the 27th District's Hospitality Room again. The cost per attendee will be nominal and well worth it.

Degrees

Plans are in the works for our Spring Festival and help is needed both for casts and helpers. If you want to assist please contact me at 473-4351. The Mark Master Mason and Past Master Degrees will be conferred on Thursday, March 12th. The Most Excellent Master Degree will be conferred on Monday, March 30th. The Holy Royal Arch Degree will be conferred on Thursday, April 23rd. That still leaves you some time to get those petitions into the hands of prospective candidates. All Degrees will be conferred at the Downtown Temple, Rochester.

I am going to suggest to the High Priests of the District that recommenders get a complimentary dinner from their Chapters on the occasion of the conferral of the HPA Degree. More on this later.

Chapter Committees

High Priests; your Telephone, Bicentennial, Membership, Long Range Planning and Charities Committees should be up and running. If not, why not?

We are already into Grand Chapter's Bicentennial Year. Things should be happening. Your planning should be completed, implementation should be imminent. If this is not the case or if you have questions,

please call me. Don't leave these loose ends for your successor.

Grand Chapter's events will be kicked off in March and peak on St. John's Weekend. Let's do our part to get the RAM's message out. □

Hiram Chapter



No. 62
2nd & 4th
Thursdays
E.: Bruce Horncastle, High Priest
607-347-4880
Richard J. Oliver, Secretary
594-2380
875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

By E.: Thomas Paglia

Three members from Hiram Chapter No. 62; R.E.: Arnold Palmer, Grand Scribe, Royal Arch Masons, State of New York; Companion Bruce Horncastle, Scribe of Hiram Chapter and I, traveled to Orient Chapter No. 79 in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, to witness the Installation of Excellent Companion Rick Forester as First Principal. The evening was full of wonderful events. The Installation was something to behold. The First Grand High Principal and the Grand Line did most of the Installation.

After the Installation everyone attended a grand luncheon. Toasts were offered to the Queen, President, the Chapters present and to all attending. R.E.: Arnold Palmer was received with Grand Honors and he sure made a hit with them!

Thanks

Our next project is to get things ready for 1999 when R.E.: Arnold Palmer will be installed as Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons, State of New York. With the assistance of all the Companions of the Chapters in New York State, he will have a great year.

Again, I thank you for giving me the honor of serving as your High Priest.

God bless you all and pass on the great works of Royal Arch Masonry. □

By Bruce R. Horncastle

Happy New Year!

The holiday season has come and gone, and we are on to a new and busy year for 1998. The numerous challenges and activities that we hope to emphasize this year are as follows:

1. Degree/Ritual work.
2. Increasing the membership in the Chapter.

3. The 200th Year Anniversary of Royal Arch Masonry in New York State.

4. Hiram Chapter's visit to Orient Chapter in Scarborough, Ontario.

5. Hiram Chapter and its part in the Installation and Reception of R.E.: Arnold E. Palmer as the Grand High Priest of the State of New York in 1999.

6. Grand Chapter in March, 1998.

This is all certainly a mouthful. Let us take this piece by piece.

Degree/Ritual work

This is what may be one of the most important tasks for Hiram Chapter to undertake. Our Chapter certainly enjoys a substantial number of Companions who are active in our Degree and Ritual work. However, the Chapter is lacking in the adequate commitment to this work. This can be resolved by: 1. The Companions who are proficient in this work must again be willing to pick up the baton and continue these labors in our fine and noble Craft, 2. create the interest in the Royal Arch in our Brothers who are non-Companions. This will enable the Chapter to glean a larger selection of Companions to be engaged in this necessary work.

Increasing our membership

In 1998, we will see the Chapter continually striving to increase its membership and retain its existing members. It must also be present to the Companions that an increased participation is needed at the Chapter meetings, functions and convocations. There are approximately 200 Companions who are members of Hiram Chapter, yet only about 25 members attend frequently. Let us seek to increase this over the coming year. Your suggestions in this would be quite welcome either at the meetings or in writing to the High Priest.

