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Don Darrohn III Appointed DDGM of the 1st Monroe



By Don Brugger

Don Darrohn was initiated in Masonry in Wakan Lodge No. 1054 in 1966. After an 11 year hiatus in Colorado he returned to the Rochester area and affiliated with Monroe Lodge No. 173. He became a dual member in Etolian Lodge in 1991 where he served as Master in 1996-1997. During his travels to the East he served as Treasurer and President of the Monroe Masters and Wardens Association.

Don has led his Lodge and the District in many Community oriented endeavors including Blood Donor Drives, Adopt-A-Highway, Erie Canal clean-up and DeWitt Clinton presentations. The most pleasant task in his Master-ship was presenting his Father, W.:Maurice D. Darrohn, Jr. with his 50 year Service Pin and Certificate. Worshipful Brother Darrohn also was instrumental in organizing the Table Lodge which was the initiatory event in the Monroe's support of the Eagle Scout Program.

R.:W.: Darrohn is a member of the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R., Finger Lakes Chapter-Philalethes, and a Shriner.

Education

R.:W.: Brother Darrohn attended Irondequoit HS and studied Engineering at the University of Illinois. He started at Eastman Kodak Company as a Machinist's

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R.:W.: David W. Jones Reappointed DDGM 2nd Monroe



R.:W.: William D. Spillane Reappointed Grand Director of Ceremonies



Ruel Lovett Appointed Grand Sword Bearer



R.:W.: Brother Lovett began his Masonic career in 1974 at Etolian Lodge No. 479 in Spencerport and served as Master in 1983. He enjoyed his association with Lodge and three years in the Masters and Wardens Assoc. He never sidestepped any of the Ritual, but learned everything he could. He seldom passed up a chance to give one of the Lectures. Brother Lovett is also a dual member of Hesperus Lodge No. 837 in Bergen.

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St. John's Day Trip to Utica

By R.:W.: Eugene Brendel

The bus trip to Utica on St. John's Day, Saturday, June 20th, in support of the incoming and continuing Grand Lodge Officers has 25 of the 40 seats reserved (including 9 ladies) as of this writing. We hope to have a fun time together while providing an opportunity to see this great Masonic Home facility which is supported by our Fraternity. The particulars are repeated below.

The bus provided by Seal's Tours (W.: Floyd Seeley) will leave Spencerport at 7:30 a.m. (a second pick-up stop can be arranged if needed) with morning refreshment and fresh pastries, a comfort stop along the way and arrive at the Masonic grounds about 11:00 a.m. Activities, starting at 10:00 a.m., will continue throughout the day (see the Spring issue of "The Empire State Mason".) A sandwich lunch will be provided or may be purchased from any of the many vendors.

There will be time to visit the Masonic Home, Acacia Village, tour the Masonic Research Lab and cheer on your Grand Lodge Officers as they parade to the Tompkins Memorial Chapel to receive their commissions. At 4:00 p.m. the bus will depart for home with wine, cheese and crackers to sustain us until we stop in Weedsport for a family style dinner (three meat selections) at the Old Erie Restaurant. Arrival home is estimated at 8:00-8:30 p.m.

The all inclusive price will be \$49.95 per person, payable to Seal's Tours. Ladies are encouraged to attend and join the fun.

We will be limited to 40 people.

Please call me at 352-3574 for reservations by June 6th. ☐

Jim Kelly to be Honored by Monroe Masons

Jim Kelly, former Buffalo Bills quarterback, will receive the DeWitt Clinton Award on June 10, 1998 at a banquet to be held at The Diplomat Party House on

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M.:W.: Stewart C. McCloud, New Grand Master of Masons in NY State



M.:W.: Brother McCloud was elected and installed as Grand Master at the 217th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York on May 5, 1998. More on page 15.

Local Pathologist and Community Activist to Receive Distinguished Community Service Award



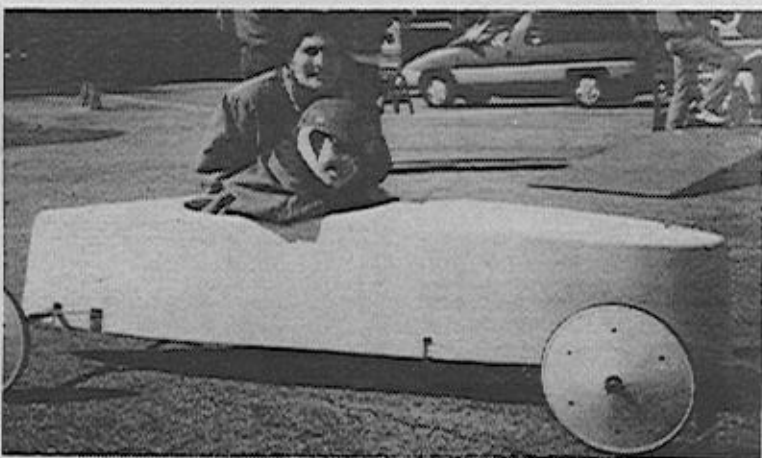
Dr. C. Padmanabh Kamath, Pathologist and Director of Highland Hospital's Clinical Laboratory, will be the recipient of the Distinguished Community Achievement Award in October.

The Award will be presented at the Service Bureau's Annual Interfaith Service and Breakfast to be held at Logan's on October 4th. Monroe County Sheriff and Brother Andrew Meloni will preside as the M.C. during the presentation and Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., and an interdenominational team, will officiate at the Interfaith Service. See ad for details. (pg. 24) ☐

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Joshua Folino Represents Towpath in Soap Box Derby



Joshua Folino represents Towpath Lodge No. 163 at the Annual Greater Rochester Soap Box Derby held on May 30 - 31, 1998 at Durand-Eastman Park. Kneeling next to him is his mother, Emily. Towpath Lodge recognizes Emily's efforts in making this an experience Joshua won't soon forget. Joshua is a 7th grader at East Rochester Middle School.

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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Authors

I am glad to report that the new batch of authors to the *Masonic Times* seem to have gotten the message about the deadline. Most all Lodges are reporting this issue, however, there are still a few who are not communicating with their members. As you have heard before, communication is the key to success.

Photos

There is probably no better way to convey a message than through pictures. If you are a new Master and want your year to be a memorable one, make sure events are recorded properly. This includes photographs. It is always a good idea to ask some Brother not involved in an event to take the pictures. He may see opportunities for candid shots that are sometimes more interesting than posed pictures. Choose someone who is dependable and has an interest in photography. Pay for the film and processing, the results can sometimes be priceless.

Leadership

To those who are assuming the leadership position in any of our Masonic Organizations at this time, regardless of what rhetoric is contained in the Masonic Ritual, the new leader of the Craft would be advised that his position should be described more as a Constitutional Monarchy rather than a Dictatorship.

To those unfamiliar with the terms, a Dictatorship is a situation where the Presiding Officer has absolute power or can exercise absolute power by virtue of threat of violence to achieve his ends.

A Constitutional Monarchy is a situation where the "Monarchy" (Presiding Officer) rules at the consent of the people under him. This means that if the new Presiding Officer wants to have a successful and productive year he had better get in tune with the desires of his constituency. Because if he does not attempt to do this he will ultimately lose the power to do anything and destroy the organization in the bargain.

Most Past Masters can relate to this. Those who do not try to seek consensus or atone themselves to the wishes of their Brethren, but instead try to dominate the Organization, or try to impose their agenda, will surely fail. They will fail not only the Organization, but also the Craft.

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Congratulations!

First, my congratulations to all of the new Masters, and I hope that you each have a very productive and rewarding year at the helm of your Lodge. Greatness does not come easy, but only through planning and a lot of hard work. The Service Bureau stands ready to assist you in any way we can, including free brochures for potential new candidates, as well as tapes made by the Shrine on "What is Freemasonry".

Jim Kelly Dinner

The Jim Kelly Dinner is June 10th at the Diplomat Party House on Lyell Avenue. Be sure your reservation and payment are in to the Masonic Service Bureau before then. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Many Lodges and Concordant Bodies have sent in a contribution for \$50.00 for the Hunter's Hope Fund. If your organization has not done so, it is not too late.

An inspiration

The love of all of the Officers, Directors and Representatives of the Masonic Service Bureau goes out to Ruth Freeman, a long time Director of the Bureau, in her battle with cancer, and her quest for a "quality of life". Yes, as a cancer survivor myself, (5 times), there is a certain unique bond and understanding between persons who have fought this battle.

Do not let tomorrow come and have to say, "woulda, coulda, shoulda". Yesterday is just a memory, tomorrow is but a vision, today is what counts.

Masonic Service Bureau Scholarship Winners

The following students were chosen to receive the Scholarship for the 1998-99 academic year.

Jessica L. Smith-Medina High School-Houghton College
Mary E. Richards-Webster High School-Cedarville College
Devon Marks-Brockport High School-Uncle Sam
Erika R. Hansen-Brockport High School-Monroe Community College
Sara E. Geith-Greece Athena High School-St. Bonaventure University
Benjamin Yurman-Glaser-Brighton High School-Cornell University
Emily Sotherden-Spencerport High School-Nazareth Coll.
Tricia Wright-Caledonia/Mumford High School-Uncle Sam
Haverly M. Erskine-Greece Athena High School-Ithaca College
Crystal M. Roberts-Arcadia High School-SUNY Fredonia
Holly C. Maar-Brockport High School-St. Bonaventure University

The Award Presentations will take place on June 24th at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Downtown Temple. Congratulations to each of these recipients and we wish them well in their academic endeavors.

The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc. Loan Closet

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

Equip. Type	On loan
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Canes	102
Commodos	90
Crutches	218
Walkers	181
Wheelchairs	120
Miscellaneous	10
Total	795

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

During the Summer months the personal risks from drinking too much alcohol increase. We don't set out to get drunk. With all the outdoor activities that take place it's quite easy to down a couple of beers and think nothing of it.

The penalties of driving while intoxicated (DWI), or driving while ability impaired (DWAI), can be severe. What follows is a brief review of what happens if you are charged with DWAI or DWI. More severe penalties apply if you hold a commercial drivers license (CDL), or have a prior related conviction.

If you are pulled over by the police and the officer suspects you have been drinking, he/she may request you take a breathalyzer test. Because this is evidence that may be used against you, you have the right to refuse to take the test. The officer must advise you at the time of the stop of your right to refuse, and the consequences if you do refuse. It is beyond the scope of this article to discuss when it is prudent to refuse.

If you do refuse to take the breathalyzer test, then your license will be suspended at arraignment pending a refusal hearing before a DMV hearing officer. The hearing must be held within 15 days. If the hearing officer is satisfied that the police officer followed proper legal procedures, then your license is revoked for 6 months and a civil penalty of \$300 is imposed (1 year and \$750 if you had a prior DWI conviction within the past 5 years). This penalty will apply regardless if you are convicted of DWI/DWAI or not.

Conversely, if you do take a breathalyzer test, then no refusal hearing is required. You may still lose your driving privileges pending prosecution of the DWI/DWAI charge. At this hearing you must prove to the judge how suspension of your license pending prosecution, will work a hardship.

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If the evidence at trial proves that you had a blood alcohol level (BAC) between .05% \geq 1.0%, then you will stand convicted of DWAI. A first time DWAI conviction is a traffic infraction (not a crime). Your license will be suspended (not revoked) for 90 days. A mandatory surcharge of \$25 plus a fine ranging from \$300 to \$500 will be imposed. You may qualify for a restricted license during the term of your license suspension. Separate fees apply, and depending upon whether enrollment in a Drinking Driver Program is required by the sentencing judge, it may cost you an additional \$200 to obtain a restricted use license.

If the evidence at trial proves that you had a BAC of 1.0% or greater, then you will stand convicted of DWI. A first time DWI conviction is an "A" misdemeanor (a crime). Your license will be revoked for six months. A mandatory surcharge of \$90 plus a fine ranging \$500 to \$1000 will be imposed. The judge is permitted to send you to jail for up to one year, but being a first offense, the likely penalty will be three years probation. You may qualify for a restricted use license during the term of your license suspension. Separate fees apply, and depending upon whether enrollment in a Drinking Driver Program is required by the sentencing judge, it may cost you an additional \$200 to obtain a restricted use license.

You might be asking what's the difference between having your license suspended or having it revoked. A license suspension only suspends your driving privileges. Once the suspension period expires, and upon payment of a restoration fee to DMV, driving privileges are automatically reinstated. A revocation is a loss of those privileges. You will have to re-apply for a drivers license at the end of the revocation period.

If a driver is under 21, and has even one drink, the law allows that drivers license to be suspended for 6 months and imposition of a \$125 fine. If this driver refused to take a breathalyzer test, then the law allows this license to be revoked for six months.

To all the Brothers who read this, have a safe and enjoyable Summer. □

Financial Planning Solutions

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

Some people complain about automobiles, and other people complain about computers.

This month's column is an attempt to show that neither one is perfect. To avoid controversy, the names of a very prominent car maker and a huge computer company shall be omitted in demonstrating that this is so.

The computer person's operating system is a very complex one and is subject to crashes and problems. Some computer programs also conflict with other programs. Automobiles behave the same way, like quitting for no apparent reason.

Our computer mavin has made the following statement, namely, "If the XYZ Auto Com-

pany had kept up with technology like the computer industry, we would all be driving cars that cost \$25, and get 1,000 miles per gallon of gas."

The car people responded by saying, "Yes, but would you want your car to crash twice a day?"

They followed this up by giving the following examples:

1. Occasionally your car would die on the highway for no apparent reason, and you would just accept this, restart your car and drive on.

2. Once in a while, while executing a maneuver, your car would stop and fail, and perhaps you would have to replace and re-install a new engine. For some strange reason, you would also accept this.

3. Your oil, gas and alternator warning lights would be replaced by a single "general default" warning light.

4. So, if you were involved in a crash, you would have no idea as to what happened.

As you can see, both entities have problems that are similar, and we can sincerely hope that both of these entities are diligently working to resolve these problems. Notice also, that each outfit probably uses each others product to a high degree. Can you imagine the cross-complaining? □

R.W. Ruel Lovett

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Ruel belongs to the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. and Damascus Temple Shrine. He was High Priest of LeRoy Chapter, RAM, charter member and High Priest of 3X3 Chapter, DDGHP of the 29th Capitular District, past Illustrious Master of Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92, Cryptic Masons, and past President of the Western New York Past High Priests Association where he worked for several years for the Scholarship Fund Program. Ruel is currently Pre-Eminent Governor of Genesee York Rite College No. 25 and Vice President of the Local Chapter of the Philalethes Society. He is Past Commander of Batavia Commandery No. 34 and recipient of the of York Cross of Honor. He has served on various committees in these organizations.

Professional

Buz (as he is called) is the product of the Baltimore school system. He enjoyed several sports, as well as, academic activities. His favorite times were Summers at Dundalk Beach.

Ruel spent several years in the Army. While serving, he worked on furthering his formal education. After leaving the Service, he tried his hand at several fields. He eventually wound up at Delco Products where he worked at many jobs and positions leading to the position of QC Engineer, which he held until retirement.

family

The Lovett family belongs to the Bergen United Methodist Church where they have served on several committees and played for the soft ball team.

Ruel is first and always a family man, his wife, Patti, is still the apple of his eye. He is very proud to be the father of Michael and Karen and the grandfather of 6 granddaughters.

Buz and Patti love bowling. He also plays golf - somewhat, but can't convince Patti to play. Their number one hobby is spending time with the grandchildren. □

R.W. Don Darrohn

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Apprentice and after taking a variety of training courses rose to Corporate Safety Assessor. After his transfer to Colorado Eastman, he worked his way from Machine Shop Foreman through Industrial Relations to Director of Company Fire and Safety and Security Operations. After his return to Rochester in 1987 he was reassigned as a Technical Assistant in the Corporate Safety Division. He retired from the Company in December of 1991.

Community

At the First Congregational Church he has been a board member involved with Finance, Building and Grounds Maintenance and an active member of the Retired Men's Group who perform custodial and maintenance tasks.

Family

The Darrohn's have three children David (32), Renee (29), and Elaine (26). They are the grandparents of Stephany, James Madison, Krista Elizabeth and Ian.

We wish R.W. Brother Darrohn the best of luck in his Masonic career. □

Jim Kelly

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Lyell Avenue. Kelly will be honored for his work in raising public awareness and funds for research into Krabbes Disease through the Hunter's Hope/Kelly For Kids Foundation. Kelly's young son, Hunter, was diagnosed with this rare disorder shortly after his birth in 1996. Krabbes Disease is nearly always fatal before a child reaches 2 years.

"Jim Kelly always showed class and courage on the football field," said Vern Goodrich, Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau, "and he has shown the same kind of courage in dealing with this tragedy in his own family. No one would be critical of any parent who handled this grief privately, but Kelly has tirelessly worked to raise funds for research into this disease, not only to help his own child, but other children as well."

The DeWitt Clinton Award is given by New York State Masons to honor non-Masons who exemplify the spirit of public service associated with the former New York State Governor, DeWitt Clinton, an eminent Mason, who is best known for having built the Erie Canal, the engineering marvel of its day. Less known is the fact that he laid the foundation for the New York Free School system and was a founder of free public libraries and the American Museum of Natural History.

Kelly and members of his family will be in attendance, and there will be an opportunity to get an autograph. The dinner is open to the public. For further information and tickets (\$25 per person) call the Masonic Service Bureau at 473-4351. □

Volunteering May be Beneficial to Your Health

People who volunteer at least once a week are much less likely to die than others and are significantly less likely to develop a serious illness during the next thirty years. (From Bottom Line issue of May 15, 1998.) □

Compeer Volunteer Opportunities

By Toby Gold

Making friends, changing lives

Compeer is a non-profit organization which matches caring, sensitive, and trained volunteers in a friendship relationship with children and adults who are receiving mental health treatment. That is actually the meaning of our name, compeer. A Compeer is a companion who is also a peer or equal. Compeer volunteers use the power of friendship to help people with mental illness live happier, more productive, lives.

Compeer offers volunteers a number of different placement opportunities. One to One friendships can be with either adults or children. Volunteers can befriend someone their own age, or older or younger than themselves. We serve clients as young as five years old, and as old as 100! If you are deaf, or a hearing person who can sign, we would be happy to match you with a deaf/hard of hearing client.

Another option is a Group Placement. Compeer's group volunteers interact with several clients in a staff supervised setting, joining in recreational activities, outings and meals. Clients may be of any age, and include inpatient groups at the Rochester Psychiatric Center, group homes and supervised houses and apartments, and psychosocial clubs (programs that teach members daily living and work skills in addition to providing community activities).

Finally there is Compeer Calling. Volunteers wishing to become Compeer Callers provide interim support to clients waiting for a One to One match. Volunteers call each of several clients once a week for about fifteen minutes, until a One to One volunteer is found.

Origin

Compeer was started in 1973, right here in Rochester. It was originally called "Adopt a Patient", and consisted of volunteers visiting residents at the Rochester Psychiatric Center. Today, 25 years later, there are 120 Compeer programs operating in 33 states and three countries. Last year our volunteers provided more than 38,000 hours of support to 1100 different people.

Clients are referred to Compeer by their mental health professionals, who provide initial consultation with the volunteers, and are available to provide backup support. Volunteers are recruited from the community. All volunteers are interviewed, screened, trained, matched and supported by professional Compeer staff. Volunteers are asked to make a commitment to visit their friends on a regular basis for a year. Many volunteers extend their commitments past one year. Volunteers receive three hours of training before they meet their Compeer friends, and are assigned a volunteer coordinator who provides ongoing support. Additionally, Compeer sponsors monthly activities for the volunteers and their friends, as well as continuing educational programs.

If you are interested in learning more about Compeer, or becoming a Compeer Volunteer yourself, please call Toby Gold at 546-8280, or e-mail us at compeer@frontiernet.net. You may visit our web site on the worldwide web at <http://www.compeer.org> □

EMESSAY NOTES

Research on Military Lodges

MSA is pleased to publish the following request received from Paul Fleming. US Grand Lodges did not charter Military Lodges during World War II. However, many Lodges were chartered by a Grand Lodge having proper jurisdiction, to accommodate US Military personnel stationed in their countries.

"As you may be aware, the histories of military Lodges are often lost. Were you a member of a military Lodge? Do you know someone who was?"

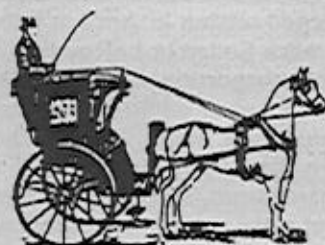
I was raised in a military Lodge in Port Lyautey, Kenitra, Morocco, and am attempting to compile a reference source of military Lodges from 1940 to date.

I would like information relative to the name, number, military base location and Grand Lodge jurisdiction in which the Lodge was/is located. I am particularly interested in learning about any social and/or community involvement the Lodge may have had. You may email me at SAILOR6804@aol.com or write: 2927 Duncan Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808-2379. □

Did You Know?

What is meant by the term "point within a circle" symbol concealing geometrical truths? Some believe it is symbolic of the method of making a square by use of compasses; ritualistically, a symbol of a Mason and his character. (Source "MSA digest Pocket Masonic Dictionary") □

Masonic Interfaith Service & Breakfast October 4th



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By R.W. Donald Darrohn III

Where to start? Why not at the beginning! It truly is an honor to have been appointed District Deputy Grand Master. I will do everything in my power to encourage, counsel, and lead the First Monroe District. I thank R.W. Cyrus Kloner and R.W. Gene Brendel for their advice and support and know that the return of R.W. David Jones and R.W. Bill Spillane in the Second Monroe District will assist R.W. Lovett and myself in commencing our efforts.

Past

Our Grand Lodge training has occurred at this point in two steps: initially at the Masonic Home in Utica in late March; the second session in April at Olive Branch Lodge in LeRoy for the Western portion of the State. We will have an additional session prior to St. John's Day in Utica this June. The opportunity to share issues, work on solutions and make acquaintances that we know we will draw on for the future certainly builds enthusiasm. That will be the challenge to transfer to the Craft. The other observation of these training sessions is the obvious legacy of previous Monroe Brethren, we are humbled by the significance of the road we will be traveling.

