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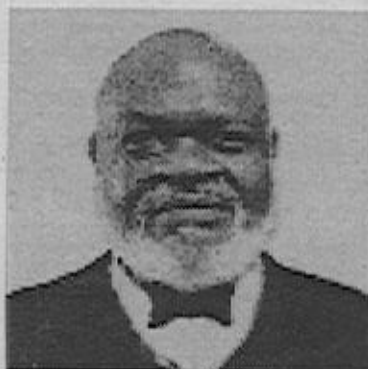
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Towpath Awards DeWitt Clinton to Calvin Hubbard



By William Lindsay

At a dinner held on January 20, 1998 in East Rochester, Calvin Hubbard, owner of Turtle Pottery, was given the DeWitt Clinton Award by Towpath Lodge No. 163. The DeWitt Clinton Award is the highest Masonic Community Service Award which can be given by the Grand Lodge. Hubbard was joined by his wife, Evelyn, and daughter, Katrina, as well as members from Eureka Lodge No. 36 (PHA). Eureka Lodge is the oldest Black Masonic Lodge in Western New York and Hubbard is a Past Master.

For the past several Summers, Hubbard has operated an arts academy for youngsters from the Brown Street neighborhood. These young people have had the opportunity to learn about pottery, dance, painting and photography, and have been introduced to the beginning skills of each. Many have used the exposure as a springboard to further participation through the schools and other community programs. Towpath made a financial donation toward the continuation of the Summer programs.

In his remarks after the presentation, Hubbard noted, "We wanted to give these young people something constructive to do during the Summer. Many of them come from families that cannot afford them the variety of rich experiences that most of us have been able to provide our own children."

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Eleventh Widows Luncheon

By R.W.: Terry W. Wihlen, Chairman

"Furthermore, you have already promised and sworn to look after the widows and orphans of our Brothers who have passed to the celestial Lodge above."

The Widows Luncheon, which originated in the Monroe Districts, presents a good opportunity to partly fulfill that duty.

The 1998 Widows Luncheon promises to be one of the best ever. The Task Force which operates the Luncheon heard the requests of many Brethren and widows in moving the Luncheon to April 25, 1998. This should provide a more friendly weather environment for the ladies to join us (we hope).

The guest speaker will be R.W.: John Fuller, Past Senior Grand Warden. For those of you who have not heard Brother John speak, he is a warm, intelligent and caring Mason.

Given the extra planning time, we hope that each Lodge will make an all out effort to reach out to all of their ladies and provide them with transportation, tickets, and a smile to attend the event with.

Each Lodge will receive information packets, including tickets and everything else it needs to succeed. DO NOT WAIT!! Begin now to contact the widows and let them know what is going on.

When: Saturday, April 25, 1998

Where: Logan's Party House, 1420 Scottsville Road-235-6878
Price: \$14.00; doors will open at 11:00 a.m.

Please plan on attending this most meaningful event. Let's show our pride on April 25th! ☐

Thomas Mooney to Receive DeWitt Clinton Award at Grand Ball

Thomas T. Mooney is President and Trustee of the Greater Rochester Metro Chamber of Commerce, a 3,500 member business association in Rochester, New York (population approximately one million). He previously held positions of Deputy City Manager and City Manager of Rochester, New York (3,000 employees and \$300 million budget), and Deputy County Manager of Monroe County (4,000 employees and \$500 million budget). The Greater Rochester Metro Chamber of Commerce is recognized as the leading business group representing business in the fields of international trade, economic development, governmental relations, and capital project coordination.

Its International Business has grown to 2000 members who in 1996 exported over \$13 billion worth of products which represents almost 40% of total New York State exports. It runs the only privately funded foreign trade zone in the country and processed over \$500 million worth of products in 1996.

1998 Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart exceeds \$5,700

By Brian Keery

Families in need are of particular concern to the entire Masonic Family and all of its branches. The very essence of Masonry in all of its forms centers around love, caring and sharing what we have with the less fortunate. The families who use the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester are families in need and often in crisis. One of their precious loved ones is in some kind of major distress or they would not need to be in the house. More tragically, that loved one is usually a small child.

That is why the Masonic Family has continued to support the Ronald McDonald House since 1988. When called upon to care, we have always answered with an outpouring of time and energy to

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Eagle Scouts

By Don Brugger

I recently attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. I was there because two of my grandsons were receiving their respective Second and First Class Scouting Badges the same evening. I was further impressed by the distinct similarity of the Scout Law to Masonic ideology.

Why?

I decided to record these feelings, not so much from the impressions of the evening, but also to advertise the fact that the Masons of Monroe County in cooperation with the Otetiana Council, B.S.A., supply funds for the Eagle Scout Kits for each new Eagle Scout in the area. These kits consist of the Eagle Scout Medal, a lapel pin for the Scout, a pin for the mother and a tie tack of the same design for the Scout's father. This program was first ini-

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Merle Robinson to Receive Apron



By R.W.: Kenneth Kohlhausen

On April 18th R.W.: Merle Robinson will be presented his Apron as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Para, Brazil near the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. The presentation by West Star Lodge No. 413 will take place at 4:00 p.m. at the Varysburg Masonic Temple.

Merle has been a member of the Fraternity for more than 40

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New Features

Help Wanted

The *Masonic Times* will be initiating two new features. The first is a "Help Wanted" section where we will print any positions available or positions needed in the Monroe County area.

If you know of a bona fide need, please let us know so that we can make the information available. This will be for information only, the contacts will be up to our readers.

We hope that this will be a help to those in need of employment or quality employees.