200th Anniversary of Royal Arch Mason

This year the Royal Arch Masons celebrate 200 years of existence in New York State. Certainly, this calls for some display and gala! Our Bi-Centennial will be marked with numerous displays and events across the State. We will definitely participate in our greatest capacity. We will keep you posted as to the events planned and the according dates.

Orient Chapter visit

This year it is our turn to "Hit the Road"! Hiram Chapter will go to Scarborough, Ontario to be the guests of our sister Chapter, Orient. I understand that the Canadian Companions have planned a full and fine time for all. The dates set for our visit are the 23rd and 24th of October,

Past High Priest's Association of W.A.M.

WHAT: DINNER-MEETING
WHEN: Thursday, January 28, 1998 at 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Candlelight Restaurant, Jackson St., Batavia

Menu of the Evening

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1998. We will discuss more of this at a latter date, as we know more. If you have any questions, please contact me, Bruce R. Horncastle at 607-347-4680, or ask Thomas Paglia at 227-2046.

R..E.. Palmer's gala!

The Committees have already been formed for making the arrangements for the large reception and gala for our own R..E.. Arnold Palmer's Installation as the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York in 1999. To make this reception a great success, every Companion is entreated to contribute to the length of his cabletow. The reception is to be held at the Holiday Inn on Jefferson Road in Henrietta, NY. The exact date of this I do not know as yet, but I believe that it is in April of that year. We anticipate that as many as 400 people will attend, and will arrive from all over the US and Canada for this monumental event! Our utmost efforts will be needed to make this a success.

Journal

Companions and Brothers alike can submit advertisements for their businesses and professional services, as many sponsors will be needed to advertise in the Journal for this event. For further information on placing advertisements or being a contributor/sponsor, contact Thomas Paglia at 227-2046.

Grand Chapter 1998

Hiram Chapter Officers always attend the Grand Chapter in March and this year should be no exception. Grand Chapter will be held in Albany on the 6th and 7th of March, 1998. Most of the Companions who have a considerable distance to travel arrive on Thursday, the 5th, and leave on the 8th.

The 27th Capitular District will have its ever-present Hospitality Room, the home of fine eats, drinks, conversation and fun! It is expected that all officers will attempt to attend this important Convocation. The ladies have an enjoyable time at Grand Chapter as they can either go shopping, enjoy the pool and take part in functions planned for them. They also participate in the evening dinners, both at the Convocation and at local restaurants.

Oh, yes! If you do not show up, you cannot participate in the Order of Old Saratoga, an honor all Companions should experience. It is guaranteed to be a real treat and one you are not likely to forget.

Orient Chapter No. 79

On Wednesday afternoon, November 26th, E.. Tom Paglia, R..E.. Arnold Palmer and I went to Scarborough, Ontario for the Installation of the Officers of Orient Chapter No. 79. Many delegates and officers of the Prov-

ince of Ontario were in attendance there, the entire Lodge room was filled to capacity. Rick Forester was Installed as the 1st Principal, relieving E.. Companion Rev. Ian D. Nichols of that duty.

Our Canadian Companions were thrilled that Hiram Chapter was able to attend the event. As ever, our Orient friends were the fantastic hosts as they always are. They are 1st class social, as well as Masonic Companions. Our two Chapters have enjoyed a long and fruitful relationship together and I am confident this will continue long into the future.

The Hiram Chapter entourage arrived back into Rochester at 4:30 a.m., Thanksgiving Day. Rick Forester has told us that he and other members of Orient Chapter are going to make the trip here for the January 8th Installation of Officers for Hiram Chapter, with the blessing of good travel weather.


Installation of Hiram Officers

The Installation of the Officers of the Chapter will be held in Cathedral Hall of the Downtown Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m. on January 8, 1998. It is recommended that all should arrive at 7:00 p.m. This is a public installation and all are welcome.

Refreshments will be served after the Ceremony in the 3rd floor dining room.