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M.W. Stewart C. McCloud, our newly installed Grand Master, mentioned at our training session in Utica that over the next two years two of his main areas of focus are the BRETHREN of the Fraternity and to have FUN. This should not be misconstrued as the Grand Master's Message. We'll hear that in June at Utica on St. John's Day.

Triple nickel

I ventured out for my first visit as a District Deputy to Towpath Lodge No. 163 on Tuesday, May 5th. I was warmly greeted and asked to participate in the events of the evening-what a thrill! The total number of years of service of the Brethren actually in attendance was a triple nickel=555 years. Brother Roy M. Andriesen received a 75 Year Service Pin and personal letter of congratulations from M.W. Earle J. Hino, Jr. My thanks to the Brethren of Towpath Lodge for allowing me to be a part in such a memorable evening.

Present

Brethren, plan on being at the Masonic Fundraiser for Hunter's Hope. Former Buffalo Bills quarterback, Jim Kelly, will receive a DeWitt Clinton Award. Tickets are available through the Masonic Service Bureau for the June 10th event. Cost is \$25.00 per person.

Your Grand Lodge Officers will be attending as many installations as the cable tow will allow, while trying to also be available for the other significant events such as Awards Nights and Degrees.

Clio Lodge No. 779 warrants special recognition. They had three petitions turned in after they commenced their Spring Class. Rather than have these interested candidates wait until Fall for their Degrees, W. Dale Polamteer and his officers turned right around with an additional Degree Class. They expect to have an additional 3 Brothers June 16th. If you're in the Hilton neighborhood that evening, drop in.

Congratulations to the Masters and Wardens Association! Through the efforts of Brothers Andy McBride-Germania No. 722, Douglas Skelton-Fairport No. 476 and Louis Sanfilippo-Churchville No. 667, the By-Laws have been rewritten, presented and passed. Wise counsel was provided by R.W. Cyrus Kloner. The adoption of these new By-Laws allows this Association more flexibility which they quickly exercised by adjusting the next meeting date to May 30th at Towpath Lodge.

Future

The Grand Lodge Officers have chosen to function within the two Monroe Districts with one staff. By joining and working together as a TEAM (Together Everyman Advances Masonry) we believe that we can provide greater continuity while focusing our attention on those areas that necessitate it. We are planning a get-together for all the Masters, Wardens and their significant others to be held at the Mosque in Webster on August 25th. There will be letters and further information mailed directly to those involved. There is another important date that you need to keep in mind-it is September

17th, the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport Lodge No. 476. We will be looking for Wakan/Hubbard No. 154 to continue their string of Howard Potts Awards to eleven years in succession. We urge all incoming Masters and Officers to be in Fairport for this event, mark your calendars now.

Finally

There is a quote that keeps ringing in my ear--the only thing that a Brother can get in a Masonic Lodge that he can't get somewhere else is MASONRY! Education must be a key focus for our future!

Have a safe Summer. We'll see you in the quarries this Fall! □

Grand Lodge Staff Officers

of the Monroes

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By R.W. Ruel R. Lovett

A great honor

My Brothers, I feel especially fortunate to be appointed Grand Sword Bearer by M.W. Stewart McCloud. The Brothers of Etolian Lodge No. 479 elected to foot the bill for my Apron and "put up with me" for the next two years. The Purple Club decided they can put up with me also. R.W. Jay McCullough, the "King Maker", carried the ball through the maze. My thanks go to each organization and each individual involved in this Appointment.

In future columns I will talk about the Rough Ashlar and the Perfect Ashlar, and how to traverse from one to the other. Masonic Education is my number one job. I find myself surrounded by very knowledgeable Masons who will give freely of their time and talents to this end. They should have a very big vote of thanks from everyone in the two Monroe Districts.

The "Road to the East" Program will start on Saturday, December 5th at the Rochester Downtown Masonic Temple. The time is 8:00 a.m. to noon. See your Lodge Secretary to enroll. The Leadership Development Course is tentatively scheduled for November 14th.

I look forward to visiting each and every Lodge and I plan to meet every Brother. Please feel free to call me with any questions or just to chew the fat. Let's have a lot of fun. I know I will. □

Membership Retention

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

NPDs-now is the time to act

In spite of all we do (or don't do) we have Brothers out there who have not paid their dues for 1997 and 1998. I am asking, no, demanding that the leaders of your Lodge find out who these

Brothers are and write to them, and call them to find out why they are not paying their dues.

When writing, DO NOT send one of those nasty form letter nastygrams. What this situation requires is the personal approach. The letter should show concern and include a self-addressed stamped envelope. The letter should then be followed up with a phone call, regardless of where the Brother lives. There are many reasons why a Brother does not pay his dues. The most common reasons are he plain forgot or moved. He may have financial difficulties. I have seen Brothers who were members for 40 or more years almost dropped because they felt they could no longer afford dues and didn't know their dues could be remitted. Another Brother may be dissatisfied with something. Whatever the situation, most can be resolved. All it takes is a little effort. If you have any questions, need help, a little direction, sample letters or anything else, all you have to do is call.

A new year

Soon, a new Lodge year will begin. A new Master will assume the leadership of your Lodge. Hopefully, he will be full of promise and have your support to see this promise come through. Most have attended Leadership Courses, such as the "Road to the East" and the Leadership Development Course. They have made their Trestleboards for the 1998-99 year. What they need is your support to make it a successful year. You can help by going to a meeting and participating. A new Master needs your support, participation and assistance for an even more successful year. □

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS



V.W.
DAN B. WALKER
2ND MONROE
DISTRICT

V.W. John
Zabel
1ST MONROE
DISTRICT



By V.W. John Zabel

First, I am happy to report that my AGL Apron and case have been returned. I would like to thank the Brother who left them at Etolian Lodge and to R.W. Eugene Brendel for returning them to me.

I am also happy to welcome as the new Assistant Grand Lecturer for the Second Monroe District the V.W. Daniel Walker. Dan is a Past Master of Northfield Lodge and is their Treasurer. Dan and I were Masters in 1994-1995. Dan has just finished as advisor to the 1997-1998 Masters.

There are two events happening at the end of May and the beginning of June of importance. First, the Joint Investiture Ceremony for Masters-elect of the Lodges in the Monroe Districts will be held on Friday, May 29th in the Downtown Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m. All Masters-elect and Past Masters of the Lodges in the Monroe Districts are encouraged and invited to attend. There will be a dinner pre-

ceding the ceremony in the 3rd floor Dining Room starting at 6:15 p.m. See your Lodge secretary or outgoing Master for dinner reservation information. Reservations are required for dinner.

Second, the last School of Ritual for this Masonic year will be held at Northfield Lodge in Pittsford on Monday, June 1st at 7:30 p.m. This School is for the new officers of the Lodges in the Monroe Districts. Dan and I would like to restrict the attendance to only newly elected, appointed and installed officers of the Lodges. For those interested in the attendance points, any Lodge that has all its officers attend this School will receive an extra five points. By all officers we mean the Master, Wardens, Deacons, Masters of Ceremony, Stewards, Marshal and Tiler.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

This is an advanced reminder that the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be on Thursday, September 17th in the Downtown Masonic Temple. The Commander-in-Chief of Rochester Consistory, AASR, has agreed that the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be the Scottish Rite Program for that evening. Further information will be sent to all Lodges in August. □

Masters and Wardens Association

1ST & 2ND
MONROE DISTRICTS

President
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Louis Sanfilippo 227-3898

By W. Andrew McBride
New By-Laws

Many thanks to the Brothers and ladies who sat through a long and tedious meeting to review and vote on revisions to the Association's By-Laws. Due to your efforts the changes to allow our Association to act as a cohesive group rather than as 3 separate groups of officers are now in effect prior to the election of officers for the coming year. These elections will take place at the May 30th meeting at Towpath Lodge. This is a transition from the old format and structure to the new. As in any transition, it is impossible to make long range plans. Next year will be easier for all concerned.

In addition to elections at the May meeting, advisors will be chosen and planning for the upcoming year will begin.

Participation is the operative word for our group from now on. Under our new rules, 10 Lodges must be represented in order to conduct business. Please make every effort to have at least one officer from your Lodge at every meeting.

An informal picnic to welcome the new Junior Wardens into the Association is planned for June 27th. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. This will be a social function and you are encouraged to bring your family if possible. A time and place have been selected, but until our request for the facility is approved, we can't announce it. Watch your mail for more information. □

A New Kind of Bronx Cheer

By R. W. Gene Brendel

Most of us are aware that the infamous Bronx Cheer was an expression of disrespect shown to members of American League visiting teams playing in Yankee Stadium. It was accomplished by extending the tongue out of the mouth, inflating the cheeks and blowing air which resulted in a rasping sound accompanied by a flapping of the tongue and a liberal emission of saliva. It was usually directed at a nemesis of the Yankees as he came to bat.

Four newly made Past Grand Lodge Officers had occasion to join in a new kind of Bronx Cheer which was just the opposite of the original. Dave Jones, Cy Kloner, Bill Spillane and Gene Brendel, having endured a long Tuesday morning Grand Lodge session, schedule misinformation and an hour long sit on the bus before returning to the hotel, finally set out for home in a soaking rain-storm. While crossing the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge from Flushing to the Bronx the "Hot" and "Check Engine" warning lights on Dave's car began to flash alternately and steam soon began to appear. Realizing that they were in trouble the search began for a service station.

With the help of a young man carrying his child they were directed to a local garage which just happened to service Buicks. The initial analysis determined that, if the needed part could be obtained, two to three hours of labor would be required. At 3:15 p.m. the prospect of getting home that day looked bleak.

When..., the garage owner appeared and discovered the predicament he offered to recommend a hotel, a phone to use, provided directions to a deli for a meal and put three of his men to work immediately. To make a long story short the part was found, the car repaired and road tested before a meal was finished and the four weary travelers gave out the new Bronx Cheer for New Yorkers who wanted to prove that hospitality exists in the Big Apple area.

Mr. Ron Kline and his repair crew of Liberty Buick-Chevy-Suzuki in the Bronx received heartfelt thanks of the Rochester four and proved that good people can be found anywhere and a little extra effort and courtesy makes for a better world. □

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154



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

W. Theodore J. Snyder,
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Visits

This past month I had the pleasure of visiting Warren and Eunice Joshlyn. They reside in the same house that Warren purchased in 1938. Warren related to me that all the improvements that were done on the property via the many pictures he had taken over the years. It's a lovely place, very cozy and comfortable. He talked of his careers in the Army Air

Corps and Kodak. He worked his way through college to become an engineer. Eunice is doing well now, but still has to take several pills a day to keep her system in tune. It was a nice visit. If you have a chance, give them a call.

I also had the pleasure of visiting with Carl Busack. He was in a nursing home, but by the time you read this article, he will be home. It's been a rough time for him as of late, as it has for Shirley. I would like to say thank you for the visits and help that Angelo and Karen DiCataldo have given the Busacks. Don't forget to give them a call.

Wasn't it wonderful to see Robert and Patricia North at our Ladies Night. What a surprise. Please remember to give them a call.

The trip

We left Saturday morning with more things than a person probably needed for two weeks. My large suitcase was heavy, but I thought it would be check in at the station and that would be it. My carry-on bag had a change of clothes, just in case my suitcase and I became separated. You probably can tell this was my first train trip. Little did I know that you were not only a passenger, but also the baggage handler. As was to be expected, the 8:50 train was an hour late. It was good to see all my fellow Brothers and wives at the station. Erika waited a while, then we said good-bye and she was off.

The train arrived at ten and boarding was quickly done. Boy, was that suitcase heavy. We were all assigned to the same car for NYC. We finally started moving. My roommate and I sat in the same row, the car was fairly empty.

Our Advisors, Dan and Linda Walker, purchased lunch for us, via the fundraising that we did for the trip. As the miles went by, we got to know each other a little better and started to feel better about the trip ahead.

Lunch was an adventure in itself. Ever try to build a sub sandwich in a moving train with people trying to get by you on their way to the dining car? I will admit we all looked like we traveled the line for a living. Along the way I pointed out my old home town of Canajoharie, along with several other landmarks in the Mohawk Valley area.

We arrived in the Albany area and turned South along the Hudson River. Brian Keery's father-in-law, Jim Powell, grew up in the Catskill area and showed us some of the sights as the train rumbled along the banks of the Hudson. There were several boats filled with fishermen going after the spawning striped bass.

The minutes turned into hours. We passed West Point Military Academy. Past a few more turns in the river and New York's skyline started to take shape. It rose out of the fog ever so much larger until it was upon us, then it disappeared as the train went underground. It seemed miles until we slowed and stopped at Penn Station.

The bags made the walk seem longer. We went up one flight of stairs, only to walk some more to yet another flight. Finally the open door to waiting taxis. Our bags were shoe-horned into the trunks of the cabs and we into the back seats, with still more bags piled into our laps. This was good, it added padding, just in case of an accident. I only read about suicide pilots in the 2nd World War, but it felt like we were riding with one. It was incredible. It was



W. Frank Briffa receiving Wakan/Hubbard's 10th consecutive Potts Award from R. W. Stewart C. McCloud, Deputy Grand Master.

the ultimate game of Chicken and Dodge Ball rolled into one. What a ride!

We arrived at the hotel in a matter of minutes, although the cab fare made it seem a lot further. The Hotel Bedford was small, but adequate. After they tried to charge us for a room we already paid for and left the Burke's in limbo for several hours...we all settled in. At least they gave George, Barb and their daughter, Colleen, a room to freshen up in. The Walkers, Randy and I switched rooms after finding their room was two single beds. Randy and I used our room as the meeting place and hospitality room. We stocked it with the whiskey, soda and snacks we brought with us. It was nice to wake up and have a screwdriver before breakfast.

Our first night we walked down 40th Street and over to the UN Building. Our walking took us past a Chinese Restaurant where we stopped for dinner. We enjoyed trying several dishes. It was at this time I knew the trip would be enjoyable. Oh, by the way, Randy Griswold tried this small flat red vegetable...it tasted sooooo good. Was he surprised to learn that their hot peppers are hot! We all had a good laugh.

Our wake-up call came at 7:00 a.m. At 8:00 we met in the dining room for coffee and Danish and planned our day. At pier 86 was the WWII carrier, Intrepid. Even though it is approximately half the size of today's flat tops, it was still impressive. Brian's father-in-law took some of us on a tour through familiar surroundings. The flight deck had several different varieties of aircraft on it. Even an SR71, once a very secret plane.

Next to the carrier was a destroyer and a submarine. Brian and Jim stayed to tour these. Some of us visited a tall ship that happened to be visiting NY. It was the Equador Navy's training ship, 247 feet in length with four masts, the tallest of which was 140 feet. It was impressive.

We left via taxis to Central Park, specifically, Strawberry Fields, the City tribute to John Lennon. From there we walked through Central Park to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. It was interesting to see how New Yorkers spend their time in the Park.

There were several exhibits that interested each of us. Lloyd and I liked the European Masters, while Dan and Linda viewed with interest the Antique Musical Instruments.

Next, St. Patrick's Cathedral. It too was impressive. There wasn't much in New York that

wasn't big and impressive. Everyone lit a candle and walked to the various areas looking at the displays.

That evening we headed for "Little Italy". Our hotel clerk suggested eating at Arnold's, they were packed. So, we went across the street to Piccario's. The meal was great, as was the wine.

From there it was off to the Empire State Building. The air was fresh and clear, not too cold.

The next morning it was after 8:00 when we jumped into cabs and headed to 23rd Street and the Masonic Lodge. In we went and up to the 3rd floor.

Grand Lodge started at 9:00 a.m. sharp with the entrance of the Grand Line. After they were at their Stations, the Grand Secretary started introducing the Grand Masters from around the world. It was impressive to see. Introductions lasted for a good hour and a half. After them came the Representatives from organizations, such as, OES, Knights of Columbus, etc. Each gave a speech and then were all asked to retire.

The Lodge was then opened in due form (close enough) so that the business could be performed. After lunch several reports were passed without reading. There were no new laws or articles voted on. We adjourned for the day at 3:15.

We met in the hotel lobby and headed for the Marriott Marquee. There buses were waiting to take us to the Grand Master's Ball.

The Ball started at 6:30 and consisted of an Open Bar and Hors d'Oeuvres until 7:30. They had everything from caviar and mussels to pasta bars and crab to Chinese food.

The dinner was great. The Grand Master introduced the main table and guest for the

evening. R. W. Edwin B. Pederson received the Distinguished Achievement Award for his hard work making Grand Lodge solvent.

It was a long day, but our friendships were really starting to cement together.

The next day we reported into Grand Lodge. I did look up the history of Penfield Union Lodge No. 335. It wasn't changed to 154 until 1849 when the Lodge started up again (after the Morgan Affair).

We all met back at the hotel and packed for the trip home. I didn't really want to go to New York in the beginning, but was glad that I did. Grand Lodge was the important part of the trip, but being together as a group and still meeting other Brothers was really what this is all about.

The trip back seemed to go by quicker than our trip to the City. It was a good time, one that we will never forget. The fun and friends we had and made were not by accident, but by design. This is what Masters and Wardens is all about. This is why YOU need to participate.

Canajoharie

V. W. John Zabel and I made a recent trip to St. Johnsville where three Lodges met to confer the 3rd Degree. I thank him for coming with me. It was nice to see some of my dad's friends when he was Master of his Lodge. The Degree went well. My high school friend was one of the Masters present. He raised his dad and son! They fed us well. John and I also took part in the 2nd Section of the Degree.

In closing

I thank all my officers for a fine year. We have come a long way. I will continue to be around to support each and every one of you. I personally thank Ted Snyder and R. W. A. John Tijou for their guidance and hard work this past year. Thanks. □

Flower City Lodge No. 910



W. William Nardone,
Master
458-7512

2nd
Thursday
7:30 P.M.

R. W. Phillip Averbach,
Secretary 458-1817

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

Awards Night June 14

Our next meeting will be the Annual Awards Night and Installation of Officers on Thursday, June 14th, at 7:30 p.m. As this will be an Open Installation, all ladies
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and family members are cordially invited to attend the Ceremonies. After installing our new Worshipful Master and his Officers, we will present Award Certificates for 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 years of membership in this Fraternity! I hope that all Flower City Lodge members who live in this area will attend this session to welcome our new Master to the East and to show our Award recipients the respect that they have earned by being there to congratulate them and to wish them health and long life to come.

Social events

Thanks to all the Brothers, ladies and guests who attended our Social Night at the Olive Garden in April and the Annual Fellowship Club Steak Roast earlier this month! Our new Social Program has been very successful so far, and I appreciate the good turnouts that we have seen at these events. Our next gathering will be the Annual Flower City Lodge Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 9th at Steven's Shelter in Henrietta Town Park, and all members are encouraged to attend and bring their families and friends for an enjoyable day in the park.

Thanks to all

This will be my last monthly article in the *Masonic Times*. I have certainly enjoyed my term as Worshipful Master, and I deeply appreciate your sharing this Fraternity with me and for giving me the opportunity to sit in the East for a year. I have made many new friends this year, participated in various activities through the Masters and Wardens Association and attended many training sessions and the Grand Lecturer's Convention and so forth. All of these and all of the meetings and social events at Flower City Lodge have made this a tremendously important year in my life. My thanks to you all, and my very best wishes to our incoming Worshipful Master, Jerry Spero, and all our local, District and Grand Lodge Officers as they begin the new year.

Have a great Summer, and we'll look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

The Gift of Love

The Masonic Service Bureau greatly appreciates your contribution. If you have not made your 1998 donation, would you please do so now, before you forget? If you have, would you consider increasing it?

Seneca Lodge

No. 797

Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.



W. Gary R. Stein
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Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary
233-5953
30 Orchard St.,
Webster, N.Y. 14580

Wow

That's not the pop sold at your local Wegman's store, it's Gary Stein who is now a Worshipful saying, "WOW-how time flies when you have fun". I have had a great time working in the quarries on my way to the East and it seems that time really has flown since I was raised on November 13, 1990, until being installed as Worshipful Master. Thank you to my predecessor, W. Donald A. Rose, for his leadership of Seneca Lodge during the past year, as well as his coaching. W. Don's articles in the *Times* were very well written; mine may not have the finesse, as MBA's are taught more about the language of numbers and analysis, than English composition.

Installation

My heartfelt thank you to those who made my Installation one of the most memorable events in my life. Specifically to R. W. William H. Russell, Installing Master; R. W. Stephen R. Whittaker, Installing Marshal and James A. Hill, DSA, Installing Chaplain. It was good to see many Masonic friends who made the effort to be a part of Seneca's '98-'99 Installation.

Trestleboard

I am pleased to announce that Seneca Lodge's 1998-1999 Trestleboard is in place. Rather than list the entire litany here, I would recommend that the Seneca Brothers watch the monthly mailing of the Seneca Trestleboard for happenings at Lodges, as well as social events and Community Service happenings. My thrust as your Master will be to make this a FUN year for you-my only hope is that you elect to take advantage of what your Lodge has done and can do for you.

Closing

Thank you to my Seneca Brothers for allowing me to serve you as Master of Seneca Lodge. I will do my best to live up to the standards set down by those who

have traveled to the East before me and made Seneca Lodge what it is today.

See you at Lodge.



Bro. Albert W. Brown (50 yrs.)



Bro. Ron Brown (30 yrs.)



R. W. Steve Whittaker (30 yrs.)



Bro. Stephen Barish (25 yrs.)



W. Larry Foster (20 yrs.)



Bro. Colby Chandler (50 yrs.)

MONROE Lodge No. 173



W. Keith
Denton
Master
637-9318
2nd
Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

Roy D. Goold, Secretary
637-6419
67 Main Street
Brockport, N.Y. 14420

Masonry the Blue Print for peace

The word "Democracy" is an inspiration to all, a very high ideal that equates for many to fairness, justice, and the concept of "one person making a difference". To be living in a "Democracy" inspires pride, a sense of importance and the security of being part of something very special. But, it doesn't hold a candle to the concept and teachings of Freemasonry. This was the first of many realizations I brought back from Grand Lodge this year! The 217th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in New York City was inspiring, moving, enlightening and profound. This was my second opportunity to attend, but the first time I really appreciated what it means to be a member of the Masonic Fraternity and how special we are! This year was "historic", because in addition to the usual splendor of Grand Lodge in New York, it was the location of the "World Conference of Freemasonry". There were 23 countries, 33 Grand Jurisdictions and 9 Concordant Bodies represented.