Eating out

Thesecond will be a listing to be called "Eating Out". This will feature, to the best of our knowledge, the places where you can get a good meal and also help your Brothers with fundraising. If you schedule a fundraiser, let us know so that it can be advertised in this new feature. (See page 3.) ☐

Charlotte/Corinthian Wins Winterfest Chili-Chili & Scores With Child I.D.



W.: Mike Gorall, Sr.-Master of Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088 & SW Andy Alvarez displaying Plaque. See Mon. DDGM article. (Photos courtesy Dave Jones)

Its high tech affiliate corporation is now opening a \$6 million incubator for start up companies.

Its Athena Award Program, honoring outstanding achievement of women in business, is the largest and most successful in the country.

In 1995 he negotiated and secured funding for Frontier Field,

home of the Rochester Red Wings Baseball Team. This delicate 30 million dollar negotiation required bi-partisan support from City, County and State governments.

Mooney is a graduate of LeMoyne College where he received a B.S. Degree in Econom-

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Masonic Grand Ball

March 28, 1998

Rochester

Riverside Convention Center

Social Hour: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

• Grazing Reception

Fruits, Veggies, Caesar Salad & Greens w/Asst. Toppings,
Pasta w/VariouS Sauces, Italian Bread,
Freshly Carved Turkey and Assorted Desserts

• DeWitt Clinton Award

Thomas Mooney
(Pres. Rochester Chamber of Commerce)

• Dancing to Top DJ

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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Congratulations

I would like to congratulate some of our authors for their assiduity in sending in their articles for the *Times*. We are beginning to get some of the copy in even more than a week before the deadline. Granted the percentage is small, but some real progress is being made. A big thank you to Ken Kohlhausen-West Star, George Bracht-Webster Lodge, Bob Dagen-DDGMGW and Phil (always early) Hurwitz-Legal Rights.

Good grades

Speaking of Brother Hurwitz, he and Towpath were recently mentioned in the "Rochester Post Herald" for their efforts in sponsoring a Soap Box Derby entrant; they got an "A" from the Messenger-Wolfe Editors. Good going guys!

(&)

I want to commend the District Lodges for their efforts this year again in supporting the Have-A-Heart Campaign, February 6th thru 14th. It seems we have no trouble getting up to eight Masons out for a three hour stint at area malls; an effort requiring over approximately 215 hours in just a little over a week; if my math is right. I wonder what it would take to get just three of those Masons to volunteer only two hours a month at the Downtown Temple to clean the Service Bureau's Loan Closet equipment? That's less than 2 hours/wk; a little over 1% the effort. I'll leave the math analysis to you.

Jobs

With the recent lay-offs and downsizing in the area it occurred to me that it might be a good idea for the *Times* to publish positions available in a "Help Wanted" feature, somewhat like our Classified Ads. I'm sure that we would be able to run these at a discounted rate or perhaps at no charge. This would be available to Masonic and non-Masonic employers. If you know of a position that needs filling, let's hear from you. We'll see how it works out.

Editor's Award, policy change

"Any article not in the Service Bureau Office by the announced deadline will not be considered for an Award." My experience has been, if you can't make the time to write it on time, you won't have time to do a good job writing it. □

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Charitable works

Faith, Hope and Charity (Love) are the basis and foundations of Free Masons the world over. Certainly, the Masonic Organizations are well known for their different charitable programs. Your Service Bureau has also become known for its charitable activities in the areas of scholarships, grants to other direct aid agencies, Camp DeMolay, Eagle Scout Program, and the multitude of different community projects we participate in. One of the most significant additional programs is our Medical Loan Closet, with over 8,000 calls per year.

YOU!

Now that we recognize and recall the many charitable functions that Masonic Organizations participate in, let us discuss the basis all our organizations depend on to make their programs work-YOU! Do you believe in the ideology-let "someone else" do it? Let me remind you that "someone else" has carried the load for a long time and is getting tired. On the other hand, if each and every one of us will give just a little of our time and financial support, then "someone else" can retire. We preach Masonry-do we also practice Masonry? Your love of the Craft and of your neighbor is calling you! It's the ninth inning with 2 outs and the bases loaded and it's your turn to bat.

I leave you with two sayings. "Inch by inch, anything's a cinch", and "If it is to be, it is up to me". □

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

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

The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc. Loan Closet

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

Equip. Type	On loan
Bathtub equip.	71
Bed (Access.)	2
Canes	101
Commodore	93
Crutches	214
Walkers	177
Wheelchairs	115
Miscellaneous	10
Total	783

Financial Planning Solutions

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

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

How many of you readers have heard about investment clubs?

Are you aware that there is a national organization of investment clubs?

An investment club is a group of people who get together to learn about investing in stocks and the like, and they pool their resources to build up a large enough quantity of money to be able to pick securities, and hopefully make some money in the process, and by talking to each other and givers of financial advice, become knowledgeable in investments. It is also a social event, in that when one gets together with other members at meetings, knowledge and other amenities take place.

A club is formed by a group of people whose basic interests are similar. This group can obtain information from the national organization as to how to start, or get a financial advisor.

Usually a partnership agreement, a set of by-laws, a tax ID number, officers, an advisor and a stock broker will start the ball rolling.

Meetings are held and someone is selected to do the paper work and a plan as to how to discuss and select stocks is agreed upon. Our Fraternity is an ideal organization to get involved in this kind of situation, since we are formed into Lodges and already have Brothers and Sisters who have common ground to start with. Can you imagine that if we were to start these clubs in our Lodges, that we might even get larger turnouts at our meetings, even obtain new members and make a few dollars for ourselves and our charities?