**Doric Council
No. 19
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Companions, Happy New Year! I pray that you all survived the holidays and that each of you renewed friendships and love of family during them. As this New Year comes upon us, I hope that many of you could renew your acquaintances with many of your Companions in Doric Council. Why not make that a New Year's resolution for yourself this year? We love to have you at our meetings and fellowship activities. So when an officer of Doric Council calls you about things and asks if you will be present for dinner and the meeting, why not say yes, and be there! You will truly be greeted warmly.

Degrees

Companions, it is my hope to have the Degrees conducted at Doric Council at our upcoming February and March meetings. Officers and Degree Teams need to be prepared. We have been asked by Hornellsville Council to conduct the Degrees for these candidates, they have a number of them. I hope we could have some for Doric, as well. Let us work diligently to greet some new Companions in Doric this Spring.

Remember, officers, to call your members to see how they are doing, to seek their attendance to meetings and secure reservations for dinner. Companions, a reminder, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Dates

It is my hope to have a speaker for our program at the January meeting. Please come out and support our guest and your Council. Remember, too, that the April 15th meeting will be our Table Council.

I look forward to having your assistance as we move forward with vigilance to accomplishing our tasks this coming Spring as Companions together of Doric Council No. 19.

**Grand
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Knights Templar
State of New York**

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GRAND RECORDER
Ronald J. Bertie
ZONE 11 COMDR.
Charles Roberts
621-3796

Turning on a New Direction

Happy New Year! Hope all survived the holidays. Well, the Christmas observances of Zone 11 and surrounding Zones have been accomplished, all were gratefully received and well done. My personal thanks to each of the Commanderies for holdings such. Now we set our sights in new directions.

A new year is upon us, Sir Knights, and our focus should be toward future members. We all realize that the principle need of any organization is membership. We must seek out those who are truly qualified and prepare them to become members of our great organization. The Spring Orders have been scheduled for March 28th at Cathedral Hall in the Downtown Masonic Temple. Let us work to have initiates there. We already have some scheduled from nearby sister zones, we should have some from Zone 11. What about all those new Chap-


ter members who joined last October? Get them a petition now.

The Commanderies should be well underway with their Full Form Opening and preparing for their respective upcoming Inspection this Spring. Work hard and you will obtain much success the night of Inspection. Remember, the Inspection requirements are either Opening/Closing per Tactics of 1996, including Rehearsal of Duties of Officers and Sword Manual or the Conferral or exemplification of one of the Orders in Full Form. The Commanderies must also be proficient with the Order of Red Cross Ritual around the means of Recognition and the Banner of the Order as well as the talk on the Flag of Our Country. Let us then all get down to work.

Finally, Sir Knights, there will be a Zone 11 Council Officer's Meeting on January 18th at 3:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor dining room at the Downtown Masonic Temple. Let us be present and support this meeting. We will need to finalize the Spring Festival for Templary Orders and upcoming Inspections. I look forward to seeing you there, if not sooner.

**Batavia Commandery
No. 34
Knights Templar**

Meets
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Thursdays



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Christmas Toast a success!

Our only Conclave in December was our Christmas Toast, held at the Attica Masonic Temple. Forty-two people attended, including many of our Brothers from local Blue Lodges and Companions from Royal Arch Chapters. I'm sure the fog and snow kept some away, but all in all, we had a good turnout. Our Master of Ceremonies was SK Charles Roberts, under whose spiritual guidance we shared readings, songs, and toasts, celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.

I extend special thanks to the ladies of the Temple whose buf-

fet of appetizers and Christmas dishes was the highlight of the evening. I would also like to thank the members of Attica Lodge for their continued support and the use of their Temple.

Knights of the Round Table


A Knight Templar Table Lodge will be held January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The location has been changed to the Attica Lodge at 9 Main Street, Attica. It was felt that this event would be too hard to hold at Batavia. This will be a Knight Templar version of a Table Lodge resurrecting the traditions of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. The cost will be \$10.00 and well worth the expense. This event will be open to all Brother Masons and any prospective candidates for the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Please call me at (716) 637-9318 for reservations by January 15th. For one evening we will share the bounty and fellowship of kings, while legends of King Arthur, Excalibur, and his Knights come to life. You will experience what it felt like to be a Knight of the Round Table and how we, as Knight Templars, feel every time we're together!