Masonry is alive, well and worldwide! As the M. W. Basilio A. Barreto Martinez, Grand Master of Cuba, said, "Despite all of the conflict between countries and their political differences, we are here today because we are Masons and Brothers... We are an example for the rest of the world to follow".



R. W. Cyrus Kloner and R. W. Gene Brendel presenting a 50 Year Service Certificate to Brother James Wrazik.

Why mess with a good thing?

As least that's what we are telling ourselves at Monroe No. 173. We have re-elected all of the officers of the Lodge for a 2nd year. My fear is that some of these positions may be for life!! We need all of our members who haven't had time before or have had a few years off to rejuvenate themselves to GET ACTIVE! We also need new members, young blood, and fresh ideas! To all of our Brothers from other Lodges who have lost their way, or have been forgotten, think of Monroe No. 173 as your "Ellis Island", a new beginning and a chance to follow your dreams. Your current membership card is your passport, don't worry about the language barrier, or the unfamiliar customs, we have tutors to help. Please take a chance and board our ship! It sails the 2nd Tuesday of September at 7:30 p.m. If you miss September there is always November, December, January...it's only once each month. Please come aboard!

ETOLIAN

Lodge No. 479

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W. Dennis F.
Tlanello
Master
352-9757
2nd & 4th
Mondays
7:30 p. m.

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

Brethren

This is the first article that I am submitting as the new Master of Etolian Lodge and I am sorry to have to deliver the message of the passing of two of our Brothers, John R. McLain and W. E.J. "Tiny" Wilson. Our heartfelt condolences go out to both families and friends of these individuals. In the April issue of the *Masonic Times* there was an article that spoke to the recent Dedicated Service Award that was presented to Ellsworth Wilson. It was a strong tribute to him that at the Lodge meeting held on April 27th, 40 Brothers adjourned after the first half of a 3rd Degree to attend a Masonic Service on his behalf. This was a Brother who will ever be in the hearts and minds of Etolian Lodge members and also a man who will remain in our individual thoughts for some time to come. More information can be found later in the "In Memoriam" section of this publication.

New members

I take this opportunity to welcome as newly raised Brothers in Etolian Lodge, Patrick Schwartz, son of our Senior Warden, Michael Schwartz and George Greenauer, Sr. I wish them well on their new found journey to the East and beyond. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome a new affiliate, Brother Richard Parsons, who is a dual member from the American Canadian Grand Lodge of Germany.

Let's picnic and give Awards

I would like to call your attention to the meeting that will be held on June 8th, which will be a Sport Shirt Night.

June 15th will be our Annual Picnic at Pineway Ponds, the meat and refreshments will be provided by the Lodge. Please bring a dish to pass. Dinner will start promptly at 6:00 p.m.

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DSA Awarded at Etolian (ERRATA)

This is a photo which we ran in the last issue to cover a story which was published in the April issue of the Times. Unfortunately in the caption we did not mention all the people in the picture., Clark Kunes' name was omitted. We apologize for that and here correct the error.



W.: John Mattern-DSA, W.: E. J. Wilson-recipient of Distinguished Service Award, R.:W.: James Powell-Grand Representative of Quebec, W.: Clark Kunes-DSA, R.:W.: Jay McCullough and R.:W.: Eugene Brendel at the Presentation Ceremony.



W.: Brian Keery, Master of Etolian Lodge, receiving the Howard Potts Award from R.:W.: Stewart McCloud, Deputy Grand Master.

June 22nd will be an Awards presentation consisting of 32 Service Awards. This night will also consist of a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. Lodge will open early so all can attend the presentations of awards and all participate in answering questions of the friends who visit that evening. If any Brother knows of a friend, please let R.: W.: Jay McCullough or me know so an invitation can be sent to his home.

Apology for Trestleboard

As you have probably all figured out, I have been remiss on the Office of Tiler on the Trestleboard you have all just received. Brother Art McMichael has graciously accepted the job and I want to apologize for inadvertently leaving him off the Trestleboard.

Let's grow those flowers!

Thanks all who participated in the Monroe in Bloom Program in planting flowerbeds on Route 531 at the Gillette Road overpass. I believe that many more people in the County will know that the Spencerport Masons do exist through this activity. For others who are interested, there are now two 4 foot by 5 foot signs erected on Route 531 to commemorate the Spencerport Masons. This sign will stay erected for at least a two year period. If other Lodges want to participate in this program, you can call Joyce Cordello at the Monroe County DOT at 274-8163.

Let's serve breakfast

I remind the Brothers that the Spencerport Canal Days are July 25th and 26th. Etolian Lodge will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast at the Lodge each morning, the time is 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The cost is \$3.75 per adult, \$1.50 per child and \$1.50 for Seniors over 65. Please contact R.:W.: Eugene Brendel or myself to inform us of the days you can participate.

I would like to wish each and everyone a very safe and enjoyable Summer.

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



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

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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

June meeting is open

The June 2nd meeting will be in Cathedral Hall on the 4th floor. There will be a dinner before the Awards Presentation. This is the special gathering where we will honor DSA recipient W.: Glenn Stahl and several Service Award recipients. The Master's Choice Award for the Valley/Simes Mason of the Year will be given. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and is open to family and friends. We will have a Festival of Strawberries after the Program. Please come and join your Brothers being recognized. Grand Honors for a job well done and being a good and faithful servant. Reservations please! Call Herb Spencer at 271-8577 or me at 334-1989.

May meeting

Our newly elected DDGM, R.:W.: Donald Darrohn, was a special visitor this evening. I am personally grateful for this sacrifice of his time.

We raised Brothers Elmo Bardegues and Michael Metzler at ERAC Lodge No. 943 on Monday, April 27th. The Ritual was a superb and moving experience. Please take the time to meet these men and welcome them. The program was our Annual Meeting and the Installation of Officers.

Financial and Committee reports were read, accepted and spread upon the minutes of this Annual Summoned Communication.

A motion was made and carried to empower the Secretary and Treasurer to pay necessary bills over the Summer. Many communications were read and recorded. I read, as outgoing Master, a message of gratitude and thanks for the opportunity of leading my Lodge. With the hope of getting more work done this next year, I gave another message after being installed.

The nominations were made and accepted, and elections conducted, voting into office for the ensuing year, the following:

Master W.: Michael G. Batz SW
W.: Glenn Stahl JW
R.:W.: William Baldwin Treasurer
W.: Howard Belt Sec.
R.:W.: Herbert Spencer Alt. TCC Rep. Vacant

The Installation went smoothly and my incoming Master's message commended those in the Craft, willing to pick up the ball and run with it (if you will), and a hope that this year might end on a positive gain for membership.

Membership

It is our responsibility to lead good men to Masonry, and so, I call you to the task. Send us the name of a man whom you might feel would make a good Mason, and we will do the rest. The Officers and a core group of your Brothers have carried this torch for sometime and will continue to support growth in our membership. I've heard no less than 15 excuses from "too old" or "over the hill" to "I've asked my son (nephew, whatever) once already", and "I don't know anybody in Lodge anymore". There's only one reason you don't know anyone in Lodge and that is, for whatever reason, you don't communicate with Lodge or go to Lodge functions. We must think specifically of people we associate with routinely and their sons, and let your committees do the rest. Looking forward to seeing you sooner than later.

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538

30 Orchard St.
WEBSTER, N.Y. 14580



W.: Jacob J. Ponshock, Master
338-2998

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

Henry Libera, Secretary
872-5427

Greetings

Here we are, entering into a new year with your new Officers installed and anxious to serve you. Even though Webster Lodge No. 538 is dark in July and August, we will still have a busy Summer.

Webster Arboretum Days

The first event will be the Webster Arboretum Arts and Craft Show on July 25th and 26th. This will be our 3rd year to furnish food for this event. We will expand our menu this year to include Hamburgers and bottled water, along with the usual Red and White Hots, Italian Sausages and sodas.

Family Picnic

The 2nd event will be the Webster Lodge No. 538 Family Picnic. I am very happy to say that I have invited the Sisters and Brothers of Webster Chapter No. 171, OES, to be a part of our family. The gathering will take place on August 2nd, starting at 1:00 p.m. I would like to invite each of you and your families to come and enjoy a day of Masonic family fellowship. I would especially like to invite our senior members who have not been to Lodge for awhile to come, meet our newer members, and they you, and have a day of fun, games and a lot of good food. The Lodge will furnish the meat and condiments, but I would invite each of you to bring a dish to pass. Let's have a real good old fashioned picnic!

Webster Good Neighbor Days

On August 14th and 15th, we have the Webster Good Neighbor Days. This year we have decided to put our grills to rest because of the poor showing last year. Instead, we are planning to have a Child ID Program together with a Food Cupboard Program. This should help our exposure in the community, let them know who we are and what we do. Webster OES Chapter No. 171 has offered to help with each of these events. If you can help, please get in touch with JW, Emil Schirano at 265-3932; SW, Bernie Russell at 872-1353 or with me.

Have a special hobby?

This year we will have some interesting programs planned for our meetings. If you know of someone who has a special hobby, unusual vocation or if you have something that we might be interested in, get in touch with me and let's schedule a meeting.

Join us

I believe each meeting should be a Brother Bring-a-Brother Night. I know that we have Brothers who set at home on meeting nights because they either cannot see to drive at night or have no transportation. If you know of a Brother who fits this picture, first give him a call, then an invitation, and finally a ride. If a Brother does not receive a call and would

like to come to Lodge, call one of the officers and they will see that arrangements are made to get you to Lodge.

For those Brothers who may not know, or have forgotten, we do have new chair lifts in operation to the Lodge room and also the dining room downstairs, for those who find the stairs a problem. This addition was made possible in part by a large contribution from our Sisters and Brothers in Webster Chapter No. 171, OES. We greatly appreciate all the help they extend to us each year. A big thank you to each of them.

Have a safe Summer if you are traveling. Look forward to some exciting events starting in the Fall.

Further detailed information will be forth coming in the new "News Letter" that has just recently been brought back to life jointly by Webster Lodge and Webster Chapter, OES. Its publication will start out monthly. Brother John Clapp will be Editor in Chief. He may be reached at 571-4158.

IT'S COMING!!

Editor's Award for Lodge News Articles

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

FAIRPORT Lodge No. 476



R.:W.: Gerald K. Becker, Master

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

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

By Tom Richenderfer, SW

Our Worshipful Master asked me to write this month's column for our Lodge, so it must be that time of year again when the reins (or is it chains?) of power change hands. I can't urge you to come out for our Annual Meeting and Elections, since this issue of the Masonic Times won't come out until well after that meeting is over. I do, however, want to ask for you support for the ensuing year.

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Fairport Lodge is at a crossroads. We have been modestly successful at bringing in new members over the past few years through the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. However, we have not been successful in getting members to attend Lodge meetings or Lodge activities. There have been many different reasons for this, but the end result is that the Lodge is below the "critical mass" needed to sustain itself for many more years.

I am going to do my part, as your incoming Master, to plan and provide programs that will entertain, inform, and stimulate you and your families. The officers will do their part to insure that the Lodge is well maintained and is an efficient, well organized group that can become a community asset. We are missing only one element-YOU!

We need you to do your part by coming to meetings and taking part in the Lodge activities. We need your input of what you think we are doing right, and more importantly, what you think we are doing wrong. We need your ideas for improving what the Lodge does and how it does them. Regardless of the quality of the meeting or the program, what is remembered is that "There was a real crowd there that night!", or "Yeah, but only a few guys showed up that night". You have to come to at least one meeting to judge for yourself what you like and don't like; you can't judge by a meeting that you attended last year.

Canal Days

R. W.: Chick Becker needs help with the Food Stand at Fairport Canal Days. This is our biggest fundraising activity of the Lodge year and we need the support of each and every Brother to make this effort a success. I would like to see a full set of sideliners for the Installation on June 8th. When we resume in September, our first meeting will be our Official Visit from the new District Officers. I would like a full meeting room to meet and greet those District Officers and hear the Grand Master's Message. These are activities that do not take much time or effort on your part, but contribute greatly to the quality of the meetings and to the morale of the Brothers who have been regularly attending meetings. They can also be a lot of fun!

Summer plans

Over the Summer I plan to have a Family Picnic. I also plan on a trip to Frontier Field as a group to see the Red Wings. If there's enough interest, we can also put together a group trip to see the Raging Rhinos. In August, we will be holding our first Brother Bring-a-Friend meeting to try to identify some candidates for our Fall classes. I will announce more details about these events in the June Lodge meetings.

In closing, I can't emphasize enough how important it is for our members to come out to meetings and take part in the activities of the Lodge. □

East Rochester's
Ancient Craft
Lodge No. 943

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

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

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

Grand time at Grand Lodge

I am so pleased that I had the opportunity to participate in this year's Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. It was my first of, I hope, many visits to the Big Apple. It was most impressive to be one of nearly 1000 Masons present for the Ceremony and Election of the Grand Line. We in New York are fortunate to have M.: W.: Stewart McCloud leading us for the next two years.

I will challenge all future Masters of ERAC to participate in this annual affair. It was a great ending to my year as Master. I also made it a point to read our Lodge's archives and make a contribution to the history.

Annual Reports & Installation

With the exception of the Financial Report, which was jettisoned by a hard-drive crash, the Annual Report for the Lodge went well and was properly communicated to the Brothers. Elections went well and I am happy to report that W.: Thomas O'Leary will lead us from the East next year. He has a solid line of officers and I expect another good year for ERAC. Best wishes to Tom and his line!

Memorial Day Parade

ERAC proudly participated in the Memorial Day Parade. This was an opportunity to be recognized in the East Rochester community as a viable and active organization.

Recognition

The Trustees of the BJ Fryatt Building Committee must be recognized for their behind the scenes work to maintain the infrastructure of our building. There have been many challenges this year and this group has made some tough, but necessary, decisions. As a result of this work, ERAC is recognizing the Committee's leader, Henry Snyder, by choosing him for the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. He will be honored on Thursday, October 1st, in Cathedral Hall at 7:30 p.m. Plan to attend this event!

Awards Night reminder

As a quick reminder, our Awards Night at ERAC is on Monday, June 8th. The meeting is open and will include a Bar-B-Q Dinner. This will be our last meeting for this year and I hope to see you all there. Come out and show support for our Brethren.

What a year!

This is my last communication to you as Master for this wonderful Lodge. It has been an honor

and privilege to serve you and I hope I was able to make a difference for the future of our Lodge. The position of Master is so very important as we set the tempo for how the year will move along. I believe good planning has made a difference for me and I thank all who helped make this a truly enjoyable experience. My best to you and yours and have a great Summer! □

CLIO
Lodge No. 779

W.: Dale Polmateer
Master
392-9076

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

Charles A. Tucker, DSA
Secretary 392-2006
287 East Ave.
Hilton, N.Y. 14468

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The past month has been busy. The Ox Roast was another great event and thanks to all who contributed in so many ways. Move Up Night went well while I was in New York City at the 217th Communication, which demonstrates that we have a good Line in place. The 2nd Degree, with JW Jeff Ross in the East, was another great Degree. At the time of this writing, we have not had the Election of Officers, so come out in June to observe, and pick up a copy of the 1998-1999 Officer list and Trestleboard.

June meetings

At the first meeting on June 2nd, we will have the Installation of Officers. This is an important event for the Brothers who have accepted the responsibilities of office, so please come out and show your support.

The 3rd Degree will be conducted at the 2nd meeting on June 16th. Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m., a Steak Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and we will present the DeWitt Clinton Award and Service Awards. The 3rd Degree will be at the regular Lodge time of 7:30 p.m. This will bring us to the Summer recess.

Reflections

The 1997-1998 year has been a good year. We raised 6 new Brothers with well done Degrees, had a successful Blood Drive, put on 16 Spaghetti Dinners, a Holiday Dinner, Past Masters Night, had three guest speakers and increased attendance to approximately 20% of the membership.

I have prepared a summary of the 217th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge that will be presented and copies made available.

Again, I thank everyone who has worked in the quarries making this year a success and I thank you for the opportunity to have served as your Master. I wish everyone a pleasant Summer and look forward to seeing you in the Fall. □

2nd Monroe
DistrictCraftsman/
Robertson
Lodge No. 969

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

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



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

By Robert Ogden

3rd Degree

On April 24th a 3rd Degree was presented by the Shrine Degree Team to 6 Brothers-4 were from Churchville Lodge and 2 from Craftsman/Robertson Lodge. It was preceded by a fine catered dinner with approximately 54 Brothers attending.

In Memoriam

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of Brothers Donald F. Kohler, Alvin R. Cranston and Edgar H. Welton on the deaths of these Brothers.

Widows Luncheon

The Annual Widows Luncheon on April 25th was well attended by approximately 184 widows and 260 Masons and their ladies. The usual fine buffet was delicious and was followed by the Past Senior Grand Warden, R.: W.: John Fuller, the keynote speaker. It concluded with several fine renditions of Mozart and Gershwin by a talented pianist from the Eastman School of Music.

55 Year Award

R.: W.: Vernon Goodrich, assisted by W.: William Hook, presented Brother Harold F. Impson with a Pin and Award celebrating his 55 years in Masonry. A fine tribute, Brother Hal.

Annual Fellowcraft Dinner

Brother Jack Grover recently announced the results of the Election on April 14th at the Maplewood Inn. President-Bill Shelby; Vice President-Mike Schum; and Secretary-Treasurer-Clyde Siverd. There was a good turnout of 33 members.

Dues

Our Secretary, W.: Tom Kendig, wishes to remind the Brothers whose dues are outstanding to take care of this matter as soon as possible.

Lodge Picnic

The Lodge Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd at Linear Park in Penfield. Linear Park is well marked on the right hand side of Rte. 441 as you approach the Village of Penfield, heading East.

Congratulations

Congratulations to W.: Tom and Sue Kendig on the birth of their new grandson.

At the Annual Meeting of the Valley of Rochester, Scottish Rite, our own Vern Goodrich was elected Secretary. Congratulations Vern. Very convenient, as you are already in the building!

Brotherhood Fund

This will be the last report on the Masonic Brotherhood Fund as it terminates May 30th. To date there are 124 contributors totaling \$4560.00, which represents

June 1998
65% of our membership, including friends and widows. My sincere thanks to all the participants.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to the Brothers with birthdays in June: John Beach, John Brown, Ed Fulmer, Norm Gauch, Alan Goodrich, Vern Goodrich, Bruce Hinkley, Ralph Jurgens, Fred Lang, Joe Martin, Phil McCaskill, John Meier, Ken Mertz, George Reiber, Len Schmeer Jr., Mike Schum, Ray Smith, Bill Staats, Chuck Strickland and Chuck Walker.

As this will be the last Masonic Times publication 'till September, I'd like to wish all the Brothers and their families a most pleasant Summer.

June dates

June 2nd is the Public Installation of Officers. June 10th is Jim Kelly Night at the Diplomat Party House. June 16th is Wild Shirt Night. □

FAME
Lodge No. 945

CHARTERED 1917
4275 CULVER RD.
ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14622



W.: Richard Topel,
Master
663-2547

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

Leon VanHuben, Secretary
647-1391

By W.: Glen Campbell

Congratulations

A special congratulation is extended to Fame Lodge's Senior Deacon, Doug Pollock. Doug and his wife, Nancy, celebrated the joy of twins on March 19th. Nancy and the children, Nathaniel and Autumn, are doing fine. The jury is still out on Doug. Fame Lodge wishes all the best to the Pollock family.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped me this year. The list would be long if I were to list each person who was instrumental in assisting me. I want each Brother of Fame to know how much I appreciated his help and attendance at our regular communications.

Grand Lodge

It was a thrill for me to attend Grand Lodge May 4th and 5th in New York City. It was a treat to attend this year because it was in conjunction with the International Conference. I can't say enough about the pleasure of hearing from Grand Masters and their designees from Free Mason Lodges all around the world. The two days were worthwhile and I want to extend a thank you to R.: W.: William Spillane who was there for all of us from the Monroes to make sure our experience in the "Big Apple" went well. I'm glad we didn't hook up more outside of the meetings or I'm sure we would both be still in NYC enjoying the sights, museums, and churches.

Good luck

I wish the incoming officers all the luck in their upcoming year at Fame Lodge, and thank one and all for a year I will never forget serving as the Lodge's Master.

Rent the building

Fame Lodge still has dates available for renting their facilities to any group in need of meeting space. Contact Brother Charles Petersen at 663-7661. □

Interfaith Service & Breakfast-Logans, Oct. 4th!

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14534

Greetings one last time from the East. I asked our SW, Bill Fraser, if I could write this article.

I made it back from New York City alive! I survived many cab rides, even one with 4 people squeezed in the back seat, but more on this later.

Thanks

Welcome to our newest Brother, William Karpinski. Brother Bill was raised on April 6th. A big thank you to Cecily, Amy, Linda and Lisa for serving the dinner that was catered by Rund's on the Ridge. Thanks to our JW, Brother Jim Weick, for coordinating with Rund's for the dinner.

More thanks go out to those on the Degree Team. They are as follows: Working Tools, Bill Fraser; King Solomon, Historical Lecture and Charge, R. W. Raymond Beardsley; Hiram, King of Tyre, R. W. Jack Thibaut; 1st Craftsman, Organist and off stage voice, W. Don Smith; 1st Base, Angelo DiCataldo; 2nd Base, Michael Herrmann; 3rd Base and Sea Faring Man, R. W. Dave Jones; and Raising Master, W. Russell VanDeGriff.

A special thanks to Exemplar and Senior Deacon, Brother James Knapp for doing a fabulous job. Keep up the good work.

On Tuesday, June 2nd, we will be traveling to Germania Lodge to help out with their 3rd Degree and also to raise another Brother who couldn't make it to ours.