In my opinion, this idea is worthy of consideration.

I am involved with investment clubs, so if anyone is interested in this idea for the Fraternity or otherwise, I will be happy to help it get started.

Please let me know. □

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Refinancing

With mortgage interest rates at very low levels, refinancing becomes an attractive option.

It's not unusual to speak with a loan officer at a local bank, or a mortgage broker, prior to applying for a refinance of your current mortgage. During the course of your conversations with these individuals, promises or assurances are made.

A frame of reference is now created. Based on these promises or assurances, you apply for a refinance of your current mortgage. The loan is approved. You go back to the bank to execute the necessary paperwork. While reviewing this paperwork, and prior to signing, you notice some things that don't quite mesh with your understanding. The same understanding that came about as a result of your conversations with

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the bank, and while applying for the loan.

Choices

Not wanting to rock the boat, you ignore your concern; or do you voice your concern, but are told that this is the way the bank always does it. Or, there is a term you find objectionable. The bank tells you not to worry, such terms haven't been enforced by the bank in years! In either scenario, you sign the paperwork.

A few years later into the mortgage, a dispute arises. Based on your understanding, the bank assured you prior to the loan being approved, that this would be taken care of. The bank now insists that the problem be resolved, all contrary to your prior understanding.

In such a situation, the terms of the contract control. Understandings reached prior to or contemporaneous with signing the contract, vanish at the moment the contract

is signed. If the matter were to be disputed in court, then the Parol Evidence Rule would apply. In a nutshell, the Parol Evidence Rule prevents the admission of evidence of oral statements by parties to a written agreement if those statements were made before or contemporaneously with the execution of the written agreement, and if the oral statements conflict with any of the terms of the written agreement.

This means that whatever assurances the loan officer or mortgage broker made, are not enforceable, unless those assurances are in writing and made part of the loan agreement itself.

For these reasons, it's imperative that the loan documents completely and accurately reflect your understanding, and that of the lender. If the lender makes a promise or representation, insist that it be reduced to writing. If

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Rochester, N.Y. 14605-2789

there are burdensome terms in the contract that the lender claims will not be enforced, then strike them from the documents. If the lender objects, demand written confirmation that the terms will not be enforced. □

M. Robinson

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years and in that time has served the Craft in leadership positions in the Lodge and Concordant Bodies of the York Rite. Brother Robinson says that he hopes to further serve the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and the Lodges of the Genesee/Wyoming District through this new Appointment.

Personal

R.W. Merle was born in Somerset, NY, in 1925, and has lived in Western New York all of his life, having settled in Batavia in 1957. He and his wife, Mary DeRochie Robinson, have been happily married for 49 years. Merle is a member of the First Baptist Church of Batavia and has served on the Board of Deacons. He has also taught Sunday School for many years. He retired from Buffalo Rubber and Supply Inc., in 1987, after many years of service as a salesman.

Blue Lodge

Brother Robinson was raised in Nocturnal Lodge No. 1137 and later affiliated with West Star Lodge No. 413. He served as Master of West Star Lodge in 1978 and 1979. Merle is currently Chaplain of the Lodge.

York Rite

He joined the York Rite and served as High Priest of Wyoming Chapter No. 181. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1975.

Merle served as Illustrious Master of Nun Da Wa Ga Council No. 92, R&SM, and was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in 1976. He also served as Commander of Batavia Commandery No. 34, Knights Templar. □

Calvin Hubbard

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Hubbard, a Texas native, recently retired from the Rochester City School District. His own art has gained him an appreciative audience much in demand. He has also developed a national reputation as his work is at the Frederick Douglass Museum in Washington, D.C. Hubbard and his wife have three daughters.

His Gallery and Studio is located at 514 Brown Street. In the Winter time it is easy to tell if the studio is open because of the smoke pouring from the chimney easily seen as you drive down the street. And if it is, you can usually find Calvin at work, never too busy to chat for a while and surrounded by a collection of imaginative and finely crafted pieces.

Through his leadership Eureka Lodge has been active supporting young people in the community. While he will be quick to tell you that others deserve much of the credit, the reality is that he supplied the vision and the network to make the programs happen. □

We Need Projects

The members of the Rochester Chapter of the Order of DeMolay are looking for various community and/or charitable projects to help them earn points to qualify for their civic merit bars.

Tom Mooney

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ics. He received his Masters Degree in Economics from Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University and has completed advanced training at the Brookings Institution's Center for Advanced Study in Washington, D.C.

Mooney serves in a number of volunteer capacities. He is on the Boards of Directors of the United Way, Executive Service Corps of Rochester, Inc., Junior Achievement, Automobile Club, Greater Rochester Visitors Association, Center for Governmental Research, Rochester Downtown Development Corporation, and the Northeast/Midwest Institute in Washington, D.C.

In business, Mooney serves on the Boards of Directors of the Monroe County Water Authority, Upstate New York Services, Inc. (UNYS), Blue Cross/Blue Shield of the Rochester Area, First Financial Fund, Inc., High Yield Plus Fund, Inc., Global Utility Fund, Inc., The Target Portfolio Trust, The Black Rock Government Income Trust, and several Boards of Directors of Prudential Mutual Funds in Newark, New Jersey.

Mooney and his wife, Norma, have four sons and a daughter. Norma is an accomplished china painter and is a graduate of the University of Rochester. The family resides at 805 Pittsford-Victor Road in suburban Rochester. □

Have-a Heart

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raise money for this very worthy cause. The Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign shows this caring quite clearly.