Upcoming events

There will be a regular conclave at Batavia on January 8th at 8:00 p.m.

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Pictured are the Officers of Orient Chapter #79, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada and the Grand Chapter Officers of the Province of Ontario's Grand Line who performed the Installation. (first row, starting 4th from the left) Hiram High Priest Elect - Bruce Horncastle, First Principal, Orient Chapter - Rick Forester and Grand First Principal - R. Frank Russell. (front line, last 2) R..E.. Arnold E. Palmer - Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter, RAM, State of New York and E.. Thomas Paglia - High Priest Hiram Chapter #62.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery
No. 12



Chartered in 1993
 1st & 3rd Mondays

SK Robert L. Zahn
 Commander

SK Lawrence W. Dunn
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KT Keith Denton - Eminent Commander, Batavia Commandery, KT Robert Zahn - Eminent Commander, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, KT Ronald S. Januszkiewicz - Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, State of New York, KT William Jones - Eminent Commander, Sagoyewatha Commandery and KT Charles Roberts - Zone Commander, Zone 11.



KT Robert Smith - Eminent Grand Sentinel and Rose Marie Januszkiewicz, first in line at the food table for the Reception after the Cyrene/Monroe Christmas Toast.



Organist KT Bill Kuehne, at the organ, leading the caroling.

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at the ceiling, except for emphasis. By concentrating on the candidates you're less likely to notice the rest of the Brethren in the Lodge. This should help calm your nerves. As you start, take a slow breath, look at the candidates and start. Before you know it you will be finished. Now let's practice." Terry and George went over the Lecture. Terry tried to use George's suggestions. They spent

about a half hour practicing. Then George got ready to leave. "I took notes," said Terry. "I'll go over them between now and the Degree." "Good. If you need anything more, give me a call." The night of the Degree came. Terry confessed to George that he was feeling nervous. George reassured him and helped him to calm down. When the time came for Terry to speak he did a wonderful job. This was not only George's opinion, it was also that of several Past Masters and sideliners who came up to Terry after the meeting to congratulate him.

What's happening

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

The students 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 number (found on your dues card), Lodge and mailing address, along with your check for \$20.00 made payable to me, John Zabel, and send it to me at 371 Lyndon Rd., Fairport, NY 14450-9703. The deadline for registration is Friday, February 13th.

VAMC

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Sylvia and I went in to visit with her. I began to feed her ice cream and a cookie, at the same time joking with her and trying to cheer her up. We were absolutely amazed that she responded with three smiles. Tom asked her for her name and she slowly responded, "Mary". Again we were amazed. As we left the room she quietly said, "thank you". This was the greatest reward that we could

ever expect, and made our efforts extremely worthwhile. We plan to spend more time with her during the Gift Distribution activity on December 21st.

Coming events

The Annual Gift Distribution is on December 21st. We shall begin in the Building 5 Auditorium at 12:30 p.m. This is a highlight of the year and always draws a large number of volunteers.

A Ward Visit for January 11th will probably be held, pending confirmation from Tom Paglia.



Our Volunteer table: (left side) Rose Israel, June Moon, Marge and Larry Hood. (right side) Sylvia Bollotin, Cora Paglia, Paul Israel, Doris Robertson and Paul Robertson. (Photos Harold Bollotin)



Thomas Paglia - Upstate Coordinator Grand lodge Veterans Service Committee, Robin Johnson - Volunteer Coordinator, VAMC, Dr. Campbell - Chief of Staff, VAMC and Harold Bollotin.

Do you know who these guys are?



Commandery Picture

The Knights from Monroe Commandery pictured were: James C. Corbett, Commander, accompanied by Sir Knights Thomas C. Bryant, Walter H. Tobey and William L. Barrett. The picture was taken in July of 1946 on the occasion of their leaving for the 41st Triennial of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, that year.