We had a Lodge Clean-Up Day on April 18th. Thanks to W. John Dudley and W. Michael Herrmann for helping out. We were cleaning up for the Kitchen Tour of Pittsford, which was Sunday, May 17th.

The Widows Luncheon was held on Saturday, April 25th at Logan's Party House. We had 8 widows and 3 drivers attend. Our service to our widows is very important and we enjoy helping them out whenever we can. Thanks to Brother Fred Hull,

DSA, and W. John Williams for their help with the Widows Committee this year.

On the night of May 7th, we had an open meeting for the presentation of a few Awards. First and foremost, we surprised Brother Fred Hull with the presentation of the Dedicated Service Award to him. Thanks to all who kept this a secret for the past month, especially his wife, Eloise. Fred has done a super job for our Lodge in so many ways. We are eternally grateful for your services to us and to Freemasonry.

Congratulations to R. W. David W. Jones on receiving honorary membership in Northfield Lodge. We'll be calling on you to help out with work parties, mop the kitchen floors and now the lawn (just kidding). Thank you to Linda Zahn for doing a great job with the reception afterwards.

Again, many thanks to Brother Jim Weick for putting on an outstanding Ladies Night. Not only was the food excellent, but the String Quartet was phenomenal. What a dessert! Everybody walked away full and very satisfied. Thanks to Brothers Jim Knapp and Pierre Dube who helped out serving.

Grand Lodge trip

What a great time we all had! Grand Lodge was neat. They introduced over 50 dignitaries from around the world. We welcome the new Grand Line and M. W. Stuart C. McCloud, Grand Master.

W. Frank Briffa, from Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, gets the "Golden Camera" Award for missing several Kodak moments while taking pictures without film in his camera. W. Mike Gorall, Master of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge, his wife and daughter, get the "Golden Shopper" Award for trying to bring back half of New York City (pity Chester the Red Cap at Penn Station for carting it all onto the train). The "Lost in New York" Award goes to Linda Walker, Linda Polmateer, Barbara and Colleen Burke for spending 2 hours trying to find FAO Schwartz. W. Lloyd Wood from Union Star Lodge gets the "Golden Guide To New York" Award for his knowledge of the City and helping us all to get where we were going.

To W. Dan Walker, we say thanks for protecting us on the streets with his cane. He gets the "Golden Cane" Award. W. Brian Keery gets the "Hoyle" Award for

instructing us all on the finer points of Euchre. Brother Gerald Spero from Flower City Lodge, gets the "Golden Transportation" Award. He traveled to New York with us on the train, then immediately back to Rochester for a family emergency. Sunday afternoon he flew back to LaGuardia, getting a cab from the airport to the hotel and returning to Rochester with us on the train, Tuesday.

I receive the "Golden Pepper" Award for trying my first (and last) Chinese red pepper. For more information on this, read the other Lodge articles.

All in all, we had a great time. We had a super group to travel with and thanks to all for making this a time I'll remember forever.

Once again, thank you to the Lodge for allowing me to serve as your Master and for sending me to New York City. Our Senior Warden, Bill Fraser, will write the rest of this article.

From William V. Fraser, SW

As I am about to begin my year as Master for those who do not know me, I am William V. Fraser. Call me Bill.

I would like to thank all those who made it possible for me to obtain the highest rank that a Mason can achieve in the Blue Lodge, and also those who will be supporting me through their dedication and commitment for the upcoming events for 1998-99.

Summer dates

The Installation of Officers is June 4th.

The Sausage Stand at the Colonial Days is June 12-14th.

The Strawberry Festival is June 25th.

The Family Picnic, at the Lodge, will be July 24th.

The Steak and Chicken Roast, at the Lodge, will be August 29th.

Invitations are extended to all Lodges for the above events.

I am looking forward to keeping the Masonic family alive. My theme and focus is to maintain and build new bridges through the support of a very good line of Officers and Past Masters, at Northfield Lodge. They have given me the tools to make my year a success.



W. Randy Griswold, Master of Northfield Lodge, receiving the Potts Award from R. W. Stewart C. McCloud, Deputy Grand Master.




R. W. David Jones receiving Honorary Membership in Northfield Lodge from Master, W. Randy Griswold.



W. Randy Griswold, Master of Northfield, presenting Brother Fred Hull with a new name tag to go with his Dedicated Service Award. Fred's wife, Eloise, looks on.

Charlotte/Corinthian
Lodge No. 1088



W. Michael Gorall
Master
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 (w) 588-9901

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

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

Greetings from the East

I have just returned from Grand Lodge. As this was my first time in New York, it was great to experience the sights and sounds. My wife and youngest daughter accompanied me, and we all enjoyed the trip. We took the train down with other Masters from

the 1st and 2nd Monroes and were able to sit together, making it even nicer.

My wife enjoyed Times Square and my daughter enjoyed going out to the Statue of Liberty. On behalf of my family, I thank you for making this trip possible. If I had not been Master, I probably would not have ever gone.

My greatest honor was being able to receive the Howard Potts Award for the Lodge. It would not have been possible if not for my loyal staff of officers. I thank you one and all.

I would strongly suggest that if you are ever in New York City, please go to Grand Lodge just to look at the building itself. I got to see one other Lodge room as well as Grand Lodge. It is a building that all New York Masons can be proud of. I also spent time in the Library checking out the history of our Lodge.

Thanks

It is hard to believe that my term is almost over. As this is my last article to the *Masonic Times* as Master, I would like to take this time to thank all my Brothers who made my term possible. I have learned a lot as Master and I still have a lot more to learn. I also thank my line of officers. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with all of you. Thanks to all the Brothers who have helped me out sometimes at very short notice to fill a chair or help out with a special event.

Reminder

On Saturday, June 6th at 2:00 p.m. we will have our Installation of Officers.

Sunday, June 7th, is our Family Picnic at Camp Eastman. □

By Andy Alvarez, SW

Thank you is the first thing I would like to say to the Brethren of Charlotte/Corinthian for electing me into the East. By the time you read this article, the new line will have been voted into office. They are:

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| Master | Andy Alvarez |
| Senior Warden | Tom Grape |
| Junior Warden | Ken Radloff |
| Senior Deacon | Tom Tills |
| Junior Deacon | Ray Thompson |
| Sr. MC | Bill King |
| Jr. MC | George Frame |
| Chaplain | Jim DeLorenzo |
| Sec. | Bill Flemming |
| Treas. | Charles Simpson |
| Tiler | Don Freeman |
| Marshal | Nick Vlahos |
| Stewards | Frank Jansson |
| | Cliff Short |

Goals

My name is Andy Alvarez and I hope to meet or exceed your

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Strawberry Festival



June 25th
 4:45-7:30 p.m.

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 17 Church Street, Pittsford

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expectations as Master during this coming year. One of my goals this year is to keep the Lodge very active and alive. We will be having new events and activities to bring Brothers back to Lodge, as well as attracting new members. We will have mailings sent out for all events to keep everyone in the local area informed of Lodge activities, as well as posting them in the *Masonic Times*. JW, Ray Thompson, will be bringing a website onto the internet for the Lodge. You will also find our events calendar there. Look in upcoming articles for our web address. If you have any ideas or thoughts toward future Lodge events, I can be contacted at 426-1946.

June dates

Keep these dates in mind.

Tuesday, June 2nd, will be an Open Meeting for the Installation of your new Officers. Please come out to meet them and join in the festivities. All Lodge members and families are invited. If you have a large number of people attending, please contact Tom Grape at 621-5282.

Sunday, June 7th is the day of the Lodge Picnic, which will be held at Camp Eastman, located in Durand Park, Irondequoit. Last year we had 100 people attend this function. We would like to see this number increase. We will have fun and games for children and adults to enjoy. Please plan on attending this Summer event. For reservations, please contact Tom Grape at 621-5282.

Saturday, June 27th, is the date of our Lodge Garage Sale to benefit special events. We are seeking donations of salable items for this function. If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact me at 426-1946 for pickup or drop-off.

Union Star Lodge No. 320

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



2nd Monday
7:30 P.M.

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

Greetings from the East

Well, our Masonic year is fast coming to a close and we'll be dark for the Summer. The time just seems to have flown by. It seems like yesterday I was planning for our 1st meeting in September. It has been a great year though. The interior of our Lodge got a new face lift. It was

our first full year after the merger with Henrietta Lodge and all the Brothers and wives got together to help. This is what Masonry is all about. Again, many thanks to all who participated.

Current Lodge news

We had a 2nd Degree on April 27th and a good time was had by all. Twenty-four showed up for dinner and all went away happy and satisfied. W.: Joe Cotteleer was in the East and he did a great job. Thanks, Joe. Everyone else did a great job also and I know the candidates enjoyed the Degree.

Grand Lodge

As of this writing, I've been home from Grand Lodge for about a week. Grand Lodge is quite an experience and I would highly recommend that everyone strive to be Masters so you can see the spectacle. This year there were 59 Grand Masters from other states and countries in attendance. Quite impressive. We took a tour of some of the dozen or so Lodge rooms in the building. The whole building was refurbished a couple of years ago and the Lodge rooms look great.

Of course, Grand Lodge is not only work. We got off the train about 3 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, checked into the hotel and started right in sight-seeing. By Sunday night we had seen the UN Building, Air & Space Museum, some of Central Park, a lot of the Metropolitan Museum and St. Patrick's Cathedral.

We also had some fine food in Little Italy and a Chinese restaurant by the UN. The best food of all however, was at the Grand Master's Dinner. Every kind of hors d'oeuvre you could think of, free drinks, and Prime Rib for dinner. After we got back downtown, we walked around Time Square for a while to settle the food. If it sounds like a great time, it was.

I would like to take the time to acknowledge some of the people who helped make our trip a success. First is Sue at All Season's Travel for getting us our hotel. It worked out well.

Many thanks to Frank Briffa and Randy Griswold for not only letting us use their suite for the gathering room, but also with providing us many hours of laughter with their "living arrangements".

Many thanks to George Burke for bringing his lovely wife and daughter to our gathering. It was very nice to have them with us.

Finally, a most heart felt thanks to Linda and Dan Walker, our Advisors. They did an excellent job of providing food on the train and they were willing to help out any way they could. It was much appreciated. They also were an integral part of our group of eight, and it would have been a lot less fun without them. Thanks, Dan and Linda.

Closing

A big thank you to all my officers this year for all the time they dedicated to the Lodge. We wouldn't exist without people willing to give to our Craft. Thanks for helping me to make this a great year.

Towpath Lodge No. 163

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LeBoau,
Master
482-3936

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

R.:W.: Terry Wihlen, Secretary
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This is the first article of my tenure and I am happy to report to you that on May 13th we celebrated our eighth Past Masters Dinner at the Monroe Golf Club. In attendance were 18 Past Masters and 2 honorary Past Masters.

On May 5th we had a fine dinner prior to our Award Ceremonies. In excess of 40 guests and recipients were in attendance.

The recipients in Lodge were as follows: Brother Ray Andriesen, 101 years young, stepped to the dais with only the aid of a cane to receive his 75 Year Pin and framed Certificate. The applause was wonderful! A 65 Year Pin and Certificate went to Brother Harold Hershey; 60 Years to W.: Francis Warburton; 50 Year Pin to Brother Norman Gallant; 45 Year Pins to Brothers Robert Santo, John Konstanzer, William Davids and Richard Alexander; 35 Year Pins to Brothers John Wihlen and Masao Okita; 30 Year Pin to Brother David Caplan and a 25 Year Pin to Brother Donald Hage.

On this night the Awards were

presented by R.:W.: Don Darrohn, DDGM, and R.:W.: Ron Mertens, standing as Worshipful Master.

Unable to attend the Award Ceremonies were 70 Year Pin and Certificate awardee, Brother Braynard Kurkowski; 55 Year Pin awardee, Brothers Robert Young, Herman Thomas and William Nichols; 50 Year Pin awardee, Brothers Jack Michie, Wallace Tuschong and James Wheeler.

As you read this article the chairs will already have been occupied by newly elected and appointed officers.

The election was held on May 19th. You may attend our Installation on June 2nd.

Upcoming events

On May 29th a Joint Investiture Service will be held at the Downtown Temple.

Saturday, May 30th is a big day. Rain or shine, the Soap Box Derby will start at 8:00 a.m. at Lake Shore Boulevard, Durand Eastman Park. Towpath has a car entered and Joshua Folino will be driving it. He is a 7th grade student of the East Rochester Middle School. If you can spare some time, we would like to see as many Brothers and family members out to help cheer Joshua to victory.

June 16th is Sport Shirt Night. Bring a friend, open Lodge, and the food will be picnic style. Hots, sausages, and burgers will be served at 6:30 p.m.

August 16th will be our Annual Lodge Summer Family Picnic. Scholarship Awards will be presented to our special students.

Call me at 334-7730, or any of the officers, for the time. We will meet at Rand Lodge in Powder Mill Park.

Special request

In the Fall our Lodge will be contributing food to the local East Rochester Food Kitchen. If you would please bring a can of food to start our drive early, we and the recipients would be most grateful.



Recipients of Service Certificates & Pins (front) Bros. Francis Warburton, DSA (65), William Davids (45), Roy Andriesen (75), Norman Gallant (50) and Harold Hershey (65). (mid) Bros. Donald Hage (25), David Kaplan (30), Masao Okita (35). (back) Bros. John Konstanzer (45), Richard Alexander (45), John Wihlen (35) and Robert Santo (45).



Brother John Wihlen being congratulated by his brother R.:W.: Terry Wihlen on receiving his 35 year Service Award.

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G. McBride,
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Secretary

W.: John H. Foster 467-1677

By W.: Andrew McBride

Brothers, Grand Lodge is over for 1998 and we had a brief report on the proceedings from our retiring Master at our 2nd meeting in May. This was also the night for Installation of new Officers and we thank all those who retired.

It was nice to see Brother Phil McClure at the May 5th meeting. I hope that we will see you again in June.

Our 2nd Degree was completed in April and, for our June 2nd meeting, we will put on the 3rd Degree with Northfield Lodge. The Degree will be preceded by a dinner in honor of the candidates. Arrangements are still being made for this event.

Dates to remember

If you wish to show your support for our Grand Lodge Officers and to have a terrific lunch, call Herb Spencer and make a reservation for the Apron Luncheon on June 6th at the Party House on Beahan Road.

Don't forget our St. John's Day trip to Utica. This promises to be an exciting day and fun for the whole family. Please call me at 224-9479 to make arrangements. Five people have signed up so far.

The Annual Corn and Sausage Roast is set for Saturday, August 1st. Watch your mail for further announcements on this important event.

God bless and keep you. See you at Lodge.

O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759

W.: Gary
Trescott
Master
889-5424

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



R.:W.: Lawrence W. Dunn

Secretary 594-8033

5 Browns Ave.

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News and a brief farewell

Oatka Brethren enjoyed a quick year under my guidance and did many exciting things. We still are the "Fun Lodge" and if you will give W.: Gary Trescott half of the support you gave me, the Lodge will continue just fine! Thank you to everyone who contributed to helping me during my year as Master.

DSA and York Rite Golden Award

On April 22nd, W.: John Horn, DSA, was honored by receiving both the York Rite Golden Award from the York Rite College and the Dedicated Service Award. John has been a member of Oatka for over 40 years and is unflinching in his support and dedication to both the Lodge and Masonry. John has

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Oatka Lodge

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been unflinching in his support, wisdom and wise counsel to me over the last 20 years.

Apology

The Widows Luncheon was well attended and I apologize to those women associated with Oatka Lodge whom were overlooked.

Golf Balls

Oatka Lodge is finalizing the plans for their first Annual Golf

Tournament at Farview Country Club. See our ad first featured here. The event will be August 2nd and we are challenging all Lodges to come up with at least a "foursome". Please call with your reservation as soon as possible.

Lastly!

I wish to thank the Editorial Staff and support workers of the *Masonic Times* for their patience with me and their guidance. Now that I have some free time on Wednesdays, I might get a computer upgrade. Maybe one of those new talking devices. ☐



R.W. Charles Ogburn, R.W. Bill Spillane and R.W. David Jones assisted in the presentation of Service Awards to Bros. Robert Weir (55), George C. Shaw (50), Glen E. Johnson (50) and Bob Salzer (60). W. Donald Tubman, Master (rt). (Photo by Rich Fimble)



FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

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

Annual Feast

The Annual Feast was held at the Downtown Temple on April 29th and the featured presenter was Karl Kabelac of the University of Rochester's Rare Books Library. Besides presenting an overview of the Library's holdings, Mr. Kabelac had participants work with copies of significant items from the University's collection. He finished his presentation with an overview of internet website resources that could aid the researcher. His presentation was highly informative and would be an interesting Lodge program.

Election

The Election of Officers also occurred at the Annual Feast. Congratulations to Ruel Lovett, Vice-President, Terry Wihlen, Treasurer, and George Springett, Secretary. Thank you to everyone who supported my election as Chapter President. I look forward to a productive and fun year ahead for the Chapter. By the time you read this our Chapter home page should be up and running on freemasonry.org (emason). Check it out and drop us an email to let us know what you think. When you see Bill Lindsay, take a moment to thank him for all his dedication and hard work over the past two years! I indeed have big shoes to fill.

Relationship

I am very proud of the fact that our Chapter has had excellent relations with Eureka Lodge, Prince Hall Masons. I am committed to our Fraternal friendship with Eureka and am a subscribing member of the Phylaxus Society, similar to

the Philaethes Society, for Prince Hall Masons.

Anniversary

1998 is believed to be the 600th Anniversary of Prince Henry Sinclair's journey from Scotland to Nova Scotia. This journey occurred 94 years before Christopher Columbus' discovery of America. Records indicate that Prince Henry traveled with 200-300 Knights Templar and was a Grand Master of their Order. A flyer about the Celebration was included in the recent Chapter mailing. There are events planned in Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Massachusetts this coming September and I plan to be in attendance at the Ceremonies in Westford, MA. I believe that compelling evidence exists that proves the journey did occur and am proud that our Chapter is a Bronze Celebration donor which will help spread the work about our Templar ancestors and their courageous journey. I have put together a presentation on Prince Henry, the Templars, and Rosslyn Chapel and would be happy to present it as a Masonic Program.

Kim Kelly Dinner

Tickets for the Jim Kelly Dinner are still available from the Masonic Service Bureau at \$25 each. Call 473-4351 to make reservations. Spread the word, all are welcome to attend! The evening will be an exciting night for Masonry and entertaining as well. In addition to the DeWitt Clinton Program, music for dancing will follow the Awards part of the evening until 11:00 p.m. This would be a great occasion to bring someone who is special in your life, a grandchild, or a Bills' fan. Thank you to everyone who is making donations to the Hunter's Hope Charity. The Diplomat Party House is located on Lyell Avenue between Mt. Read Blvd. and 390 (take 390 to the Lyell Ave. exit). See you there!

From the Secretary's Desk

By George Springett

Philaethes

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you a Mason who has a great interest in the truth about the history of Masonry, Ritual development, or some other aspect related to Masonry? This Society may have the interest area that will fulfill your need for your growth. If you are interested in becoming a member, give me a call. ☐

What are you doing for the Fraternity?

By Don Brugger

Most of us tend to think of renewal of the Fraternity in heroic proportions: Membership Drives, Brother-Bring-a-Friend Nights, Fundraisers and the like. There are however, little - almost effortless ways, in which we can help in maintaining our beloved Craft.

The primary tenets of the Fraternity are Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth, Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance and Justice. These are taught in the 1st Degree. They are first because they are basic to the Masonic philosophy. Unfortunately, being first they seem the first to be forgotten as we progress through the Masonic experience.

We tend to either forget the explanatory text spelling out the meaning of these virtues or we become insensitive to their true importance. These often repeated aspects of Masonry seem, at times, to be the farthest things from our minds.

The one most often neglected is the first, Brotherly Love. This is the one we tend most to lose the essence of in our usual fraternal relations. Sometimes our neglect is so basic and casual that we don't even think about it.

For example, how do we deal with simple duties to our Brothers? How do we act when attending Lodge? Do we try to be helpful in setting out paraphernalia for meetings, do we disrupt business with sideline discussions? Do we talk or jingle pocket change during prayer? Do we treat our meeting places as our home and see that it is neat and clean? Do we lend a hand in securing the paraphernalia after meetings or after Degrees? Do we honor our commitments (i.e. show up when expected or inform in advance when a commitment cannot be honored)?

I'm sure that this is not an exhaustive list, but I hope you get the gist of the discussion. Don't reject these questions out of hand. We all have seen Brothers who do not behave in accordance with our Masonic tenets. Think about it, can you honestly say that you seriously try to put into practice all the Masonic virtues all the time, especially with regard to our closest Masonic associates?

What to do

The next time you embark on a Masonic experience think a little bit about the true meaning of your engagement. Try to make the load of others, who are supporting the Fraternity with their labors, a little lighter. Don't make it more difficult for others to enjoy the company of their Brothers or their Masonic experience with your own actions. Be considerate, caring and respectful of the wishes of your Brethren. Anything you do that violates these simple rules can turn off the dedicated Brother or the newly raised Brother. Show your Brothers that you know what this Fraternity is all about. I'm sure that the Fraternity, your Lodge, your Brothers and perhaps you yourself will profit from it. ☐

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

Worshipful Brothers, we once again lost our speaker due to change in schedule at the last minute. At this time I am still looking for a replacement. Patti tells me that I have more speakers than anyone! That's not a compliment.

Since this is the last column for the Spring, I will remind you of the June 26th day at the Red Men's Club and the Summer Picnic and Pool Party at Sanford's on July 12th. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The rest will be provided.

Don't forget!

Safety starts at home. There are more accidents in the home than any place else. We would like to see you in one piece in the Fall. Have a good and fun filled Summer. ☐

Bureau of
Masonic Education
Monroe County
President:
V.: W.: John Zabel
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By V.: W.: John E. Zabel
Just a short note this month to say that by the time you read this, the Bureau of Masonic Education will have come close to finishing its reorganization and redefinition of its mission in the Monroe Districts. This task is being done by the Grand Lodge Officers, both current and past and the members of the Bureau's current Executive Board. Further information will be sent to the Lodges in the Monroe Districts later in the Summer. ☐

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My first act as District Deputy is to congratulate both R.W. Robert Dagen and R.W. Richard Anderson on the great job they have done over the last two years.