The 1998 Campaign ended on Saturday, February 14th having raised a grand total in excess of \$5,718 in support of the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester. While this is less than that raised in recent years, it is a very notable and worthy accomplishment considering the employment situation and uncertainty that exists in and around Monroe county. A point of pride for all members of the Masonic family is that our organizations are listed on the Plaque at the Ronald McDonald House as the number two all time contributor. Please accept my thanks for helping to make this year's Campaign a genuine success.

The 1998 task force has tried to reach out to all of the groups who gave their time and effort. In case we missed anyone, thank you!

Well done, good and faithful servants! □

EMESSAY NOTES

News from Russia

Brother George Dergachev, GM, Grand Lodge of Russia said in a letter to MSA: "On the 11th of October, 1997, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Russia one more new Worshipful Lodge, The North Star in Archangelsk (North Russia, on the coast of the Arctic Ocean) was installed. And on the 19th of October, 1997, we installed Worshipful Lodge The Jupiter in Zvenigorod, an ancient Russian town not far from Moscow).

Just now we create the necessary prerequisites for installation of Lodges in Krasnodar, the Northern Caucasus and in Rostov on Don, the South of Russia.

At the present moment 7 Worshipful Lodges are working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Russia. All the Lodges have regular meetings. We pay attention to the work with profanes and get many letters from candidates.

One of the most important tasks for us is to form public opinion towards Masonry. As is known all the literature on Masonry which has been published for 70 years, was of an anti-Masonic character and the social consequences towards this organization wasn't simple.

That is why we are working with the mass media. We have published a number of books: "Masonry and Russian Literature", "Free Masons", "History of Russian Masonry of the XIX Century", and some articles and interviews in magazines and newspapers. We have also prepared a program on TV. We are going to start publishing a quarterly Masonic magazine.

We are enthusiastic about our future and hope to solve all the problems." (Courtesy of Emessay Notes, January, 1998) □



By Harold Bollotin

A special event

On Sunday afternoon, February 5th, the VAMC sponsored a special birthday party for veteran patient, Oscar Kohl, who attained the age of 102 years.

It was a gala and joyful event. The Masonic participation consisted of Tom Paglia, (Grand Lodge Representative for Veteran Affairs and the Upstate Coordinator), Harold Bollotin, (representing the Masonic Service Bureau and the Masonic War Veterans), and Paul and Doris Robertson.

Many representatives of various veteran and fraternal organizations were present. The dignitaries were: Doug Nather (VA Official representing Stuart Collyer, Director of the VAMC Canandaigua), David Verstraete, (NYS Official of BPOE), Craig Doran, (NYS Assemblyman 129th District), and Tony Farrarese, (Past NYS Commander of the VFW). There must have been others whose names were unknown to me.

The VAMC Canandaigua party staff were: Doug Nathan, Party Chairman; Robin Johnson, Voluntary Service; and David Krueger, Director of Recreation Therapy.

Oscar is a remarkable person for his age. He is alert and with a sense of humor. His only impairment is that he is hard of hearing, and wears a special amplifier. He is a veteran of WW I, having served in the US Army Air Force in France as an aircraft mechanic on the planes. He became a Master Mason in 1920 in Craftsman Lodge No. 969, currently Craftsman/Robertson Lodge. His friends and former neighbors are Paul and Doris Robertson, and Cy Plasschaert, who were all present.

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Eating Out



All events are open to the general public.

Mar. 6, Fri., Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 pm, Webster Lodge.
March 11, Wed. Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7 pm, Clio Ldg.
March 15, Sun., All You Can Eat Breakfast, 8-11 am, Warsaw Lodge.
Mar. 20, Fri., Fish Fry, Attica Lodge.
March 25, Wed. Spaghetti Dinner, Clio Lodge. □

Mid-Day Bowling League



John Specht, Secretary
548-2694

By Jay McCullough

We're in mid-season form!

The Seniors Tuesday (1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.) bowling league is at Spencerport Bowl. President Buz Lovett has called on any area Masonic bowlers and their friends who are free from other responsibilities during those hours, to join with us or just come and kabitz! The coffee pot is always on, courtesy of house management.

In recent weeks, we've had "railbirds" and new bowlers. "Ski master" John Mattern has come up from Frost Ridge (his resort near LeRoy) to spend some time on indoor sports for a change. He's a sandbagger if there ever was one. Jim Powell stops over from his home across the street to be a cheerleader. He'll join next year after he sheds his cane. Don Darrohn drops by to check out the competition. After Grand Lodge chores, we'll be after him to join us. Any excuses then would be weak.

Secretary John (wow!) Specht asks an entry fee for an ABC Card, \$5.25 for each week's outing, along with a buck or two for the first time for a little prize money. Since it's late in the official bowling season, bowlers are waiting 'til next season to get ABC status and just practicing up in the meantime.

Chet (Boom Boom) Riley continues to blast the pins into the back wall. You can see the scars all over the pins from the approach.

Lefty Giedd enjoys the camaraderie, but he's temporarily disabled. He's got to get limbered up to be able to get back to practice for Wednesday night at Maiden Lanes. (He only drinks decaf, Molly).

Don Hargrave likes to draw attention to 5 pin leaves (like an old R.W. named Woody in the Maiden Lanes league). He's also quick to let you know it was a good 9 pin hit (when it should have been a strike). He's full of bits of encouragement!

Join us any week. Call Buz at 494-2456 or John at 548-2694. Let them know you'll be out. We're having a good time and you're welcome to share it. □



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By William Golding, Adj.
Grotto Installation

Our Post was privileged to supply the Color Guard for the Installation of Richard Topel, Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto on January 24th in Cathedral Hall. The Installation was most impressive and the officers are to be commended for such a well planned and executed affair. We thank them for the invitation and also for the compliments we, the Color Guard, received from those in attendance. All in all it was a job well done.