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened. (Helen Keller)



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Fellowcraft Club

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The Scholarships are available; call the Secretary or Master for details.

If your dues are paid at, or before, the January meeting, we will pick up the full cost of your meal that night. □



Order of the Eastern Star HiLights

MONROE DISTRICT STATE OF NEW YORK

DDGM

Rt. Wthy. Mary Hall

DGL

Rt. Wthy. James Spencer

By Barbara Spano

Something to be happy about - footsteps in the snow becoming laced tracteries of purple shadows.

Happy New Year

The new year has begun and there are many things to do. Rt. Wthy. Mary and Rt. Wthy. Jim are thankful for all the support they have been given in the District. The District enjoyed a lovely Holiday Party on December 7th at the Mosque. There were 31 of us there. We enjoyed the fellowship and the hot and tasty food. Wthy. Jan Russell won the doll and was very happy. It was announced that we have a new Grand Officer. Sister Martha Loomis of Oatka Chapter was named Grand Representative of Alberta. Our best wishes go out to her and we all hope she has a great year.

Looking ahead

January 3rd will begin the Line Officers Club meetings. They will be at Clio Lodge in Hilton and will begin at 10:00 a.m. Rt. Wthy. Mary would like you all to bring your Ritual and Constitution to this and every other meeting. You will be fined a quarter if you don't. Unless told otherwise, these meetings will be the 1st Saturday of each month.

On January 17th there will be a Chicken - n - Biscuit Dinner at Clio Lodge. \$5.00 will let you in the door for this event. It starts at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m.

The School of Instruction will be on January 24th at Clio Lodge at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Bring a bag lunch. Be sure to let your Chapters know about this and the fact that it is open to all members.

Sadness

Our prayers and love go out to Rt. Wthy. Lynn Springer on the passing of her husband, Wthy. Donald. He will be sadly missed.

Our prayers and love also to the family of our dear Sister Jeannie Garbutt. We will miss her.

Installations

- December 30th - Webster
- January 3rd - Rochester
- January 5th - Etolian, Germania, Irondequoit
- January 6th - Monroe, Nola
- January 7th - Henrietta
- January 9th - Charlotte
- January 10th - Leah
- January 12th - Mary Jane Holmes
- January 14th - Corinthian/Fellowship
- January 17th - Lea Court

If you have any news that need to be passed along, let me know. I can be reached at 244-1503 or write to me at 92 Lansdale St., Rochester, NY 14620-1518.

Until next time, I wish you peace. □

Webster Chapter No. 171

Order of the Eastern Star 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.

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

30 Orchard Street Webster, New York

Wthy. Bill and I look forward to serving Webster Chapter as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron this year. Our officers have been installed and we're off and running. Congratulations to all our Sister Chapters and the new officers for their enthusiasm to serve our great Order.

Our 1998 calendar is shaping up with plenty to do. As the year progresses we'll share more information with you, but in the meantime, please put these dates on your calendars so you won't forget to join us:

January 6th-the meeting is cancelled.

January 20th-Super Bowl Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

February 3rd-Valentine's Celebration at 8:00 p.m.

February 17th-Regular meeting.

March 3rd-Master Mason's Night-Open Meeting and entertainment.

March 17th-99th Birthday Dinner (time and place TBA).

Communicate!

Several of our members will be traveling to the sunny South during the next few months. We wish them all safe travels and a BIG "We'll miss you"! Don't forget us up here in the cold North. Please stay in touch and let us know how you're doing.

Join us

The ever successful and tasty Spaghetti Dinners are served every month. We'd love to see you there. The Webster Eastern Stars and Master Masons do such a great job of preparing and serving everyone. If you're looking for a good, hearty supper at a reasonable price, come to the Webster Masonic Temple the first Friday of every month and give it a try. You won't be disappointed.