I know that I can't work miracles and answer all the problems we have in the District, but if we all work together we may be able to solve some of them. Our biggest problem is in membership retention. The Brother Bring-a-Friend Night has worked out in many of the Lodges throughout the District. After we get these new members, we have to keep them. Start by making them feel welcome, then get them interested in Lodge activities. We also have to get back some of the older members who are not attending Lodge. Let's contact them and see what the problem is.

Some of the Brothers whom I have talked to have a defeatist attitude. We have to rid ourselves of that.

Golf Tournament

Don't forget the Golf Tournament in Pike on June 6th and the Go-to-Church Services. These will be at the Java Village Congregational Church at 10:00 a.m. with a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Church basement. I hope to see you all there.

Have a nice Summer and remember an active Lodge is a healthy one. □

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Snowbirds return

With the arrival of the warmer weather here in the North country and the beginning of the tilling of Mother Earth, the Snowbirds are making appearances in our Lodge rooms. It is nice to see their smiling tan faces. Welcome home, Brothers.

The returning Brothers have brought with them word of turmoil occurring on cable TV in Florida. This turmoil is caused by the airing of programs by the anti-Masonic activists trying to further their profits at the expense of Freemasonry.

You must listen carefully to the words that these activists use when describing Masonry and the Ritual we have learned. The application and interpretation of our Ritual and of its allegories is the means through which the anti-Masons weave their tales of deceit to the unsuspecting public.

An example of an anti-Masonic activist's statement this writer can remember hearing was presented this way: "The Masons teach its members to kill any member who violates Masonic Law as specified during each member's vow to secrecy. I quote directly from their obligation, 'under the penalty of having their tongue torn out and their throat cut open'. This is just one of the ways that the Masons keep their membership under Satan's control".

Having heard such digressions from the actual Ritual is very discouraging to the true believers of Freemasonry. As you know, Freemasonry uses many allegories and symbols in teaching its morality. The symbolic penalty is used to reinforce remembrance of the contents of the obligation and its moral teachings.

You and I both know that the keyword "symbolically" was omitted from the anti-Masons quote given above, but the non-Masonic person listening to anti-Masons does not know this truth.

This is a war of words and not the time to be silent, ever remembering that Masonry is a society with secrets and not a secret society. We must challenge the anti-Masons to prove every statement they make. The anti-Masons will NEVER show complete documentation because it will show them to be telling half-truths. It is time that we Masons speak out and prove that they are unscrupulously misleading the public to accomplish their own ends.

What can you as a Mason do to defend Freemasonry against these attacks? Study your Ritual and know its true meaning, both morally and symbolically. We can now understand the reason for your smiles, especially under these trying times. □

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



W.: Arthur E. Drew, Pres.
W.: George Springett, Sec.

By W.: George R. Springett

Fish Fry Report

It was a beautiful evening for a drive to Attica Lodge and the District's Annual Spring Fish Fry. The food was well prepared and plentiful. If you missed the dinner, I am sorry. There were only a few leftovers because of the good turnout. Thank you, my Brothers, for making this a success. Our gratitude and sincere thanks to R.W. Jerold Brade and his staff for a job well done, good and faithful Brethren.

Krabbes Disease

Krabbes Disease is an ailment that infects small children and is currently without a cure. This is why Jim Kelly has established the Hunter's Hope Foundation for research in the fight against this dreadful disease.

The Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philaethes Society and the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester will be presenting Jim Kelly the DeWitt Clinton Award for his work in raising money for research of this childhood disease. These sponsoring organizations of your area will be holding a Benefit Dinner on June 10th for the purpose of assisting in the efforts of Hunter's Hope Foundation.

As I am a member and Secretary of the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philaethes Society, I am taking this time to ask for your support in this worthy cause. If you are, or were, a fan of the Buffalo Bills Football Team and liked the way Jim Kelly played, here is an opportunity to meet him on the Masonic level. Come and join with the Masons of this area and Jim Kelly for this benefit dinner. Mr. Kelly has agreed to be available for the signing of autographs before the dinner. Bring your wife or lady friend for this event will have music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

There will be plenty of room at the Diplomat Party House on Lyell Avenue, not too far from the 390 Expressway. Call the Masonic Service Bureau at 473-4351 to make your reservation. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

The Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philaethes Society would appreciate your Lodge assistance in supporting this effort by making a donation to this worthy cause. Any donation should be made payable to the Masonic Service Bureau, 875 Main St. E., Rochester, NY 14605.

Due to the small size of this Philaethes Chapter, and the great need of this charity, it has been asked that your Lodge make a donation of \$50 or larger to support this worthy cause.

The purpose for the foundation of this Fraternal Organization, the Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities, is the reason that I have brought this matter before you in this manner and prior to any discussion with the membership of the Council. I have discussed this matter with the President of the Council and I am asking that you and your Lodge consider supporting this undertaking.

Reminder

It is time to send the list of your 1998-99 Lodge Officers for publishing in the District Directory. The deadline for publishing is June 15th. Thank you for your prompt response.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held at Oakland Lodge No. 379, Castile, on July 19th at 2:00 p.m. There will be the 2nd ballot on the proposed amendment to the Council By-Laws establishing a Committee for controlling the dispositions of the Benevolence Fund. We, the Officers of the Council, will appreciate your attendance. □

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837



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

1st and 3rd
Thursday

W.: John Specht,
Secretary 548-2694

12 South Lake Ave.
Bergen, N.Y. 14416

As my year as Master draws to a close, I thank all the officers and members of Hesperus for making it one I will always cherish.

It was my honor and pleasure to represent the Lodge at the 217th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in New York City, along with 6 Brothers in attendance.

I would like to offer my best wishes for the new slate of officers for the ensuing year. Many thanks are extended to Union Star Lodge, Honeoye Falls, for conferring the Degree of Fellowcraft on one of our candidates.

Chicken Bar-B-Q

Thanks to W.: Garry Hutcherson for chairing the event, W.: Dick Sands and his crew for cooking the birds, and the many volunteers for making this annual fundraiser a success.

The 3rd Degree was conferred on May 21st, with 5 Brothers of our Lodge and one visiting Brother being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Congratulations to all!

Widows Luncheon

On May 30th the Widows Luncheon will be held at the Viking Valhalla Restaurant in Bergen at 2:00 p.m. Those interested in attending may call me at 494-2422 for reservations. Hope to see you there.

Installation of Officers

Installation of Officers will take place on June 7th. Dinner will be served by the OES at 1:00 p.m. with Open Installation being conducted by the Purple Apron Club at 2:00 p.m.

Steak Roast and Picnic

We are pleased to announce that our Annual Steak Roast and Picnic will be held at Marty and Donna Krause's cottage on Silver Lake. We had such a wonderful time last year that everyone was thrilled when they extended another invitation. The date is Saturday, August 1st, and once again, the party boats will be available to give everyone a trip around the lake. This is also the weekend of the Hot Air Balloon Show, which we watched last year. The activities begin at 2:00 p.m. Come early so you don't miss the fun. Each member may bring one guest.

June 1998

Remember to bring a dish to pass (no desserts, please) and a lawn chair. Make reservations by calling Hodie Miller at 225-2204 by July 23rd.

Wanted

Five willing and able Brothers are needed to find a good Summer home for Molly. She's very low maintenance and only requires an occasional dusting. All interested parties of five, visit Hesperus Lodge! □

Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161

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

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

By Ed Law, SD

Thanks to all who dined with us in Bliss, and to those who chose to carry Chicken Bar-B-Que Dinners home with them.

The Annual Eagle Valley Lodge Bar-B-Que 1998 was successful, and as always, a very fine event! Much appreciation to all who furnished pies and other "goodies", and to all who worked so hard or gave of themselves in any manner to get our Bar-B-Que off the trestleboard and make it reality.

It is this writer's prayer that you all will have a safe Summer season, and that you may return from your travels rested, refreshed and inspired.

It is hoped that at the next Stated Communication, attendance will be up and that the Brethren will experience a renewal of Masonic interest, enthusiasm and spirit. □

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New Officers

We held our Installation on Thursday evening, May 21st. The new officers are:

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Chaplain	Paul Stickey
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Jr. Mstr. Cere.	Michael Otis
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Join us

The Breakfast in the Park will be on Sunday, June 21st. The event will take place in Letchworth State Park. Come early! Serving begins before 7:00 a.m.

Temple roof repair

Bids were received for the roof and it will soon be repaired. □

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Greetings Brothers

Please excuse this writer's failure to get an article for May into the *Masonic Times*. The sudden illness and passing of my mother on April 12th took up the lion's share of my time. Sincerest thanks to all the Brothers and their families for the flowers and cards that were sent. They won't be forgotten.

Thank you

April 10th was our Annual Fish Fry. Approximately 195 people were served and delighted by our competent Brothers and their ladies. For the 2nd year in a row it was a sellout and an overwhelming success. Special thanks to all of those who supported this fundraiser, the hard work by all the Brothers and their wives, and to Perry Lodge for the use of their sign. Let's keep up the good work.

Bowling

A fantastic time was had by all the bowlers and wives who traveled to Lake George on April 25th and 26th. Oakland Lodge sent two teams. Thanks to Fred Hance, who once again belied his average, the No. 1 team fared very well. Official results were not in at the time of this writing, but Oakland was on top of the leader board with one weekend left to bowl. Also sitting pretty was Fred Hance's all events total and a few Brothers in the singles and doubles. Nice job.

Wow

On Sunday, May 3rd, a bus load of Brothers and their wives made their way to the Annual Communication at Grand Lodge in New York City. Thanks to the hard work of Brother Dick Anderson and his wife, the trip was smooth and enjoyable. After a few hours in Greenwich Village on Sunday evening, it was down to business at Grand Lodge on Monday morning. There's not enough paper on this tablet to accurately describe the humbling feeling of being present at Grand Lodge. To say the least, it was awesome and made me very proud to be a Mason. Fresh off the Third World Communication, the 217th Opening had dignitaries from afar. Well over 100 Brothers traveled from foreign lands to be present. This can be directly related to the outstanding job done by our own Grand Master, M.: W.: Earle J. Hino, Jr.

Thursday marked the Changing of the Guard for the Grand Line. R.: W.: Steward C. McCloud was installed as Grand Master. I have every confidence he will do an outstanding job, as did his predecessor. Congratulations to R.: W.: Carl Smith who was elected Deputy Grand Master. Oakland Lodge was the proud recipient of the Potts Award. Thanks again to all the Brothers who made this trip possible.

Election


By the time of this reading there will already be a new line of Officers elected for the upcoming year. There will be a Joint Installation at Warsaw Lodge on June 2nd. Please show your support by being in attendance in Warsaw. I'd like to thank everyone for a successful year, but as Jack Nicolson says, you ain't seen nothing yet!

Closing

This Master is very grateful for having a great crew that assisted in the roadside clean-up on May 9th. Good work! I'm also blessed to have had the opportunity to be associated with our fine line of Officers from the Grand Master down to the District Deputy, Staff Officer and Brothers whom I've been in contact with over the past year. You've been an inspiration for this Master, and I have every belief that 1998 and 1999 will be a great year for Masonry. P.S. If you see a Brother who has gone astray, lead him back into the flock. There's strength in numbers.

God Bless and Good Health. □

Olive Branch
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By R.: W.: Robert G.S. Nicoll Honors Night was held Saturday, May 9th, a very successful and friendly time. We honored W.: Lynn Saulsbury for 60 years a Master Mason. Lynn served as Worshipful Master in 1945. Brother J. Franklin Peel received his 50 Year Award. Congratulations were in order for Brother Frank and his wife, Marge, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Friday, May 8th. Our Masonic Widows were honored, and Mrs. Lynn Hammond received a Certificate of Appreciation for her gift of a Conn Organ to the Masonic Hall.

The DeWitt Clinton Award was presented to A. Adelbert Bell, popularly known as "Ange" Bell. For 44 years Ange has been Santa Claus for LeRoy and the surrounding area. He also served 12 years as member of the LeRoy Central School Board of Education, 4 years as President, Chairman of American Legion Bowling, and a 4th Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus. He married Eleanor 58 years ago and they have 4 sons, all engineers. Congratulations to all our honorees.

We have received bids on a new high efficiency Hot Water



R.: W.: Robert Nicoll, W.: Lynn Saulsbury, Mrs. Lynn Hammond, A. Adelbert (Ange) Bell, Bro. Franklyn Peel and SW Nevin Brick.

Heating System, a "lift" and construction of the lift. There will be a letter to the membership, explaining all the details in a couple of weeks.

In June the window off the men's room entrance will be changed to a handicap accessible door, with an outside sidewalk.

June 17th is the Annual Masonic Chicken Bar-B-Q and Picnic at the Genesee County Park.

Again this year, the 6th consecutive one, we will host, with the ladies of the Eastern Star, the VA Batavia Hospital's Fishing Trips and Luncheons. We start June 30th, each Tuesday until August 25th.

Have a great Summer! □

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By JW Mike Willwerth

Spring

Spring is the beginning of new life and growth, but without the seed or the buds in the trees there would be no growth. This is how I would like to view our Lodge. We need the input of each member of our Lodge so we will continue to grow and plant the seeds of the future. I think new ideas with Masonic ways will make this Lodge flourish with light.

Recognition Night

On May 2nd we had a wonderful night of fellowship and enjoyed a pleasant dinner. After dinner we recognized the 11 widows who were able to attend and read a few letters from those who could not make it. We awarded a 50 Year Certificate and Pin to Brother Clarence Greene. His wife, daughter and son-in-law accompanied Clarence. We recognized three other 50 year recipients who were not able to attend, Gerald Sawdey, Burt Hundredmark, and Edward Burleigh. We also had a young couple with us celebrating their 47th Wedding Anniversary, congratulations, Horace and Maude Wilder!

Brother Marion Tyler and Lyle Mark provided music which we enjoyed and appreciated. A special thanks to them, and the 48 people that were present. A special thank you to Bohn's Restaurant for putting on a great meal.

Grand Lodge

Seventeen Masons and wives went to New York for the opening of Grand Lodge on May 4th and 5th. While we were attending the Opening, the wives shopped 'til they dropped! A special thanks



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to R.: W.: Richard Anderson for making the arrangements and making it all happen.

Just a reminder

We will have a stand again for the Batavia Air Show on June 13th and 14th. If you are interested in helping, please call me at 344-8443. The Masonic Golf Tournament in Pike is June 6th. Don't forget to sign up. □

everyone. As a matter of fact, at our next meeting the members made a motion to make the 1st meeting in April our Annual Uniform Night. Looks like we started something.

Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge was on May 4th and 5th, and as Master, I was able to attend. Grand Lodge was awesome! The Grand Master's Dinner was unbelievable. The food and camaraderie were great.

West Star had a welcome surprise at Grand Lodge this year. West Star is honored to have a Grand Line Officer. R.: W.: Kenneth Kohlhaugen was appointed as Deputy Grand Standard Bearer. Congratulations, Ken, West Star is very proud.

Bar-B-Que

Our Chicken Bar-B-Que is on June 13th and Carl Parmerter is in charge. He is looking for help and would gladly welcome it. Give him a call at 535-7472. On May 28th we are having a Porkless Dinner. You will receive a letter soon. Also, the Family Picnic is on August 22nd, so save that date.

Farewell for now, and hope to see you at Lodge soon. □

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Busy times

The past month has been very busy. On April 6th we had Uniform Night, which was enjoyed by

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Greetings

By now you probably have read in this issue of the *Masonic Times* about the Grand Lodge 217th Annual Communication, which was held on May 4th and 5th. I had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge and though I have been before, I have never seen so many dignitaries from all over the world in one place at one time. There were representatives and Grand Masters from Australia to Yugoslavia. Also present were the heads of the other Masonic Bodies: Grand Chapter, Council Commandery, Scottish Rite and Supreme Council. The entire program was most impressive and very well organized.

Congratulations

Mt. Vernon Lodge is very honored to have R.: W.: Carl Smith elected to the Office of Deputy Grand Master. Carl was raised in Mt. Vernon No. 263 on February 13, 1961. We all wish him the very best in the years ahead in the Grand Line. Congratulations, Carl.

Welcome

We welcome 3 new members to Mt. Vernon Lodge. Brothers Michael Holmes, Terry Smith and Kay Dilker, who were raised on April 27th.

June

June 8th will be our last meeting before Summer recess.

On June 9th we are having a combined Installation with Arcade No. 419 at 8:00 p.m. The Installing Staff will be the Genesec/Wyoming Purple Apron Club. Try to make this last event of the year.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Summer and see you in September.

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By Harold Bollotin

Ward visits

In the last issue it was reported that the final ward visit was made on April 5th and that the next one scheduled will be on October 11th. Tom Paglia has informed us that due to the changes that are taking place in the Medical Center, our regular assigned Building 36 will be closed. Patients are being transferred to other buildings or to other facilities outside the Center. More information on visitations in the September issue.

Enjoyable year

I have enjoyed this past year with new acquaintances made and training courses taken. During my first time as Master, I didn't have the "Road to the East" and the "Leadership Development Program" to help me get organized. In the future, I believe both will be very useful.

I take this opportunity to thank those in the Lodge and Brothers from outside our Lodge for their assistance this past year.

June dates

Installation will be June 9th in Arcade, jointly with Mt. Vernon Lodge. During the last few years we have had Joint Installations and found it to be very enjoyable.

June 7th will be our Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q with the Knights of Columbus. Please come out and help. It would also be nice if you could bring your partner and eat there with us.

On Saturday, June 13th, there will be an Awards Night at which there will be a DeWitt Clinton Award and several Douglas MacArthur Awards presented. There will be a dinner (RSVP) by the OES this evening. Please plan on attending and honor our local people as well as representing the Lodge. Call either Dave (Sec.) or me with your reservations. Phone numbers are above.

Communicate

I would like to request that all the members outside the immediate area send in a note to the Secretary with a brief synopsis of what you are doing these days. I, along with the other Brothers, find it interesting to hear from those outside the area.

Please try to make one of the above events and see the new Potts Award we received at Grand Lodge for our participation at the Grand Lecturer's Convention held last November.

Service Awards

The VA Voluntary Service Awards Banquet was held on April 30th at the Burgundy Basin Inn. In attendance were Tom and Cora Paglia, Austin and Edna Keith, and Sylvia and I. Tom was given a special award for 22 years of voluntary service. Not only has he been the director of all our ward visits, but also has been a regular member of the Executive Committee, faithfully attending their monthly meetings at the Center. The award was richly deserved. Congratulations, Tom!

Austin Keith, from Wayne District, was given a special Award for 12 years of voluntary service. Keith devoted at least one full day of every week for service in the Administration Building, Out-patient Clinic, and anywhere else he was asked to serve. His award was also richly deserved. Congratulations, Austin!

Memorial Day, Bath VAMC

Tom Paglia informed us that the Bath VAMC again sponsored a Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 25th. A parade was held. A retired U.S. Army General was the guest speaker and other program events were planned.

We again participated in the Parade and a report with photos will be in the September issue.

Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



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

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Questions about retiree pay should be directed to: Defense Finance and Accounting Service at 1-800-321-1080 or 216-522-5955.

Annuity Pay

Questions regarding annuity pay should be addressed to the Defense Finance and Accounting in Denver at 1-800-435-3396.

ID Card Eligibility

For ID Card information, contact BUPERS Benefits Branch at 1-800-443-9297 or 703-693-9923.

Service Records

Retirees requesting a copy of their Discharge Certificate (DD214), personnel records or medical/dental records, should correspond with the National Personnel Records Ctr., 900 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132 Attn. Navy. Requests for records are processed in four to six months. All requests should include full name, rate/rank, Social Security number, dates of service and date of birth.

Retirees Death

To report the death of a Navy retiree, contact the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Casualty Assistance Branch at 1-800-269-5170 or 215-522-6680/81. If a Retired Activities Office is nearby, they can provide valuable assistance.

Other information

For other retiree personnel matters, contact: Bureau of Naval Personnel, Retired Activities Office (PERS 622), Washington, DC 20370-6220 or reach them by phone at: 1-800-255-8950 or 703-614-3197.

Always include your phone number with all correspondence.

Ins and outs of SBP Annuity

The following information is in response to questions often asked by retirees. The information is not conclusive, it is only an attempt to share some enlightening details with retirees and potential survivors on the SBP Annuity.

The SBP Annuity is paid monthly to the qualified annuitant. The payment is effective the first day after the death of a service member, unless the death occurs on the 30th of a 31 day month. In that case, the annuity starts on the first day of the month.

An annuity for a minor child is paid to the legal guardian. If there is no legal guardian, payment is made to the natural parent, custodian, or a representative payee of the child.

When the child reaches legal age (under the law of the state in which they reside), the annuity is then paid directly to them.

If delinquent charges occur, annuity payments are suspended until the fees and interest have been paid.

The SBP Annuity is not assignable, not subject to levy, not subject to attachment and not subject to garnishment.

If an annuitant becomes incapacitated, the annuity can be paid to a third party. This procedure is followed only when a state court order appoints the third party as guardian or custodian. However, an annuitant may simply request that a representative act as his/her payee.

Mail Order Pharmacy fills the bill

It's official. The first worldwide Department of Defense (DOD) National Mail Order Pharmacy (NMOP) began filling prescriptions October, 1997. The NMOP can now provide refills of medication to more than three million people, and eventually will serve up to seven million.

Retirees now eligible to participate are: Tricare prime enrollees whose primary care manager is a Military Treatment Facility; Tricare standard or extra users in Alaska and Puerto Rico; Uniformed Services Treatment Facility enrollees; Medicare eligibles in Tricare Regions 1, 2, and 5, affected by a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) action; Medicare eligibles at specific BRAC sites in Alaska, California and Arkansas and Tricare Prime enrollees with PCMs at Sentara Health Systems in Norfolk, Virginia area.

For more information on eligibility, medication availability and how to participate, call Merck-Medco at 1-800-903-4680.

Note

All information printed here was taken from the Bureau of Naval Personnel Newsletter called "Shift Colors".