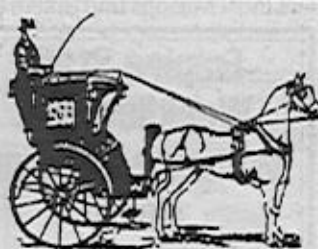
There was a large attendance by the Topel family and Richard's friends, an honor he well deserves. He is also Senior Warden in Fame Lodge. It is remarkable that three of his Grotto officers, Michael Bell, Leon VanHuben and Alfred Pulcino III, are all members of Fame Lodge. Two members of the Color Guard, Dean Marsaw and myself, are also members of that Lodge, a fine representation I would say.

Good luck

To the members and officers of Lalla Rookh Grotto our very best wishes and may you have a very successful year!

Next meeting

By the time you read this you should have received the notice of our next meeting on March 19th. We urge you all to attend as it is the Election of Officers for the ensuing year. □



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As promised, I will continue with the subjects of why men become Masons. Last month I addressed the subject of *'things Masons want to do in the world'*. In this article I will address the remaining two subjects.

Things Masons want to do
"inside their own minds".

"Grow or die" is a great law of all nature. Most people feel a need for continued growth and development as individuals. They feel they are not as honest, charitable, compassionate, loving or as trusting as they ought to be. *Masonry* reminds its members over and over again of the importance of these qualities. It lets men associate with other men of honor and integrity, who believe that things like honesty and compassion and love and trust are important. In some ways, *Masonry* is a support group for men who are trying to make the right decisions. It's easier to practice these virtues when you know that those around you think they are important, too. That's a major reason that Masons enjoy being together, which leads us into the next subject.

"Masons enjoy being together with men they like and respect"

It is good to spend time with people you can trust completely and most Masons find that in their

respective Lodges. While much of the Lodge activity is spent in works of charity or in lessons in self-development, much is spent in fellowship, including events for the whole family. Simply put, a Lodge is a place to spend time with friends.

In summation, as each of us strives to live according to these subjects or doctrines, we unconsciously make for a better world in which to live.

Reminders

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

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

It is almost time to get out and do those Springtime chores, that time of year we all look forward to!

May God Bless us all. □

Grand Sword Bearer

Genesee/Wyoming District



R.W. Richard C. Anderson

Brothers of the District Lodges, you are to be commended on the work and activities that are happening in the Genesee/Wyoming District. Many of you have hosted a BFFN Program and are now doing Degree work to replenish our Lodges with needed members. Many are involved with or planning Grand Lodge Programs such as the Child ID Program, DeWitt Clinton and Douglas MacArthur Awards. These not only recognize our fellow people for their deeds to humanity, but give us community recognition and awareness. Keep on doing the good work.

The District has now completed the first Road to the East

Program for 1998 for ten Brothers. We do hope that it will be of help to the Masters in performing their duties. The LDC Course is scheduled for March 28th. Those who are interested but not signed up, please contact me at my home phone.

Though the District is active in general, we would like to see more attendance and representation to the District functions. The Council of Masonic Activities and The Masters and Wardens Association deeply need your support.

If you have not completed your plans for attending the Grand Lodge Communication in May, I would suggest that you finalize them soon.

A special recognition to Mt. Vernon Lodge for joining the *Masonic Times* distribution.

Future events

The Grand Chapter will be March 5, 6, and 7th in Albany.

The RAM Scholarship Dinner will be April 25th at Ripas Restaurant in Lancaster, NY.

The 75 Year Rededication Ceremony of Arcade Chapter No. 322 is April 26th at Harding Temple, Pike.

The Grand Lodge Communication in New York City in May 4th and 5th.

Last words

And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. □

PIA
G/W
Communications
W.: George R. Springett
Chairman

Congratulations

My congratulations to W.: Mark Hopkins and Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263 in Java Village for joining the rest of the Lodges of the Genesee/Wyoming District in communicating with all the areas Brethren through the *Masonic Times*. This means that all of the District Lodges can communicate and support each other's activities. Welcome aboard, my Brothers.

Communication and participation

Are communication and participation synonymous? In my opinion, these words appear to be. Through your participation in any activity, you are communicating a degree of acceptance of that activity. With your communication, you are participating with another individual or group of individuals.

Molly

An excellent example of communication and participation has been shown by Attica No. 419 and Hesperus No. 837 Lodges when both made an attempt for the capture of "Molly" from West Star Lodge No. 413. Unfortunately for the 9 Brothers of Hesperus, the trips only success was the friendship and camaraderie received from West Star. 'Tis well my Brothers, for this participation shows that Masons do meet, act, and part as Masons should in all of their endeavors.

With renewed vigor, I see that at the time of this writing, the Brothers of Hesperus have now regained their obsession for the possession of "Molly". As the word gets around, the Master and Brethren are in agreement that "Molly" is back home where she started from.

As for West Star Lodge, it was an occasion to be proud of by having so many of the chairs on the sidelines in use. "Molly" does act like the gal she was intended to be by creating a spirit of friendship and Brotherly love of the Masons of Genesee/Wyoming District. If you are willing to meet "Molly", I know some of the boys at Hesperus who may let you see her and her act in the East.

It is nice to see such activity among the District Brothers by seeking "Molly" and enjoying the visits to other Lodges. Try to find her now, she has been moving around quite nicely lately. □

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Brethren

Are we making any headway? Just last night on the news they were saying someone in the area is using the "rape drug" again.