Happy New Year! □

Rochester Chapter No. 314
Order of the Eastern Star
Wthy. Evelyn ANN Heller Matron 621-5737
Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS Secretary 482-0994

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Sisters and Brothers

1998 is upon us. I look forward to an interesting and exciting year. I will begin by thanking everyone who has agreed to be an officer or pro-tem an office. Your help and support are greatly appreciated.

Installation

Installation is January 3rd at 8:00 p.m. in Doric Hall. I would like to thank Monroe Chapter for serving the lunch for us. We will be returning the favor by serving for their Installation in return, which is Tuesday, January 6th at 7:30 p.m. Please let me know if you can help.

Please attend

The Ways and Means Committee Meeting will be January 9th at 7:30 p.m. at my home. All Rochester Chapter members are invited. Some things have already been planned. Our Official Visit will be March 7th at 8:00 p.m. Mark it on your calendars now. The School of Instruction will be Saturday, January 24th at 10:00 a.m. I urge all our members to attend.

I hope everyone has enjoyed a happy and healthy holiday season and is looking forward to the new year with enthusiasm. Remember, "set a stoot hert to a stev brae". (The harder the task the more determination is needed!).

If you know of any member who is ill or hospitalized, please contact the Secretary or me. □

NOLA Chapter No. 368
Order of the Eastern Star

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

Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff Matron
Wthy. Jean Stewart Secretary

20 South Main Street Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Wthy. Avis Theis

Installation

Nola's Installation will be an open meeting on January 6th at 7:30 p.m. Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff will be installed as Worthy Matron and Rt. Wthy. William Baxter as Worthy Patron. Give these Matron, Patron and Officers your support. The Chapter is very fortunate to have members fill these offices several times and your support will be their reward.

Concerns

Wthy. Joan Jacobs, Brother Charles Riley, and Wthy. Ken Robinson have all been in the hospital and are now home. Sister Kathleen Skelton had a Winter "bug". We extend our best to all and hope you will all be improving. Wthy. Dorothy Erion's new address is, Genesee County Nursing Home, State Street, Batavia, NY 14020. She would enjoy hearing from you.

January 20th is a regular meeting. The Committee for February is Wthy. Mary Ann Sovocool, Sister Alice Hassett and Wthy. Jean Stewart. January 11th will be the Secret Pal Luncheon at Bosdyk's. Call Wthy. Carol Wynings for reservations. It will be a \$9.00 buffet.

Dues

It is that time of year again to pay our dues. Over the years we have done well to keep our dues fairly low. During the year we have to have many projects to help us along. It would help us so much if you could add a little extra for the *Masonic Times* and Floral Fund.

1998

We wish all a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year. □

HiLights
Order of the Eastern Star
GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT
Rt. Wthy. CHARLOTTE BARNARD, DDGM
Rt. Wthy NORMAN STEINBAUGH DGL

By Rt. Wthy. June R. Lee

Congratulations

Two Eastern Star Sisters of Batavia Chapter No. 267 recently received their 50 year Membership Pins and Certificates. They are Sister Florence Mason and Wthy. Roberta Morse. The members of Batavia Chapter extend congratulations and best wishes to these Sisters.

Over the past 50 years they served their Chapter as officers and committee members.

January

The Study Club will meet January 10th at Perry Chapter at noon. □

Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay

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Chapter Dad Jeff Wood 342-1947

By David Gorall

Hello again!

We had a basketball game with another Chapter in December with Triangle Girls as cheerleaders. As of this writing we are planning to go Christmas caroling at a local nursing home and may go to the Festival of Lights at Niagara Falls. We had a great time at the Christmas Party at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge.

How to join us

Many new members are excited about what we are doing and where we are going. Your son can also be involved, we are always looking for new members. Call Peter DuBois, Master Councilor, at 637-3276; Chapter Dad, Jeff Wood, 342-1947; Sweetheart, Lisa Hughes, 266-5702 or me, Frontier Region Councilor, at 458-5255. □



November

Smith, Shirley H., Jr.
Death claimed Shirley on November 10th at the age of 77. He was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797.