Did You Know?

Compiled By
Jay McCullough

Any accepted translation of the Bible is proper. [Masonic Law Supplement 777]

Non-affiliated or Unaffiliated Masons may be given the Masonic Burial; so may the widow of such. It is discretionary. Only unworthy, suspended or expelled Masons are forbidden these privileges. [Masonic Law Supplement 813]

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The Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, Brother James J. Benson is pleased to announce the establishment of a Tall Cedar Forest in the State of Tennessee, Tennessee Forest No. 195 is to receive its Charter in July.

The institution of a new Forest in the State of Florida is planned for May of this year.

Permission to establish a Forest in the State of Kentucky has been granted to the Supreme Forest by M.: W.: Ronnie G. Bell, Grand Master.

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Thomas Hueston
Grand Tall Cedar



Donald C. Bell, scribe

I wish everyone a safe and warm Summer.

Events

Don't forget about our upcoming events, the Sausage Roast on June 25th and the Annual Steak Roast on September 24th. Both will be held at the Shrine Mosque in Webster.

Sickness and distress

Brother Carl Busack was hospitalized for blood poisoning, receiving treatments every six hours. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he will be out and about real soon.

May all your cookouts be rain-free. Hope to see you at all of our events.

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Business

Final vote and approval on the second reading of the proposed amendments to the Constitutions:

The Resolution to amend Section 600.8: Every Lodge shall pay for each of its members annually \$17.00 to pay the expenses of Grand Lodge authorized by appropriations at an annual communication, and any other expenditures for any duty authorized projects of Grand Lodge, was given final approval on the second reading.

The Resolution to amend Section 600.9: Every Lodge shall pay for each of its members annually, which shall be appropriated to the Masonic Hall & Asylum Fund, .50 cents, was given final approval on the second reading.

Previous referral to the Jurisprudence Committee:

200.9 A proposal referred to the Jurisprudence Committee at the 216th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, specifying the inclusion of certain Grand Lodge Officers in the make up of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Hall & Asylum Fund, was withdrawn by the proposer.

Referred to the Jurisprudence Committee:

600. A Proposal to limit payment by Lodges to Grand Lodge on behalf of members with regard to Brothers holding dual or plural membership, presented for first reading, was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for further study.

416. A Proposal to designate the title of Right Worshipful to Directors of the Masonic War Veterans of Grand Post, was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

A Proposal to change the name of the District Grand Lodge of Syria/Lebanon, was determined to be not a Constitutional matter, was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Rules of Order

11. A Proposal to merge the Grand Master's Task Force Committee into the Grand Lodge Committee on Leadership Services, to be known as the Grand Lodge Committee on Leadership Services was given final approval by Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence approved all the actions, including his edicts, taken or issued by the Grand Master between the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master announced that, in accordance with Section 103 of the Constitutions, he would convene the 218th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge at the Masonic Hall, New York City, on May 3-4, 1999. The Grand Master also announced that the minutes of the 217th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will appear in the published Proceedings of this Grand Lodge to be released later this year. The Grand Master also thanked M.W. Richard P. Thomas, for conducting the elections of the Grand Lodge in an exemplary manner.

It was announced that the Grand Lodge Officers, including the District Deputy Grand Masters, Staff Officers, Grand Chaplains and others would receive their Commissions at the Public Investiture Ceremonies held at the Masonic Home in Utica, New York, on Saturday afternoon, June 20, 1998, during the St. John's Day Weekend.

Local Masons elected or re-elected to Grand Lodge Committees

Trustees of the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge: R.W. Sion N. Honea III and R.W. David W. Parish.

Grand Line Officers appointed were: R.W. Vincent Libone, Grand Marshal; R.W. Edward R. Trosin, Jr., Deputy Grand Marshal; R.W. John K. Whitman, Senior Grand Deacon; R.W. Bruce Renner, Junior Grand Deacon; R.W. Donald J. Kaiser, Grand Standard Bearer; and R.W. Kenneth Kohlhagen, Deputy Grand Standard Bearer.

The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Medal was presented to: R.W. Edward R. Trosin, Jr.

The Grand Master's Award of Appreciation was presented to: R.W. David P. Barwell and R.W. William R. Dubois.



217th Grand Lodge Communication

R.W. Edwin B. Peterson, Financier - Humanitarian Receives Distinguished Achievement Award



Brother Peterson was born in Brooklyn on May 6, 1916. The youngest of three children, he was educated in the Public School System and graduated from Alexander High School in 1933, where he majored in Accounting and Economics.

His business career began when he answered an ad for a stenographer for the New York Stock Exchange for \$15 a week. When he interviewed, the job was already filled, but he was offered a job as page. He took it and was on his way.

In 1946 he became Assistant Secretary of the Exchange and Secretary in 1950. He resigned the position in 1954, becoming a

general partner in the Firm of Francis I. DuPont & Co. From 1968-'72 he served as a member of the Board of Governors of the American Exchange and in 1973 he resigned from DuPont to become Vice-President of the American Stock Exchange. He joined the Firm of Morgan & Stanley from which he retired in 1985.

Brother Peterson was raised in Minerva Lodge No. 792. He served as Master in 1944 and was appointed DDGM for the Third Kings District in 1947. Brother Peterson was very active in the District and served on many Committees ending with serving on the Board of the Brooklyn Masonic Guild from which retired in 1986.

Throughout his Masonic career he has served the Craft and Grand Lodge especially as Financial Advisor under many Grand Masters. We hail-salute-and thank Brother Peterson for being a beacon of leadership for generations to come, and therefore now proclaim him recipient of the Highest Honor the Grand Lodge of New York can confer upon anyone.

The Award was presented by M.W. Earle J. Hino, Jr. on May 4, 1998 at the 217th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

St. John's Day Trip to Utica

Etolian Lodge will be sponsoring a bus trip to Utica on St. John's Day, Saturday, June 20th, to support the incoming and continuing Grand Lodge Officers.

A bus provided by Seal's Tours (W. Floyd Seeley) will leave Spencerport at 7:30 a.m. with morning refreshment provided, fresh pastries at a comfort stop along the way and arrive at the Masonic Campus about 11:00 a.m. Activities, starting at 10:00 a.m. will continue throughout the day (see Spring issue of "The Empire State Mason"). A sandwich lunch will be provided or may be purchased from any of the many vendors.

There will be time to visit the Masonic Home, Acacia Village, Masonic Research Lab and cheer on your Grand Lodge Officers as they parade to the Tompkins Memorial Chapel to receive their commissions. At 4:00 p.m. the bus will depart for home with wine, cheese and crackers to sustain us until we stop in Weedsport for a family style dinner (three meat selections) at the Old Erie Restaurant. Arrival home is estimated at 8:00-8:30 p.m.

The all inclusive price will be \$49.95 per person, payable to Seal's Tours. Ladies are encouraged to attend and join the fun. If necessary, a second pick up stop can be arranged.

We will be limited to 40 people. Please call: Gene Brendel at 352-3574 for reservations.

Interfaith Service & Breakfast - Logan's October 4th!

Elected Grand Line



(front) R.W. Carl J. Smith-Deputy Grand Master (raised in Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263-1961), M.W. Stewart C. McCloud-Grand Master (back) R.W. Ralph W. Bailey-Junior Grand Warden, M.W. Gary A. Henningsen-Grand Secretary, R.W. John R. Prout-Grand Treasurer, R.W. Duncan M. Bellinger-Senior Grand Warden.

Appointed Grand Line Officers



(front) R.W. John K. Whitman-Senior Grand Deacon, R.W. Vincent Libone-Grand Marshal, R.W. Donald J. Kaiser-Grand Standard Bearer (back) R.W. Joseph Quarequio-Grand Tiler, R.W. Edward R. Trosin-Deputy Grand Marshal, R.W. Richard W. Bateman-Grand Pursivant, R.W. Bruce Renner-Junior Grand Deacon, R.W. Kenneth Kohlhagen-Deputy Grand Standard Bearer.



Potts Award Recipients (top) W.s Brian Keery, (3rd) Frank Briffa, Mike Gorall and Randy Griswold, (2nd) R.W.s Bill Spillane, Jim Powell, Gene Brendel, (1st) Dave Jones and Cy Kloner.

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During the past month your District Officers have been busy with numerous events.

On April 22nd I traveled to Dansville Chapter to enjoy a presentation of the Morgan Affair by V.E. William Zufall. Your Grand High Priest and several Grand Chapter Officers joined us and 22 Companions for a very enjoyable evening. If you have not had the opportunity to hear Bill's presentation on this subject, try to make the next one. Bill is most happy to put on this talk, with sufficient notice. Thanks, Bill.

Congratulations to Hiram Chapter for an excellent HRA Degree. We had 32 present for the exaltation of 4 new Companions.

On Saturday, April 25th, I traveled to Buffalo with R.E. Vern Goodrich for the meeting of the Past High Priest's Association of Western New York. All in attendance enjoyed a special evening of fellowship, fine food and enlightening talks concerning the RA Scholarship Fund.

With the coming of the Summer season, it is time to think of outdoors and enjoyment of our short season. I wish all Companions a happy Summer. Please don't forget to talk to prospective candidates for the Fall Degrees.

District Picnic

I cordially invite any and all Companions to join us at the Summer Picnic for the 27th Capitular District. Again, this will take place at our Summer "fun place" in Naples on Sunday, August 2nd. Maps and a formal announcement will be sent to all High Priests in the District in the near future.

A Summer thought: Look upon the present as the past of your future.

**District Deputy
Grand
High Priest**

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District



R.E. Daniel N. Evans

Greetings

The Summer is fast approaching. I hope the weather stays as nice as it has been. Soon it will be time for Summer recess. It is not too late to plan your programs for the Summer. Most Chapters are planning their Summer outings and picnics at this time.

Distress

It is my sad duty to report at this time the loss of one of our Companions. E. C. Kenneth Robinson has set aside his working tools. He has now traveled that road that someday we must all travel, the way of which none of us return.

Important date

Put these dates on your calendar. First is the Annual District Picnic. This year's day is August 26th and again will be held in Warsaw Town Park. The approximate time will be around 6:00 p.m. The cost will be the same as last year. Last year we had 48 people in attendance. I would like to see a larger turnout this year. The same as last year, I am inviting the Grand High Priest and our Grand Line Staff Officer. Each High Priest will have tickets for this auspicious occasion.

Another date to set aside will be October 15th. This is the date of our Grand Line Officer's Official Visit. The Grand Principal Sojourner, R.E. David Stoy, and Grand Master of the 1st Veil, R.E. F. Jay McCullough, will be in attendance. The meeting

Grand Line Rededicates Arcade Chapter on 75th Year



M.E. Edward S. Newsham, Grand High Priest congratulating E. Richard C. Anderson on the occasion of the rededication and 75th Anniversary of Arcade Chapter No. 322.

will be held in Batavia at Western Star Chapter No. 35. More information of this auspicious occasion will be forthcoming.

Rededication

Arcade Chapter No. 322 celebrated its 75th Anniversary and its Rededication to Capitular Masonry on April 26th. The Grand Line, was lead by M.E. Edward S. Newsham. The 50 people in attendance all enjoyed themselves.

Scholarship

On April 25th the Past High Priest's Association held its Annual Scholarship Dinner. Several checks were presented to the Grand High Priest, M.E. Edward S. Newsham. These will be used to help Grand Chapter reach their goal of \$2,000.00 per student.

Local Scholarship

In 1989 the High Priest of Arcade Chapter No. 322 decided to give a scholarship to a needy student in the Letchworth and Arcade schools. He thought this would get the word out and help to promote Masonry. Arcade Chapter has carried on his wishes and now gives \$200.00 to each school. This year we received a large donation for the Scholarship Fund from Companion R.E. James Pickering. Breakfasts and dinners are also being held to raise money for this worthy cause. I am sorry that Companion Wes Carter is not with us to see his wishes carried out.

**Past High Priests
Association
Western New York**



V.E. Stephen Licht, Sec.
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By V.E. Stephen A. Licht, Sec. We, the Companions of Western New York, DID IT, that is, raised \$2,412 for Royal Arch Scholarships. With our combined efforts, WE had one of the most successful years on record. Thank you to each and every person who has contributed time, talents and financially toward our annual event.

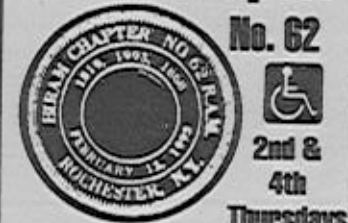
My personal appreciation to E. Karl-Heinz Reich for once again offering to provide music for the evening. I can only hope that the comments that drifted back to me were given to Karl at the dinner. His talents at the keyboard brought pleasure to everyone in attendance. The assistance of R.E. David Barwell with behind the scene duties when I was called away, and the Programs, with the incorporation of Booster Ads, by R.E. Vern Goodrich, were all part of the cooperative effort that makes the Annual Scholarship Dinner a success. The vital ingredient for our success was YOUR PARTICIPATION.

September

September 12th will be the Annual Outdoor Mark Master Degree at Lake Osco. This year the Past Master Degree will also be conferred, in preparation for the Holy Royal Arch Degree in Utica.

The Fall meeting of the Association will be Wednesday, September 30th at the Candlelight Restaurant in Batavia. Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m., the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**Hiram Chapter
No. 62**



E. Bruce Horncastle, High Priest
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With Degree work behind us now until the Fall, we can focus on other labors. Before I get into any of that, let me address our recently completed Degree work.

Degrees

The MEM Degree was conferred in Cathedral Hall on March 30th and the HRA Degree on April 23rd to a class of five new Companions.

The Grand High Priest has rendered dictum that all new Companions entering RAM in New York State must go to Utica for a special convocation as the HRA Degree will take place there, put on by Companions from the State of Massachusetts who are quite proficient at it. The

date is October 10th. This is certain to be a treat for all attending, especially for the new Companions coming in, to be a part of such a momentous occasion. This is being done as part of the commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the RAM in New York State. So, let it be known here, that any and all new Companions coming in this Fall MUST plan on going to Utica on October 10th, an honor it will be and no one will want to miss it.

This all means, of course, that Hiram Chapter will be in an urgent state to do all of the preceding Degrees by that date. Companions, anyone who has been involved with the Degree work in the past, please see your way to making yourself available. We are going to need all of the help that we can get for Ritual, directing, stage work, etc.

The MMM and PM will be conferred on September 24th. The MEM will be conferred on October 2nd. The Holy Royal Arch, of course, will be conferred in Utica as part of the Bicentennial Celebration as described earlier. Contact me or the Degree director you have worked with in the past, please. Let's not wait until the last minute. Let's make this a great success for our Chapter.

Bi-Centennial

The committees have been set up for our commemoration of RAM's 200th Anniversary in New York State. However, I have no formative dates on this. All of the Companions will receive a mailing as soon as everything is set.

Summer Outing

No date has been set for this event. I know that the Committee Chairman told me it would be done soon and I can bank on that. Details will be forthcoming.

Scholarship Picnic

Hiram Chapter will hold its Annual Scholarship Picnic at Henrietta Town Park on June 11th at 3:00 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. Hots, hamburgers, sausages, soda, beer and fixings will be provided. I pray we have good weather for this. A few years ago it felt more like Winter and at the cooking grill was the place to be. Be sure to bring lawn games and your folding chairs.

The main event will be the presentation of the Scholarship checks to two worthy and well-qualified students. All contributions to the Hiram Chapter Scholarship Fund should be rendered to R.E. Vernon Goodrich.

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NY Grand Commandery

More dates to remember

Hiram Summer trip to the Genesee Country Museum-July 19. District Picnic at DDGHP Kuehne's-August 2nd. MMM & PM Degrees-September 24th. MEM Degree-October 2nd. Holy Royal Arch Degree at Utica-October 10th. Hiram visit to Orient Chapter, Scarborough, Ont. Canada-October 22-24.

That is it for now. Call me over the Summer to find out if anything is going on and at the same time, keep me posted.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar
State of New York

GRAND COMMANDER
SK Ronald S. Januszewicz

GRAND RECORDER
SK Ronald J. Bertie
Zone 11 Comdr.
SK Howard Colgrove

Annual Conclave

The 185th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York, will be held Thursday, September 17th - Sunday, September 20th. All officers of subordinate Commanderies of the State of New York are required to attend. All others are invited to attend. A most cordial invitation is made to the Lady of each Knight attending.

The Finance Committee and Trustees will meet on Thursday evening, September 17th. On Friday morning, the Past Grand Commanders and the present Grand Line will hold a meeting.

The Annual Conclave will be opened for business at 1:30 p.m. on Friday. The dress is "fatigue uniform". Various Committees will make their reports at that time. Concurrent with the Annual Conclave there will be a program for the ladies.

The Hospitality Suite will be open from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The cash bar will open at 6:00 p.m., preceding the Polish Buffet and entertainment. Festive dress is requested.

Following dinner the Order of Knights Preceptor will be conferred upon those eligible.

Saturday, September 19th, will start with the reconvening of the Conclave. Full Templar uniform, with sword and chapeau, is requested. All Knights and Ladies are encouraged to attend the Memorial Service following the meeting.

There will be separate luncheons for the Sir Knights and their Ladies, after which the Drill Team Competition will take place. The Installation of the Grand Line Officers will take place after the Competition.

A cash bar at 6:00 p.m. will precede the Annual Conclave Banquet that will start promptly at 6:59 p.m. The menu is Roast Loin of Pork, Chicken Roulade or Prime Rib of Beef. Honors and Awards will be distributed at that time. All are invited. A "tie and coat" or Knights Templar uniform is requested.

The Sunday Divine Service will start at 8:00 a.m. and all are invited. The Marriott will have their scrumptious Sunday Brunch available following the Service.

The Reservation Chairman is SK Robert T. Smith, PO Box 1204, Williamsville, NY 14231-

1204. Telephone no. is (716) 634-8306. E-mail is Bob.Smith@eastgroup.com. The reservations should be in the mail by August 31st. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Buffalo-Niagara Marriott at 689-6900 or (800) 228-9290.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery
No. 12

Chartered 1993

1st & 3rd Mondays

SK Laszlo Tuczai
Commander
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
Recorder 594-8033



By SK Robert Zahn

I wish to thank the Sir Knights of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery for all the support they have given me this year.

The Shicker Club cannot receive enough praise for the work they do in providing lunches, dinners and receptions throughout the year. A very big thank you to them.

As we start a new year, I expect the Sir Knights will give Sir Knight Laszlo Tuczai all the help and support that you gave to me.

There will be a Conclave on June 1st when Sir Knight Laszlo Tuczai, Commander, will present his program for the ensuing year.

Picnic

The Commandery Picnic will be August 9th, starting at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Ronald Bertie. For more information, please call Ron at 225-6348.

Zone 11 News

SK Ronald Bertie, PGC
Zone Advisor
SK Howard C. Colegrove,
Zone Commander

By Don Brugger

The Annual Zone 11 Council Officers Meeting and Picnic will be held Sunday, June 14th, 3:00 p.m. at the home of SK William Jones, 2049 Rte. 350, Macedon, NY. This meeting is open to the top three line officers, Recorder, Treasurer and Past Commanders. Bring your enthusiasm, lawn chairs and a dish to pass.

The new Zone 11 Commander is SK Howard C. Colegrove of Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17. His address is 8 Cynthia Dr., Geneva, NY. 14456.

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Greetings to all Sir Knights and their Ladies

The new Templar year has begun and with your support, we will enjoy another successful year. I will strive to do my best to faithfully fulfill the obligations as Commander and discharge the responsibilities of the office to the best of my abilities. The many activities initiated by our Past Commander Denton, will be a tough act to follow. Many of our officers will be filling new roles, meaning new Ritualistic requirements to be met. To enhance this learning process, I have asked SK Kohlhaagen, ZC, to assume the "freedom of the floor", as instructor of Tactics and spoken Ritual on all such occasions as may be required.

I would like to continue our dinners at the 2nd conclave of each month as I see their positive effects through fellowship and increased attendance. My gratitude to the Ladies of Templary for their continued support of our organization throughout the years.

Our Commandery has many new Sir Knights who are ready and willing to participate as active Templars, but are in need of chapeaus and swords. It has been discussed that throughout the years Batavia Commandery has LOANED regalia to Sir Knights for their use while active in Templary. Many of these individuals have since become inactive, storing chapeaus and swords in closets, to be forgotten.

A Committee has been assigned the task of contacting each inactive Sir Knight for two reasons: first and foremost, to inquire as to their reason for inactivity and absence from Templary, and secondly to request the return of any paraphernalia that may have been LOANED to them from Batavia Commandery. This will assist the new Sir Knights to participate more actively. The purchase of a new, NY Regulation uniform, fully equipped, is a substantial expense.

June events

It has been brought to my attention that on Flag Day, June 14th, a Templar Honor Guard has been requested at the War of 1812 Cemetery, near the Buffalo Airport. Sir Knight Reagan has broached this matter with our Zone Commander, Kohlhaagen. For further information, please contact our Zone Commander.

On June 11th the conclave will be at 8:00 p.m. This will provide an opportunity to begin learning our new assignments and prepare for the busy Fall season.

Closing remarks by SK Keith Denton

Ladies Night at the Lumber Yard

We can't get the ladies to agree to join us at a hardware store, but

just mention the "Lumber Yard" Restaurant in Perry and they'll even want to set the date. Our Annual Ladies Night, scheduled for June 11th, has been changed (per our ladies request) to June 4th. We will begin with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner off the menu at 7:00 p.m. This year we will be on the ground floor so we should have a little better color in our faces as we make our way to the table.

The Ladies Night is our way of thanking our wives for allowing us to "play with our swords" and always being there for us when we lose a button on our uniform or can't seem to find our chapeau! It's their night! So, when the ladies suggested the 4th instead of the 11th (an OES conflict), my years of training as Commander kicked in and I said, "Whatever the ladies want is fine with me." A good Commander instinctively knows when he's up against overwhelming odds!

The evening is open to all Masons who know they owe their wives a debt of gratitude for the support they give us in our Masonic endeavors. Please feel free to join us uniformed (less sword and chapeau) or not.

Retired at 38?