There are more inexpensive and addictive drugs hitting the streets again. Is there no end to the drugs our kids can get to ruin their lives or kill themselves? I guess not. As long as there is demand there will be supply.

What can we do?

Anything and everything except give up. I know there are many millions and even billions being made from drugs, but we just have to fight them harder.

I need your help. I think it would help spread the word if when you schedule a program at your Lodge you could have the ladies present. Have the program after a Lodge meeting, or if you would like, open it to the public. I would welcome this type of audience as I'm sure V.:W.: Bill Winters would.

One Lodge tried this and it was great! The ladies asked more questions and took all the hand outs that I had. They seem to spread the word more than the guys do.

Try it. Give me a call. □

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



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

Election of Officers

A motion was made, seconded and approved for the re-election of the current officers to remain in office for the ensuing year. W.: Arthur E. Drew, President, W.: George R. Springett, Secretary and R.:W.: Paul H. Smith, Treasurer, all accepted the positions. Election of Masons at Large for the Council were made, seconded and approved for R.:W.: Merle L. Robinson of Attica Lodge and Brother Clayton D. Dimrick of Olive Branch Lodge for a term ending in the year 2000 (AL 6000).

Constitutional change

A need to change the Constitution and By-Laws of the Council was brought to the attention of the membership that a commit-

tee should be formed for the expedience of the approval or disapproval of a disbursement of funds from the Benevolence Fund. A motion was presented by R.:W.: Leonard Mason that an amendment be made to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities to form a committee consisting of the Chairman of the Benevolence Fund of the Council, the District Deputy Grand Master of the Genesee/Wyoming District, and the District Grand Lodge Staff Officer. Their responsibility will be to approve or disapprove the distribution of money from the Benevolence Fund to a person who applies for assistance through a Lodge of the Genesee/Wyoming District and report the request and distribution, if any, at the next meeting of the Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities. The motion was seconded by R.:W.: Sheldon Moden. The first ballot was taken and approved during this current meeting. A second ballot will be taken during the next meeting for final approval of this amendment.

Congratulations

The District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Robert F. Dagen, presented a temporary Certificate of Appointment as Grand Representative to Para, Brazil to Merle L. Robinson from Attica Lodge. R.:W.: Merle L. Robinson's formal appointment will be coming forthwith. The Appointment of W.: Raymond G. Barber as District Deputy Grand Master of the Genesee/Wyoming District and W.: Dennis M. Turton, Sr., as Grand Steward was announced by R.:W.: Robert F. Dagen, DDGM. Congratulations and Fraternal blessings to all.

Note of thanks

A note of thanks to the 28 Masons representing ten of the Lodges of the Genesee/Wyoming District at the January, 1998 Council meeting.

Support needed

Remember to send your support to the "Challenge for Charity". Mail that blue envelope to the Brotherhood Fund TODAY. □

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



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Wednesday
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3rd Wed Only)

R.:W.: Donald Van Son,
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Masonic Service

On February 7th Attica Lodge held a Masonic Service in the Lodge hall for W.: Ernst C. Brown, Past Master of Attica Lodge in 1961, who passed away on January 25th. He moved from the Attica area in 1977 and later affiliated with a Lodge in Schenectady and became Master there. In the past 10 years he lived at the Masonic Home in Utica.

A Masonic Service was requested by the family. This was attended by 26 family members and 14 Lodge members. A light lunch was prepared by R.:W.: Jerry Brade and W.: Norman Steinbaugh and his wife, Ann. This was

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a first for our Lodge and many of the members present commented that the Lodge was a perfect place to hold these services.

Brotherhood Fund

Family and friends of W. Ernst Brown thus far have donated \$630.00 to the Brotherhood Fund in his memory. Brownie, as he was commonly called, was 84 years young. Have you given your donation to the Brotherhood Fund yet? If not, please do so.

Fish Fry

On Friday, March 20th the members of Attica Lodge and Thorpe Chapter will sponsor another public Fish Fry at the Lodge from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. We need help and pie donations. Contact Norm Steinbaugh or Jerry Brade.

Annual dues

To date 85% of the annual dues have been received. There are still six members that are in arrears for two years. Please send your dues in today!

Molly is back

Molly, our District Traveling Trophy, was rescued on February 5th from Hesperus Lodge and is enjoying her stay at Attica. In the past several months Molly has traveled throughout the District and is now requesting "frequent flying hours".

Morgan Affair

W. Strang has announced that on April 1st Brother Harold August will attend Lodge and speak on the Morgan Affair. Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m. as an "open Lodge" and all members are encouraged to bring a friend to learn the real truth concerning this long talked about incident that surrounds Masonic history. This is not an April fool's joke.

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F. & A.M.

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Master
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1st and 3rd
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Greetings, Brothers

I would like to welcome and congratulate our newest Brothers who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on January 24th at Oakland Lodge. Brothers Ken Cook, Tom Delude and Tom Kemp will definitely have a positive effect on our Lodge over the coming years. Also initiated at Oakland were Brothers Colton from Warsaw and Counternine from Attica. Welcome to Masonry and good luck.

I would like to thank the Brothers from Warsaw, Triluminar, Batavia, Constellation, Attica, Arcade, West Star, and Oakland for making the Degree a success.

Future events

Now is the time to answer the roll call at Oakland Lodge. Several very important decisions concerning our Lodge need to be addressed at our next communication. The Grand Master has said that Masons have always been movers and shakers and men of integrity. We need to

move and shake at Oakland to gear up for the next century.