Fox, Roland C.
Roland died at his Florida home on November 19th at the age of 79. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple. He is survived by his wife, Maxine.

December

McKee, Edward
A member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple, Edward joined the Great Architect above on December 1st. He is survived by his children and grandchildren.

Ziegler, Robert F.
Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple lost another member with the passing of Robert on December 7th. Survivors include his wife, Regina, children and grandsons.

Springer, Donald E.
Donald was called Home on December 9th. He was a member of Churchville Lodge No. 667 and Corinthian Fellowship Chapter No. 322. Donald leaves his wife, Lynne, 6 children and 17 grandchildren.

Slater, Kenneth G.
A 58 year member of Fame Lodge No. 945, Kenneth passed away on December 10th. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, 3 sons, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

Wride, Albert G.
Albert died on December 10th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and is survived by his children and grandchildren.

Taylor, Walter C.
Walter was married to Esther for 63 years when he passed away on December 7th. He was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple. Other survivors include his children, 4 grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

Vosburgh, Robert R.
Robert joined Warsaw Lodge No. 549 in 1945 and passed away on December 11th in Florida at the age of 73. He is survived by his wife, Florence, and other family members.

The following deaths were reported with no specific information.

Dennis, Robert
A member of Constellation Lodge No. 404, Robert died on November 20th.

Hogle, George B.
George was a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475 and joined the Great Architect above on November 28th. □

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

1998

- Feb. 7 "Road to the East", Downtown Temple
- Feb. 6-14 "Have-A-Heart, Buy-A-Heart" Campaign
- Mar. 5-7 Grand Chapter RAM, Albany
- Mar. 7 Leadership Training Course, Downtown Temple
- Mar. 28 Monroe Masonic Grand Ball
Rochester Convention Center
- 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

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- Triluminar
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- Churchville 12/15
- Monroe 12/15
- Oakland 12/15
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- Valley/Simes 12/17

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Fri., Jan. 23

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Calendar January 1998

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| 4 Attica Pancake Breakfast | 5 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club | 6 Charlotte/Corinthian - BAF Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castle Towpath Warsaw OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster | 7 Shrine Legion of Honor | 8 Eagle Valley - Bliss Etolian - Spencerport Flower City RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Lalla Rookh Caldron | 9 | 10 Road to the East Downtown Temple Oakland Table Lodge 3:00 p.m. Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile - Fairport Fidelity Triangle |
| 11 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Wednesdays 4:30-7:00 p.m. Jan. 14 & 28th East Ave., Hilton | 12 ERAC - E. Rochester Table Lodge Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Arcade OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club Divan Board | 13 Craftsman/Robertson Fellowcraft Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3X3, Danville, Wyoming OES - Leah | 14 Service Bureau Luncheon Churchville Oatka - Scottsville - 3* Triluminar - Pike OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia Damascus Shrine Annual Meeting | 15 Constellation - Perry - 1* Hesperus - Bergen Table Lodge Northfield - Pittsford Webster - 3* RAM - Western Star, Batavia Scottish Rite Martin Luther King Day OES - Oatka, Lea Ct. | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club Auburn SC, Clowns | 20 Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton Germania - Irondequoit Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Nola, Perry, Webster Shrine Wheelers | 21 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Wakan/Hubbard - BAF Grotto RSM - Doric Council Shrine Patrol | 22 Eagle Valley - Bliss RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Perry SC, Horse Patrol, Color Guard | 23 | 24 Oakland - 3* - 1:00 p.m. Grotto Dinner and Installation - Downtown Temple |
| 25 Robert Burns 1759-1796 | 26 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Arcade OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club Geneva SC | 27 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport RAM - 3X3, Danville, Wyoming OES - Leah | 28 Churchville - 2* Oatka - Scottsville - OV Triluminar - Pike PHPA Dinner - Batavia OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia Shrine Director's Staff | 29 GW Masters & Wardens - Attica | 30 | 31 |