I couldn't imagine retiring from active service in Commandery at 38, so now that my term as Commander is over, I have decided to "throw my chapeau in the ring" and run for election to the office of Grand Warder. I'm not really looking for the titles as much as I am hoping to make a difference. I honestly believe that the Knights Templar can and should become a household name. I know that if those "clowns with the fezzes" can be so well known, the Christian Knights with the uniforms, and the right "PR" can do it too!

I don't have an international Masonic background or the benefit of training from other states, I am a New York Mason initiated and raised. I don't have years of experience or a list of titles and honors a mile long, what I do have is a dream, some new ideas, and the energy to see them through.


I am naive enough to believe that up-state or down, what matters is choosing the right person to lead Templary into the new millennium. I have a passion to see the Knights Templar become the most well known Body in Masonry in the State! So, vote for me in September.

Take the night off

As a reward for the glowing reports on our April Inspection, if you choose to skip the June 11th conclave (that was supposed to be a dinner party anyway) I won't put you on report. Since I'm a retired Commander, no one would care if I did! Have a great Summer and don't forget the Annual Conclave in September. Thanks again for all your help and encouragement over the past two years!

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College No. 25
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Ruell R. Lovett
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Lawrence W. Dunn
Secretary 594-8033



Companion Knights, I'm pleased to be allowed to serve as Governor of Genesee York Rite College No. 25. My thanks to all of the members for the honor to serve in this Office. I'll do my best to deserve your trust.

My thanks to all the officers and committeemen who will be serving with me. We've made lasting friendships which cannot be taken lightly.

Congratulations to PG Robert Zahn who received the College's "Mason of the Year Award". This was presented by Companion Knight Charles Roberts as one of his last duties as Pre-Eminent Governor. It's been some time since anyone received this award and PG Zahn is well deserving.

P. Em. Gov. Roberts had a very successful year. Congratulations to this fine Companion Knight who has shown the way for future Governors.

This impromptu writing is of necessity short. You will not be so lucky, next time.


22nd Capitular District to Sponsor Keuka Lake Cruise

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

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

Don't forget to support your Grand Chapter Officers by turning out for this event.

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Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory
Chapter of Rose Croix
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Lodge of Perfection

Ronald D. Mertens Commander-in-Chief



It is my pleasure to communicate with you as the Commander-in-Chief of Rochester Consistory. You, the members of the Valley, have afforded me the privilege and honor to lead our Valley during the next two years. I shall do my best to serve in that capacity.

Election and Installation

Our Election of Officers and Public Installation were extremely well attended. I am very grateful to all the Officers and their families who attended. Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33° Active was our Installing Officer and did an outstanding job. Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, and Brother Stephen R. Whittaker, 32° MSA, were also part of the Installing Team, and I thank them for their efforts. The comments I have heard have been very favorable.

Secretary

If you have not yet heard, we have a new Secretary and Treasurer for the Valley. Brother Vernon L. Goodrich is the Secretary and Ill.: Lawrence E. Hood, 33°, Treasurer. I know that both of these Brothers will perform their duties in an admirable manner and bring credit to the Valley.

I thank and praise our former Secretary and Treasurer for their

years of service. Ill.: Robert P. Zabel, 33°, and Ill.: Norman H. Selke, 33°, served our Valley long and faithfully, we will still look to them for their wisdom and guidance. Plans are being made to honor both these distinguished Brethren. You will be apprised of the details as soon as final arrangements have been made.

A job well done

I acknowledge the outstanding leadership of our immediate Past Commander-in-Chief, Ill.: Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°. (Do you like the sound of that title, Pat?) We have had two very good years under his leadership, and even though I was willing to let him continue in his position, he decided to step to the sidelines.

Summer events

Although we are approaching the Summer months, the activities of the Valley will continue. Elsewhere on these pages you will read about our Family Picnic in July and the Stag Outing in August. We hope you will make plans to attend these functions.

New programs

We will be trying some new programs and ideas during the next year. Our Awards Night in October and our trip to Lexington promise to be something different. We look for your support. You will be reading more about these events, as well as other programs, in future issues of this publication, as well as a quarterly Scottish Rite Bulletin that will soon be coming your way.

It is my belief that frequent and effective communication can help our Valley prosper. I will do my best to provide that communication. I know that our Office Staff will be ready to serve you in whatever way they can. If you are aware of something that is not to your liking, please let us know. If by chance we do something right, it would be nice to hear about that too. It will be the goal of all your officers to be user friendly

and provide programs and activities that will be of interest. We hope you will join with us as we move toward a new millennium. □

Summer Picnic

By Eldon N. White

The 2nd Annual Scottish Rite Old Fashioned Family (children, mom, pop, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc) Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 18th, at Damascus Temple on Bay Road in Webster.

The festivities will begin a picnic meal of hots, hamburgers, grilled chicken breast, various salads, sweet corn, beans and all the fixings, together with soft drinks, iced tea and beer. This will all begin at 1:00 p.m. Reservations are required and must be phoned into the Scottish Rite Office no later than July 14th.

Various forms of outdoor recreation will be offered or you can just stroll around the beautiful Temple grounds, all the way to Irondequoit Bay if you wish.

The Organizing Committee would like to thank Damascus Temple for the use of their facilities and grounds for this event. All costs are borne by the Valley of Rochester. □

Scottish Rite Stag Outing

By Richard C. Friedman

Brotherhood and fellowship form the glue that holds Masons together. Here is a great opportunity to practice the "fun" part of being a Brother. How about a real Outing under the tent at Shadow Lake Golf Course, complete with a clambake and picnic. For the Brothers who like to chase the little white ball, tee times are being arranged in the afternoon.

Details

Date: August 21st

Time: Golf will start around noon. Clambake will be at dinner time.

Place: Shadow Lake Golf Course.

Cost: This is yet to be determined.

Dress code: Totally casual.

Every Scottish Rite Mason will get a flyer with complete details well in advance of the event!

Please bring your appetite, good humor, positive attitude and any good jokes you have heard recently. Be prepared to spread the cement of Brotherly love and affection. □

New Officers of the Valley of Rochester

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Member of Gen. Committee - Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA

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Scottish Rite Fall Pilgrimage

Save the date and make your reservation.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 16, 17 & 18

You are invited to join the Commander-in-Chief, Ronald D. Mertens and his wife, Barbara, on a pilgrimage to Lexington, MA. Tour the Scottish Rite Museum of our National Heritage and other points of interest.

We will leave the Damascus Shrine Mosque Friday, October 16th, at 7:00 a.m., pick up in Geneva and then on to Boston. Box lunches provided plus goodies and beverages. Upon arrival, check into the Hampton Inn, Natick, MA.

For those that like to shop, there is a large Mall across the street from the Hotel.
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Ill. Harold L. Aldrich, 33° Active, installing the Officers of the Valley of Rochester at an Open Installation held on May 9, 1998.



The Officers of the four Bodies of the Scottish Rite during the Public Installation in Cathedral Hall, Downtown Masonic Temple, Rochester.

Supreme Council Meeting

Cincinnati, Ohio, will be the site of this year's Annual Meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. More than 2,000 33rd Degree Masons and their ladies from 15 Northeastern states are expected at the meeting on September 27-30th. The Supreme Council last met in Cincinnati in 1986.

The 1998 Session will be highlighted by the conferral of the organization's 33rd Degree upon 140 Scottish Rite Masons who were elected for this high honor at last year's Meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The 33rd Degree is awarded for outstanding achievement in the Fraternity or for significant contributions to others, reflecting credit on Freemasonry. The impressive ceremony will take place on Tuesday, September 29th, in the Taft Theater.

Introductory luncheons honoring the 33rd Degree candidates and their ladies will be on the schedule for Sunday noon.

Earlier business conferences attended by the Active Members and officers of the Supreme Council will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 25-26th.

The larger scale events will begin on Sunday afternoon, September 27th, when the Convention Center Ballroom will be the scene of the traditional Supreme Council Vesper Service. The Rev. John R. Selders, 33°, Pastor of Christ Church in Boardman, Ohio, will deliver the Vesper message. Assisting will be Sovereign Grand Commander, Robert O. Ralston, 33°; Grand Prior Kenneth V. Kettlewell, 33°, Interim Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, Ohio, and Rev. L.H. Mayfield, 33°, retired Director for Pastoral Care at Christ Hospital and retired Associate Pastor at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church in Cincinnati.

Grand Commander Ralston will preside over the General Sessions of the Supreme Council on Monday, September 28th. In the course of these sessions, prominent leaders from other Masonic organizations in the United States and throughout the world are expected to be in attendance. A number of other events have been scheduled, including a Monday luncheon for all ladies attending the Cincinnati meeting. Mrs. Susann Ralston, wife of the Grand Commander, will preside over the luncheon and program. At the same time, another luncheon will be served for all Supreme Council members, distinguished guests, and members of the 1998 33rd Degree Class.

That evening, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra will present a special pops concert in the Music Hall. During the week, special sightseeing tours will be available for those attending the meetings.

In addition to the major events sponsored by the Supreme Council, a Masonic Marketplace will allow vendors to display Masonic related items.

Seminars on Tuesday will include discussions on the 32° Masonic Children's Learning Centers, planned giving opportunities, and data processing.

Throughout the week, there will be many smaller social functions occurring under the auspices of the 15 participating states and the 109 Valleys comprising the Northern Jurisdiction.

Hugh Robertson, Noted Mason and Musician Passes



By Don Brugger

R. W. Brother Robertson passed away in Caledonia on May 16, 1998. Hugh was born in Rochester and received his education at No. 16 School, Madison and West High Schools. He was a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and the University of Rochester and taught at the Eastman School of Music as well as in the Rochester Schools.

Brother Robertson played professionally in the Rochester Philharmonic and other symphony orchestras as well as in the Monroe County Parks Band and other local bands. He was a member of the Rochester Musicians Union, Local No. 66. Music was always important in Hugh's life.

Masonic

Hugh H. Robertson was raised in Eunice Lodge No. 830 in May of 1953 and served as Master in 1967 and 1976. He was AGL in 1971 through 1973 and also served the Livingston District as DDGM in 1981-'82. Brother Robertson received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Livingston Masonic Association in 1985.

Hugh became a York Rite Mason in Hamilton Chapter, RAM No. 62 in 1982 where he served as High Priest in 1991; joined Doric Council, R & SM in 1983 and was Ill. Master of the Council in 1991-'92. Hugh became a member of Monroe Commandery in 1984 and served many years as its Prelate.

He was created Knight of York in Genesee York Rite College No. 25 in 1984 and received the Knight York Cross of Honor (Order of the Purple Cross) in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1993.

Brother Hugh joined the Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester in 1978. He served as Most Wise Master of the Rochester Chapter Knights of Rose Croix in 1989 and in 1994 received the Meritorious Service Award from the New York State Council of Deliberation.

R. W. Brother Robertson was also a member of Damascus Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. and played in the Shrine Band. He and his wife were Past Patron and Matron of Caledonia Chapter No. 451, O.E.S.

Hugh is survived by his wife of 58 years, Eleanor, 3 daughters and one son, seven grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

A Masonic Service was held at the Funeral Home and a Memorial Service was held prior to interment in the Mumford Rural Cemetery the First Presbyterian Church in Caledonia.

Hospitaler's Report

Roy Demenint, 33° - recently had hip surgery.

Earl Steffen - is home following heart surgery.

Robert Fisher - in rehab at the Episcopal Church Home.

Anthony Syracuse - has been experiencing heart problems.

If you hear of anyone who is not up to par or needs our assistance, please call the office, 271-0715, please.

Remember the Blue Lodge

By Stephen R. Whittaker, 32° MSA, Co-Chair, Membership Development Committee

The survival and growth of the Blue Lodge is of primary importance and concern to every Scottish Rite Mason. The focus of this program is to recognize Scottish Rite Masons who sponsor new Brothers in the Blue Lodge. After the petition has been read in Lodge, the Scottish Rite Brother should contact the Valley Secretary for a special form that is required to be filled out by the Lodge Secretary and returned to the SR Office. It will then be forwarded to the Secretary of the NY Council of Deliberation.

A distinctive lapel pin for one, three or five petitions will be presented to the Scottish Rite Brother. This is another outreach to help Blue Lodges grow! Have you sponsored a new Blue Lodge member lately?

Symbolic Lodge Awards Night

By Richard C. Friedman

Why is this article in the June Masonic Times? WE WANT TO MAKE THIS THE BEST SYMBOLIC AWARDS NIGHT EVER!

Every Lodge has its core of workers who keep the Lodge going, but never get the recognition they deserve. NOW they can!

The Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite Masons will hold its

Symbolic Lodge Awards Night on Thursday, October 1st. This night is in celebration of Blue Lodge Masonry and the Brethren who support it. Therefore we have already asked your Lodge to submit the name of a faithful Brother who enhances his Lodge through his labor.

To make the event even more special, Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite will be the guest speaker. Illustrious Brother Ralston is a dynamic Mason who has a forward looking viewpoint on the Craft. In addition there is a rumor that Ill. Gary Henningsen, 33°, PGM, Grand Secretary, may honor us with his attendance. You won't want to miss this one!

Particulars

Date: October 1, 1998

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Cathedral Hall, 4th Floor, Downtown Masonic Temple, 875 Main St. E., Rochester. For questions call the office at 716-271-0715.

This is an open event! Families and guests are highly encouraged to attend.

We will honor the ladies of our recipients, the reigning Masters in attendance, and newly raised Brothers for the last two years.

Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA Class 1998 Spring Reunion

By Lawrence W. Dunn

The following Brothers were members of the Spring Reunion which took place on April 16th and 18th.

Jerold J. Gilmore

Grank W. Gray

Vernon J. Henderson

Franklin D. Higgins

Thomas Key, Jr.

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Lawrence Bright

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Garry R. Hutchurson

Donald J. McDill

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Dale E. Polmateer

James A. Slocum

Lawrence D. Thibault

The Valley of Rochester deeply appreciates the efforts of the First Line Signers in securing these new members for our Valley. It would be great to see your name on this list published for the Fall Reunion, November 19th and 21st.

Now, that's enthusiasm!

The following is a letter received from Gerry Gilmore a member of the Spring Arthur S. Maupin Class. Brother Gerry was selected to be the exemplar in the 10th Degree.

Dear Commander in Chief,

I feel I must let you know just how much it meant to me to be selected from the April 16th Class to take part in the Master Elect of Fifteen Degree. I was so excited in having taken part as Beniah that I couldn't sleep after I got home. Finally around 2 a.m. I was able to lay down and I'm a guy who is sawing wood by 8:30 at night. Since retiring 13 years ago from G.M. I don't go by the clock anymore.

I was very impressed with all the proceedings and am thankful for being allowed to be admitted to the Consistory. I'm looking forward to receiving more light in Masonry, if within the length of my cabletow. Please utilize me at your discretion. Thank you.

Fraternally,
Brother Gerry

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Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News



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Potentate - Joseph E. Bourcy III

From the Potentate



Joseph E. Bourcy III

(716) 975-2317 w
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I congratulate our 14 new Nobles who became members at our Hot Sands on May 6th. The Ceremonial Cast did an outstanding job, as usual. Keep up the great work.

Summer events

Summer is almost upon us and all fun things that go along with it, our parades, golf outings, club and unit picnics. This year we have brought back the Damascus Family Picnic. Many Nobles remember the picnics that we had at Sea Breeze Park. The Picnic Committee has put together a great day for all of the Family on August 12th. Sea Breeze has expanded a lot since we were there last. There are many more rides and a water park for everyone's enjoyment. We have tried to make it very attractive for all the Nobles and their families. Adults are \$9.95, children are \$6.95, those under two years of age are free. We have a picnic area, and food and beverages will be pro-

vided and are covered in the ticket price. These guys have put a lot of effort into this event so come out and support this great family day. See the ad elsewhere in this edition of the Times.

Success

Our flowers for Mother's Day were a real success. The totals were down a little from last year, but Jim Lynch did a wonderful job of putting this together again and the flowers were just beautiful. My mother really liked her flowers. I even picked out the right color this year. Thanks, Jim.

Hospital Day

On June 7th, Erie Hospital is having their "Hospital Day". All are welcome to come to Erie to help celebrate this day with the hospital staff and other Temples. A mini parade around Zem Zem Temple will be at 10:00 a.m., followed by some presentations by the different departments of the hospital. The Temple presentations will start at 2:00 p.m. All events will take place at Zem Zem Temple due to the construction at the hospital. Regrettably there will not be any tours of the hospital also due to the construction. If you are able to go for the day, I know you will enjoy it.

Golf

There are a couple of golf outings coming up. It seems the only time I have to chase the little white ball around is if I play in a tournament of some sort. July 30th it will be at Whispering Hills in Conesus. On September 19th we will be hacking it up with our friends, ladies and kids at Old Hickory Golf Course in Livonia. Illustrious Erwin Newell said he would caddy for someone if he could drive the cart. Details are available in this issue. For more information call Harry Dainty, Ken Buckland or Jim Lynch.

Circus

The dates for the Shrine Circus are October 8 - 11. Lots of people are needed for lots of different jobs. If you haven't worked at a circus before come on out and give us a try. You'll never regret it.

Nobles, I am really enjoying this year as your Potentate. The Summer is almost upon us and there are still a lot of things for all of us to do. Parades and picnics, fun and fellowship. This is what the Shrine is about. Having fun with each other while we help OUR KIDS in the hospitals. □

The Circus is Coming

By Erwin Newell, Chairman

Smell the aroma of the popcorn popping, the hot dogs sizzling, the cotton candy sticking to your hands, and the noise of the animals - then you will hear the sound of the Ringmaster saying, "Welcome to the 74th Annual Shrine Circus".

Yes, Nobles, your Circus Committee has been working very hard to put together an all new Circus. We even changed the dates and times of the Circus. Last year, the War Memorial offered us October 8-11 as dates for our 1998 Circus. They asked us to be a part of the Grand Opening Weeks at the New Arena at the War Memorial. Both the Committee and I, and Nobles I heard from, thought that this should prove to be very exciting. Just think, all the snow birds that have missed past Circuses will now be able to be there. They can once again re-introduce themselves to the good old days we all used to have before the Florida syndrome.

This year's Circus will be presented by a new promoter, George Carden Circus International. He puts on a "Ringling Type Circus" and it is first class. As you may have noticed, we are going to a four day Circus, but we will have the same number of per-

formances. There will be two performances on Thursday and Friday, three on Saturday and two on Sunday.

You will soon be receiving your Circus Daddy letter and I urge you to send your donation back as soon as possible. You will note in the letter that if you would like to have the tickets, we will send them to you. In past years, most of the Nobles sent their tickets back so that they could be a Circus Daddy. Remember, if you keep them, all you will get is a discount at the Box Office. By not mailing tickets to you, we will save hundreds of dollars in printing and postage.

The Ad Salesmen already have their packets and the deadline for them to be returned is July 15th. If you would like to sell ads,

please stop by the Temple Office and we will set you up with a packet.

Most of all Nobles, we need your help on October 8-11 at as many performances as you can make. Don Leisten, George Simon, and Don Rose are in charge of manpower. If you see them, let them know what days you can help. Otherwise, call the Office at 671-7701 and they will be happy to contact you to set up a time(s) when you can work.

Look for the September issue of the "Damascus News" for exciting details of "Pre-Circus Night".

If you have any questions, contact me at 544-2242 and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Nobles, Damascus Shrine Circus needs your help. Yes, we have jobs for the ladies. □

Damascus Temple Family Golf Social 19

Saturday, September 19, 1998

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& 7:30 p.m.
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Masonic Home News

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Interfaith Service
& Breakfast - Logan's
October 4, 1998

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Shrine Mosque
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Saturday, July 25, 1998

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Lalla Rookh GROTTTO

News

Patrol
Legion
Caldron



Richard Topel, Monarch

Monarch's Message

At this writing, the Spring Ceremonial will be history. I thank our Cast Director and Prophets for the usual great job they did. I congratulate our new Prophets and welcome them to the realm.

April meeting

Thanks to Prophet George Knierim for procuring speakers for the April 15th meeting. The speakers were Mr. Schusda and E. Welch from the Department of Transportation. They explained what highway construction was on the Planning Board for the next few years. It turned out to be a very interesting evening.

Golf Tournament

There are still a lot of openings for the Golf Tournament on June 13th. If you intend to play in this Tournament, please call Frank Murrer at 247-7019.

Sickness and distress

At this writing Prophet Bill Samar is home and doing fine. If anyone knows of one who is sick, please give me a call at 663-2547 or call the Grotto Office at 271-6987.

Future events

On June 17th, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., we will have our Picnic at Henrietta Town Park.

Our Day at the Races is July 26th. The Shrine Legion of Honor will be joining us for the occasion. If you intend to go, call me at 663-2547 with your reservation by July 12th. The price is \$15.00 for everything.

The Board of Governors will meet on August 31st at 7:00 p.m. Have a safe Summer and we will see you in the Fall.

Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson, Commander
Our May meeting was the observance of Memorial Day and Flag Day. All present received commemorative patriotic pens.

Awards

At the May meeting Dick Topel and Alfred Pulcino were presented Commemorative Certificates as the top story tellers of our April Jokefest! Chuck White received a framed copy of his "Historical Rock".

July Picnic

There will be no meeting in June. The members of the Legion have been invited to Don McDill's cottage in July. Cards will be sent out.

Memory Lane

As we have passed the 50 year mark of the forming of the Legion, the time has come to attempt a more detailed history of the Legion.

If you have any tidbits or any pictures of the past, we'd like to see them. Call Frank Murrer at 247-7019.

Board of Governors

On Monday, June 1st, the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Grotto Office. Our Officers are leaving for the National Meeting in Louisville on Tuesday.

Important announcement

Starting September 16th, the regular Lalla Rookh Grotto meetings and all Grotto meetings will have a new starting time of 7:30 p.m. from this date forward. All dinners will be served at 6:00 p.m. This change is being made to make it easier to park in the enlarged parking lot and you can get home earlier when we have a speaker. Lunch will be served as always. We hope this will help those who do not like to drive so late at night.