Mark your calendars for March 3rd, to be present at Lodge. Discussions will range from our Annual Fish Fry, Child ID, and the committees we have formed concerning finance, building, and fundraising. See you there.

Closing

As we close in on Spring and a busy season, let us not forget that what we get out of Masonry will be in direct proportion to what we put into it. It is our duty as Masons to be leaders in the community and put forth as much effort toward worthwhile projects as our cable tow would allow us. God bless and good health. ☐

Olive Branch
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1st & 3rd
Wed.

R. W. Robert Nicoll, Secretary
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Brethren

Last month I wasn't able to have an article in the *Masonic Times* because I had the flu. This past October we went and had flu shots, and I thought that would make me invincible to sickness. But my head plugged up and it was difficult for me to get motivated.

Marilyn Rainer stopped by with a Plaque to be placed under Rev. Rainer's picture. Rev. Rainer was a great friend, a gentle leader and anyone who met him was greatly blessed.

Gift

We received a gift of a Conn Organ from a friend of Leone's, Mrs. Lynn Hammond. It is placed where the treasurer's desk was. This is an exceptionally fine instrument.

Kitchen equipment

January 28th we purchased a kitchen hood and Ansul system for the kitchen. Clayton Dimick, Paul Smith, and I removed it from the former restaurant, cleaned it thoroughly and will have it ready for Lent and our famous Fish Frys.



Marilyn Rainer, under the picture of her late husband and the new commemorative plaque she donated. (Photo courtesy Bob Nicoll)

Honor Night

Looking ahead, on a Saturday in May we will have Honor Night. We are waiting for our Snow Birds to return. On this date we will have a dinner, served by the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star. We will honor our Masonic widows, Lynn Saulsbury, a 60 year member; Frank Peel and Cordyn Durney, 50 year members; a DeWitt Clinton honoree, and Lynn Hammond for the gift of the Conn Organ.

On Saturday, June 6th at 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Masonic Hall in LeRoy will be included in a tour of LeRoy's older and stately buildings.

We are waiting for the "bids" to come in reflecting the cost of a new hot water heating system and a "lift" from the first floor to the second floor. Hopefully, in May we can make some decisions.

Storms

Here in LeRoy it has been exceptionally mild and open Winter. We are truly concerned with the East and West coast storms, especially the ice storms in New England and Canada.

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, six more weeks of Winter. Soon we will be mowing the grass!

The best is yet to come! See you in Lodge! ☐

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A reminder

The fourth and final leg of the Euchre Tourney will be held on Thursday, March 5th, at the Masonic Temple in Perry. Be sure to attend the regular communication at 8:00 p.m. if you want to play. Get plenty of practice ahead of time if you want to unseat our current champions!

3rd Degree

The 3rd Degree will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19th. A simple repast will inter-

vene at about 7:45 p.m. Invite a "rusty Mason" to accompany you to watch a new Brother raised in Constellation Lodge. Take a careful look at the JMC and after Lodge introduce yourself to Brother Lowell Osborne, last year's newly raised Brother. Brother Lowell volunteered to be the JMC for the present candidates Degree work.

Worthy charity

If you have not as yet contributed to the Brotherhood Fund, do so now. It is a worthy charity. Please be sure to write in your Lodge number and your dues card number, as well. For example: John Doe, 0404 A 123456. With both your Lodge number and your dues card number included, your contribution will be a matter of record.

In the works

A family style Swiss Steak Dinner, jointly sponsored by Perry Chapter, OES, and Constellation Lodge, will be scheduled in March. Be sure to get a ticket for you and your family members.

Best wishes

R. W. Chester W. MacRae is ailing. Stop in to see him or send him a card with a note. ☐

Mount Vernon
Lodge No. 263

W. Mark Hopkins
Master
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2nd & 4th
Mondays

W. Rodney Dilker, Sec.
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I hope everyone's enjoying the *Masonic Times* publication being sent to them.

Events

A brief schedule of events for our Lodge is as follows:

On January 27th Mt. Vernon Lodge had a joint meeting with Arcade titled, Bring-a-Friend Night. This was very successful and as a result, we have 4 applications to be acted upon. We are tentatively scheduling Degree work-March 23rd, 1st Degree; April 13th, 2nd Degree and April 27th, 3rd Degree.

We are asking all members who can help or work in these Degrees to give one of our Officers a call.

On May 11th we will have the Apron Presentation to W. Raymond Barber. He's the newly appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Genesee/Wyoming District. More information will follow next month. ☐

HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837

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1st and 3rd
Thursday

W. John Specht,
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Well, I guess old Phil the Groundhog, saw his shadow, so we have 6 more weeks of Winter to look forward to. Spring can't be far behind!

Sickness

We wish Brother Allan Ferguson a speedy recovery from his recent cataract surgery. Brother Raymond Santoro had a rather bad bout with the flu, but is now up and around. Our thoughts and prayers are with both these Brothers. It was nice, too, to have Brother Gib Ernst back with us again after his recent hospitalization.

Now you see her, now you don't!

Molly, the Traveling Trophy, has been experiencing a number of "One meeting stands", at various Lodges throughout the District. Her stay at Hesperus was no exception, with 5 Brothers of Attica Lodge in attendance to claim her. Her stay there will no doubt be a short one! It's nice to see Molly is doing the job she was intended to do-interlodge fellowship.

1st Degree

We were very happy to reap the harvest of our recent Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, as 5 candidates have taken their 1st Degree on February 19th. W. John Cooper was in the East, and along with other participating Brethren, demonstrated some fine Ritual work. Thanks to the OES for a delicious dinner preceding the Degree. The 2nd Degree is scheduled for March 19th, W. Continued on page 6

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Garry Hutcherson will be in the East.