Cast News

By George H. Knierim
The Grotto Cast Picnic, with Caldron, will be on Monday, June 29th at Bushman Cabin, Henrietta Memorial Park. The social hour is at 4:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember

Mon., June 1st - Board of Governors Meeting
Grotto Office

Thurs., June 11th - Caldron Founder's Night
7:30 p.m.

Sat., June 13th - Golf Tournament - Old Hickory Golf Club
10:00 a.m.

Wed., June 17th - Picnic at Henrietta Town Park
3:00 p.m.

Mon., June 29th - Cast and Caldron Picnic - Henrietta Town Park
4:00 p.m.

**Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship**

Membership

By Ken Hutchinson
Summer vacation time is fast approaching. Blank petitions may be obtained from the Grotto Office, or I will mail petitions upon request. Call me at 1-315-9021.

Caldron News

By Ethel Hazzard, MCO
Vacation time is upon us, but we need your presence and enthusiasm for our June meeting before we relax and enjoy the beauty of Summer.

Past events

Our Supreme Visit is history. I'm especially proud of the Lalla Rookh Caldron officers and of the large contribution we were able to present to the Supreme Mighty Chosen One for the Enchanted Lantern Fund. Our hard work on the Smorgasbord was well rewarded. Thanks, Daughters.

Coming events

June 4th is the date of the Past Mighty Chosen One's Picnic at the home of Daughter Doris Bell. The time is 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass.

Our June 11th meeting will be Founders Night and our last meeting until September.

On June 18th the Executive Council will celebrate the beginning of Summer with a picnic at the home of Daughter Cecil Losinger. Come and enjoy Cecil's hospitality and her lovely garden.

We have been invited to join the Lalla Rookh Grotto Cast Club at their picnic on June 29th at Henrietta Park, beginning

about 4:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are due by June 24th. Come and join the fun.

We will not be meeting in July and August, but make a special effort to attend Move Up Night on September 10th. Daughter Kristin DeOrdio will be presiding.

Sunshine

Daughter Pat Slack is still housebound. She'd love to hear from her Caldron friends! Remember to call Daughter Arline Topel with any news, good or bad.

Closing

Have a happy and safe Summer. We will be looking for you in the Fall, full of renewed energy and enthusiasm.

Lalla Rookh Grotto

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Flag Day Meaningful To All Americans, But Especially to Masons

By Andrew Boracci

Sag Harbor Masons hold their observance of Flag Day on the front lawn of their Masonic Temple. It calls attention to an amendment to the Constitution making desecration of the flag a criminal offense.

The American flag has a particular appeal to Sag Harbor Masons. Masonry came to Sag Harbor in 1804 via whaling men who soon after were to show the flag of our young nation to the four corners of the world for the first time. They've been celebrating this day in Sag Harbor in association with the Sag Harbor Whaling Museum.

The American flag and its special day, June 14th, should have particular appeal to all American Masons for many of our Masonic Brethren of old figures most importantly in nearly all of Old Glory's historic moments. For Sag Harbor whalers were not yet in action when Master Mason and then General George Washington triggered Masonic involvement with the flag on January 1, 1776, as head of the Continental Army. That's when he hoisted the Grand Union Flag on a 70 foot

mast at his headquarters on Prospect Hill, Somerville, MA, in defiance of the British watching from Boston.

Nor were Sag Harbor's whaling men venturing far from shore in their whale hunts when Master Mason and Captain John Paul Jones earned his title as the Father of the American Navy for the international prestige he achieved for our Navy and our country when at Quiberon Bay, France, on February 13, 1778, the French Fleet gave his flagship America's first salute in international recognition that our country was in fact a sovereign nation.

It was Master Mason and Captain Stephen Decatur who on February 16, 1804 - the year Masonry came to Sag Harbor - to the USS Intrepid into Tripoli Harbor under the guns of the fort and fleet to burn the USS Philadelphia. The ship had accidentally run aground and was captured while the crew was inhumanely tortured by the Barbary pirates then infesting the Mediterranean Sea.

In 1814 our nation's Capitol was burned by British Marines. But on Lake Erie, it was Master Mason and Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, who flew the historic "Don't Give Up The Ship" flag and who, after the battle, re-

ported to General William H. Harrison: "We have met the enemy and they are ours." Master Mason Francis Scott Key, a prisoner aboard a British Man-o-War which was shelling Fort McHenry on September 14, 1814, penned the words which were to become our National Anthem, "Oh say can you see, by the dawn's early light...our flag was still there..."

It was one day in 1831 that Master Mason and Captain Driver of the SS Charles Daggett received from a delegation of ladies a new flag which they had just made. Driver ordered the new colors run up the yard. He saluted and declared, "I name thee, "Old Glory". The phrase became a part of our national heritage. He was to carry "Old Glory" twice around the world.

In 1892, Master Mason and Publisher James P. Upham, of "Youths Companion" magazine, advanced the idea of a flag raising ceremony in all schools to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Discovery of America. The idea swept the country with patriotic fervor. Upham called for the creation of an appropriate prayer filled with reverence, patriotism and love of country for occasions such as these. It was Master Mason and the Rev. Francis J. Bellamy,

who wrote our nation's Pledge of Allegiance, first used on Columbus Day, October 12, 1892 and was adopted June 22, 1942. The words "under God" were added in 1954.

We were to see the flag honored by Master Masons around the world-at the North Pole, South Pole and eventually on the moon. Master Mason and Admiral Perry, Buzz Aldren, and John Glenn, all figured in these events.

On August 3, 1949, Master Mason William T. Kerr, 80 years old and in failing health, came to Washington, D.C. from Yeadon, PA, by invitation of the President of the United States. For more than a half-century, Kerr had cam-

aigned for the establishment of Flag Day, appealing to every United States President from William McKinley to Harry S. Truman. On August 3 he watched President and Master Mason, Harry S. Truman (America's 14th President to be a Master Mason) sign The Flag Day Act into law.

There is no better way for Masonry to show its surrounding community what it was about during our nation's birthing, what it's about today or what the Fraternity will be about in the 21st Century than the observance of Flag Day. (From the Masonic News Network, March, 1995)

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St. John's Day Tentative Schedule

Saturday, June 20th

10:00 a.m.-Coffee/donuts, residents with Grand Master. Tours (until 2:30 p.m.) Masonic Home Campus, Acacia Village, Wiley Hall/Health Facility (every half hour) and the Chancellor RR Livingston Library/Museum (until 2:15 p.m.); Arts and Crafts Fair (until 5:00 p.m.); Slides/Updates/Tours (every 45 minutes until 1:45 p.m.); free Kiddie Rides and Children's Games, Dunking Booth; Antique Car Display; free Hearing Tests by Rome Hearing Clinic (until 2:00 p.m.).
10:30 a.m.-Organ Music (until 12:15 p.m.) by Jack Ovitt; Organ Grinder Music by Bob Conant; Shrine Clowns entertaining throughout the Campus.
11:00 a.m.-Walk Around Magic

(until 2:00 p.m.); Smoke House and Puppet Show; Red Band (until 3:00 p.m.); Buster the Bus; free Blood Pressure and Health Screening (until 2:00 p.m.).

11:30 a.m.-Kandy & Eleanor Gymnastics/Dance Demonstration.

12:00 noon-Cantwell's Dixieland Band (until 4:00 p.m.); Jeff Glatt (until 4:00 p.m.).

12:30 p.m.-Face Painting (until 3:30 p.m.).

1:00 p.m.-Tae Kwon Do Demonstration.

1:30 p.m.-Kandy & Eleanor Gymnastics/Dance Demonstration Parade Prts. assemble in Chapel.

2:00 p.m.-Tae Kwon Do Demonstration

2:30 p.m.-Parade

3:00 p.m.-Investiture (pictures); Resume tours/games/rides/dunking booth.

Sunday, June 21st-10:30 a.m.-Religious Service.

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Wiley Hall

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safety of the residents all rooms are equipped with a call system for their use in case they are in need of assistance. In case of fire, flashing strobe lights were installed for the safety of the hearing impaired.

Total Care

Wiley Hall residents enjoy having their three meals together in a bright, cheerful dining room, amongst Masonic friends. Good nutrition through a balanced meal program is a major emphasis of the dietary department which also attends to the specialized dietary needs of all residents.

Activities

Activities at Wiley Hall are as diverse and unique as our residents. From bingo to ceramics, oil painting to woodworking - for the musically inclined, choir and sing-along programs, and for the animal lovers, regular visits from pets. Many of the lounge areas feature high-fidelity radios and phonographs, billiard and shuffleboard tables and pianos.

The hobbyist can participate in stamp collecting and the craftsman can select from crocheting, embroidery, rug hooking, quilting bees and more.

When it's time to get away for an afternoon excursion, the opportunities are plentiful. The

June 1998

Masonic Home's own thirty-five passenger bus is ready to take groups on shopping trips to the Utica area's shopping malls, to the annual Shrine Circus, theatrical performances at the Stanley Theater and on Fall foliage tours. A transport van is also available for handicapped residents on these off campus excursions.

Continuum of care

In addition to general medical care administered by a staff of physicians, the Home provides its residents with on-the-premises services in ophthalmology, dentistry, podiatry, speech pathology and audiology, physical and occupational therapy and social work. A medical laboratory and an X-ray department complement the Masonic Home's full range of medical and related services available to all residents of Wiley Hall.

What's new?...WE ARE!

Yes, our Rehabilitation Center is all brand new and we are very excited about the exceptional services we have to offer.

The treatments may differ for each resident, but the goal is always the same at the Masonic Home Rehabilitation Center: to help each resident achieve the highest level of independence-so they can return home as soon as possible.

To meet this goal, the Masonic Home offers both short and long term rehabilitation services. Both use a combination of therapy, health care, and activities to develop the most effective treatment plan for each resident.

The Masonic Home Rehabilitation Center is dedicated to providing outstanding care. That's why we offer a full time staff of highly qualified professionals, doctors, and therapists at the Masonic Home. All their time, compassion, and expertise is committed to meeting the needs of our Rehabilitation Center residents, so they know and understand each resident and his or her unique situation. Our team provides individualized therapy and personalized treatment for each

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Rt. Wthy. CHARLOTTE BARNARD,
DDGM
Rt. Wthy NORMAN STEINBAUGH
DGL

We wish all a happy Summer. The year is going quickly and this will be the last article until Fall. Our Fun Night was a success with lots of fun and laughter. Rt. Wthy. Norman Steinbaugh and I wish to thank all the Chapters in the District for their cooperation to make it successful. We enjoyed a good dinner. We thank those of you from other Districts who participated in the fun.

Pilgrimage Day

At our "Care Bear" Study Club on April 18th, we were notified that our District will be staying at the Carriage Inn at the Westmoreland Exit of the NYS Thruway on July 24th and 25th, Pilgrimage Day being the 25th. For reservations, please contact Rt. Wthy. Norman Steinbaugh at (716) 591-2073.

Quintet Dinner

The Genesee/Wyoming District will join with Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, Cattaraugus, Allegany and Greene Ulster Districts for a dinner and an evening of fun, renewing of friendships and making new friendships, on July 24th at Twin Ponds Country Club in New York Mills. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with a Deluxe Buffet Dinner at 7:00 p.m. The price is \$16.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to John French. The Brothers and Sisters of this District should send their reservations with remittance to me, at 26 Bradford St., Perry, NY, 14530. Others send reservations with remittance to John French, PO Box 85, Mellenville, NY 12544-0085, by July 15th.

Grand Official Visit

Our Grand Official Visit will be June 11, 1998, dinner by invitation only at 6:00 p.m. There will be an open meeting at 8:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church on Lewiston Road, Batavia.

District Picnic

Sunday, July 12th is the date scheduled for our District Picnic to be held at Rushford Lake, at the home of Newton and Thelma Shaw.

Special child

The Genesee/Wyoming District has taken on a project for the Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, in helping defray medical expenses for a Special Child. We have chosen 11 year old Robert M. Zinni, son of Robert and Karen Zinni. He has Leukemia, and presently is in remission. The various Chapters in the District have placed collection containers in their communities to begin raising funds for Robert. The money will help to defray some of the cost for the chemotherapy treatments which are expected to continue into the year 2000. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fundraiser may contact Norman Steinbaugh at (716) 591-2073 or me at (716) 237-3606.

Homecoming will be Thursday, September 24th for our Grand Officers. More information later.

NOLA Chapter No. 368

Order of the Eastern Star

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

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

20 South Main Street
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Wthy. Avis Theis

Dear members

Nola Chapter again enjoyed Monroe District's Grand Officers who were with us on the occasion of their Official Visit. We were also honored to have Rt. Wthy. Everett Vail, Chief Comm. of Appeals and his wife, Betty, Past DDGM. They are both from the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District. It was also nice to have friends from Kendall, Rt. Wthy. Rita and Rt. Wthy. Harwood Prevost, Past Grand Officers. Wthy. Susan Huff and Wthy. Bill Baxter thank all who helped make this a lovely evening.

Sympathy

Our chain has been broken by the death of Wthy. Ken

Robinson, present Patron of Oatka Chapter and Past Patron of Nola. Brother Ken will be remembered for his loyalty to his membership in many Masonic Bodies and to the Eastern Star. Our prayers go out to Rt. Wthy. Wilda, Sister Kim and Santo Morici and the family. We all feel the great loss.

Concerns

If anyone needs to be remembered during the Summer, please get in touch with Sister Kathleen Skelton, 293-2052 or the Worthy Matron.

News

Rt. Wthy. Earl Steffen looked good when we saw him in rehab and hope he is back home now. It was also good to see Sister Florence Thayer on TV with the Sweden Seniors at their "Senior" Prom.

Meetings

June 2nd is our last meeting before Summer.

September 15th will be the first meeting of the Fall and is Move Up Night for Sister Kim Morici and the Oriskany Report.

The Committee for June and September is Sister Barbara Heeg, Rt. Wthy. Lucille Mason, Sister Doris and Brother Charles Daycock and George Simon.

Halfway

Wthy. Susan and Wthy. Bill thank the officers, Committees and everyone who have helped make this half of the year rewarding for the Chapter. An especially big thank you for the members who have made an effort to attend Chapter meetings. It has meant so much to us. We wish everyone a happy, healthy, Summer. May God watch over all.

Take time to smell the flowers. □

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

It's Spring! It's Spring! Time is flying by and we're almost finished with the first half of our year in the East. It's truly hard to believe. To all of you who have returned over the last few months from Florida or parts unknown, welcome back!

Our Spring Card Party, held on May 4th, was a huge success. Wthy. Bill and I thank M. Wthy. Wanda Williams for chairing this event and to all those who helped in anyway, we send you a big thank you as well. By all accounts the food was delicious and the card tables were full with folks having a good time. For those of you who missed this event, our Fall Card Party is planned for November 9th. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

Good news!

Congratulations to our Brother William J. Kuehne, on his appointment as District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons, 27th Capitular District.

Best wishes to Sister Gertrude Wasmuth, who just celebrated her 90th birthday and is a 70 year member of Webster Chapter.

Another bit of great news, the Worthy Patron and I are grandparents again. Austin Michael Gannon was born on May 7th.

Sickness

Please keep the following Sisters and Brothers in your thoughts and prayers: Myrna Cherney, Valerie Johnson, our shut-ins, and our M. Wthy. Grand Patron, Earl Aldrich, who is recovering nicely from surgery.

Important dates

May 31st is Webster's Official Visit rehearsal and Officers Club meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Webster Chapter's Official Visit is June 2nd. □

Rochester Chapter

No. 314

Order of the Eastern Star

Wthy. Evelyn Ann Heller

Matron 621-5737

Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS

Secretary 482-0994

First Saturday

7:30 P.M.

875 East Main Street

Rochester, N. Y. 14605

Birthday Banquet

Our Birthday Banquet was Sunday, May 3rd, at the Maplewood Inn on East Avenue. We gathered at 5:00 p.m. It was a fun evening and a good time was had by all. W. Kay Miller received her 35 Year Pin and Certificate. I thank Wthy. Linda Zahn and Wthy. Barbara Spano for all the work they did to make it an enjoyable evening.

Labels

Please remember to save your Campbell Soup product's labels for the Eastern Star Day Care

Center. I recently turned in all the labels we had saved to date and there were 1,200 of them. Please continue to save them and get them to me and I will get them to the proper person.

Stamps

Save your cancelled stamps and get them to me. They go toward the Grand Matron's projects.

June

June 6th is a regular meeting and Master Mason Night. All Master Masons are welcome to attend. Please let me know if you plan to be there. We will be having a men's bake-off that evening. If you would like to enter, bake something and bring it along. The bake-off will be judged by the Past Matrons. Come on guys, let us see what kind of bakers you are. The Past Matrons have promised to be kind in their judgements.

Get well and best wishes

As I write this I have just come from visiting Rt. Wthy. Audrey Zufall, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery. By the time you read this she should be recovering at home. I know of no other sickness or distress. Please keep the Secretary or me informed if you hear of any.

General information

Our May meeting was supposed to be Memorial Night, but due to last minute illness it has been rescheduled for our November meeting. You will be getting information on the Chapter picnic.

Once again, remember, set a stoot hert to stay brae (the harder the task the more determination is needed). □

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In Memoriam

April

Kohler, Donald F.

Donald joined the Great Architect above on April 13th. He was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 and is survived by his wife, Grace, children, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

Robinson, Kenneth D.

Death claimed Kenneth on April 21st. He was a member of Churchville Lodge No. 667, 3X3 Chapter, RAM, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Temple Shrine, Nola and Oatka Chapters, OES. He is survived by his wife, Wilda, 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Mattson, Jesse O.

Jesse was 83 years old when he passed away on April 23rd. A member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and Rochester Consistory, he is survived by his wife, Mildred, 2 children, 1 granddaughter and 2 great-granddaughters.

Wilson, Ellsworth J.

Etolian Lodge No. 479 lost a member with the death of "Tiny" on April 24th. Survivors include his sons, and 4 grandchildren.

Sodke, Walter

April 26th was the date Walter went to his Heavenly Reward. He was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and is survived by his wife, Florence, son and granddaughter.

Shaver, Raymond C.

A member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 and Damascus Temple Shrine, Raymond died on April 27th. He is survived by his wife, Winifred.

Cranston, Alvin R.

Alvin passed away on April 29th. He was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 and is survived by his wife, Frances, children and 2 grandchildren.

May

Welton, Edgar H.

A member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 and a Past Patron of Corinthian Fellowship Chapter, OES, Edgar died on May 1st. He leaves his wife of 61 years, Bette, children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Suhr, Harold P.

Harold was 88 years old when he passed away on May 14th in Morgantown, WV. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, and one daughter.

Erickson, Ellis W.

Heaven gained another member with the passing of Ellis on May 15th at the age of 93. He was a member of Churchville Lodge No. 667 and is survived by his 2 sons and one grandson.

The following death was reported to us with no specific information.

Cleveland, Donald H.

Donald passed away April 7th in Winter Haven, Florida. He was a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475. □



Wthy. Evy Ann Heller, Matron, presenting Life Membership and 35 Year Service Pin to Wthy. Catherine Miller.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

1998
Oct. 4 Interfaith Service & Breakfast, Logan's, Service-9:00, Breakfast-10:00 a.m.
Oct. 12 Last Round of Golf, Lakeside Memorial Foundation Benefit Tournament

1999
Apr. 17 Grand High Priest's Reception, M.-E.- Arnold Palmer, Thruway Marriot, W. Henrietta Rd.

Program Speakers

Donald Bruggler
 "The Masonic Times, A Short History and Profile"
 (w) 473-4351, (h) 458-6125
Vernon Goodrich
 "The Masonic Service Bureau"
 "Financial Planning"
 (h) 377-0367, (w) 473-4351
Charles O. Hancock
 Scottish Rite
 223-1850
Sion (Ted) Honea III
 Various Masonic Subjects
 288-5513
William Lindsay
 Various Masonic Topics
 621-3573
Grant Romer
 "Solomon's Temple"
 "Masonic aspects of the Great Pyramid"
 (h) 242-0619, (w) 271-3361
William Schencke
 "55 Alive Program"
 254-0729
William Zufall
 "The Morgan Affair"
 271-0795

Free Tuxedos

We have a small inventory of used tuxedos, mostly small sizes. If anyone would like to donate their tuxedo to the Masonic Service Bureau, we will make them available to any Mason who needs one, free of charge.



June 13 - West Star Lodge
 Chicken Bar-B-Q, Pittsford
 June 21 - Constellation Lodge,
 Breakfast in the Park,
 Letchworth
 June 25 - Northfield Lodge
 Strawberry Festival
 July 25 - Zama Temple, Turkey &
 Ox Roast - Damascus
 Mosque

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Tour the Masonic Home Campus, including the Chapel, Acacia Village, Health Facility (with the renovated Rehabilitation Center), Wiley Hall and Research Laboratory.

A variety of food and beverages will be available.

It's Coming! >>>> October 24, 1998

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Calendar June 1998

August deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The Times Staff wishes all a safe and pleasant Summer! Don Jean Barb Mat Bob	West Star - Varysburg 1 KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit Shrine Lunch Club Grotto - Board of Governors meeting	Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw Germania Valley/Simes O.E.S. - Fairport, Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine	Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster		OES - Rochester "D" Day 1945
7	ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Arcade RSM-Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council OES - Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	8	Arcade Batavia Craftsman/Robertson-FC Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming	Service Bureau Luncheon - Bay Front, 1075 Empire Blvd. Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia	Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City RAM - Hiram, Picnic KT - Batavia Lalla Rookh Caldron Founders Night	12 13 Daughters of the Nile Fairport Grotto - Golf Tournament Old Hickory GC
Flag Day 14 	West Star - Varysburg 15 KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton Germania - Irondequoit Towpath - E. Rochester Valley/Simes Warsaw OES - Nola, Perry, Webster, Fairport	Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Grotto - Picnic, Henrietta Town Park 3 p.m. RSM - Doric Council	Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RAM - Western Star, Batavia	19	20
First Day of Summer 21 Fathers Day	ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Honeoye Falls RAM - Arcade OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	22 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Valley/Simes RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah	23 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia	24 Eagle Valley - Bliss KT - Batavia Past Masters Supper Club	26	27
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