VA Bingo

Thanks to all the Brothers who traveled to Batavia to brighten the spirits of those veterans who have done so much for our country. Through their sacrifices, we are able to enjoy life as it exists today. The sign at the entrance of the VA Hospital says it all: "The Price of Freedom is Visible Here".

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order to W.: Ruel Lovett, a dual member of Genesee/Wyoming and Monroe Districts. He has just been appointed a Staff Officer of the 1st Monroe District.

Scholarships

Any Brother interested in applying for either the George Walker or the Grand Lodge Scholarships should contact W.: John Specht at 548-2694 or me at 494-2422. The deadline is May 1st.

Past Master's Night

Our next meeting will be Past Master's Night and traditional Irish Stew Night! Plan on attending to pay tribute to those past leaders who have done so much for our Lodge.

Ladies Night Out

Don't forget our upcoming Ladies Night Out at the Viking Valhalla Room of the Rose Garden in Bergen on February 28th. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. Ticket information: W.: John Specht at 548-2694. Hope to see you there!

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



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R.: W.: Kenneth E. Kohlhaugen,
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Dear Brethren

Well, we've had a very nice Winter so far. I think El Nino is out in California and La Nino is here in Western New York. Another month and we will be out of the woods.

Sadness

The first thing I have to tell you about is that West Star No.

413 held a funeral service for our departed Brother, W.: Edwin H. Francis, who was a member for 57 years.

Congratulations

One of West Star's honorary members, R.: E.: Richard C. Benn, "Doc", earns our congratulations by being appointed as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, Canada, near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of NY.

Join us

Next month on Monday, March 2nd, we will have a Rendezvous Night at West Star No. 413. Rendezvous members will wear their buckskin to Lodge and give a little lecture. Come to Lodge that night and learn about life in the 1830's.


Uniform Night

Monday, April 6th will be another special night at West Star. Any Mason who wears a uniform of any kind is invited to wear it to Lodge and tell a little about his work. We will have several correctional officers, State Police, National Guard, Boy Scout leaders, referee uniforms and maybe Sheriff Capwell will be at Lodge in his uniform. Please come and enjoy.

Neighborhood Days

Varysburg neighborhood Days is scheduled for June 13th and 14th this year and the Chicken Bar-B-Que will be on Saturday, June 13th. I will have more for you next month. Be careful until then.

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



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Mammoser
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Tuesdays

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Secretary 786-8989

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Child ID Program

On Saturday, January 31st, we held a very successful Child ID Program at Warsaw First Baptist Church. Warsaw's Doc Benn, Dick Colton, Bill Danley, Ted LaWall, Mike Smith, and John Sunderland, working under the able guidance of Arcade Brothers R.: W.: Len Mason and W.: Craig Reitmeyer, did a great job videotaping 38 kids. The parents thought it was a great idea. I like

doing things for the community, and it appears that you guys had fun doing it, so let's do it again! I'll talk more about this later in the article. My appreciation to Jim Swatt of Wyoming County Substance Abuse for providing us the location and helping on the day of the event. Special thanks to Debbie LaWall for handling the interview duties, and Jessie Wilak for assisting Craig Reitmeyer at the film review table.

We're making improvements

If you haven't noticed, we've got a beautiful new floor in the Temple kitchen. The old floor was a mess and just walking across it was becoming a health hazard. Thanks to the Temple Association for coming up with the necessary funds. Those of us who work on the breakfasts greatly appreciate it! Also, thanks to the Brothers of Warsaw for purchasing the teflon frypan and the microwave. With the expenditure of \$67.78 the kitchen has entered the 20th Century. Unfortunately, it's taken us 98 years to get there.

Wow, guys, it's mid-February already, Winter's 2/3 gone, and I've only put 200 miles on my snowmobile. As I'm writing this, the thermometer outside my window says that it's 52°. I'm starting to believe in El Nino! Well, here goes nothing...As Master of Warsaw Lodge, I direct the Senior Warden to notify the Junior Warden, who should notify any Brethren listening that they should pray that the month of March have heavy lake effect snows! I know, not everyone likes Winter. Humor me. Just pray for a few days of snow, OK? Now, let's get down to business.

3rd Degree at Oakland

On January 24th the Brothers of Oakland Lodge No. 379 were assisted by the Brothers of Warsaw No. 549 in raising five Fellowcrafts to Master Mason. Congratulations to our own Brother Dick Colton (Warsaw's master of scrambled egg cooking) for being one of the five. Castile's W.: Henry Robinson sat in the East, W.: D.J. Beardsley held down the West, and W.: Tom Scott covered Junior Warden. As usual, the guys from Castile did a great job. Warsaw's W.: Doc Benn performed as Marshal. Doc obviously read the book on proper use of the baton. I'm always impressed when the baton positions are executed with dignity. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a delicious Spaghetti Dinner prepared by the ladies of Castile. Thanks to Castile for being our hosts, and my thanks to the Brothers of Warsaw Lodge for being there for Brother Dick.

Euchre Tournament

Warsaw hosted a Euchre Tournament on February 17th, the 2nd of the 1998 Intra-Lodge Euchre Tournaments. More than likely, the Brothers from the other Lodges will be standing slack jawed and speechless after witnessing the magnificent Euchre expertise demonstrated by the guys from 549. Of course, these Brothers are also convinced that the Master from Warsaw is a complete air-head for forgetting to get his guys to Castile for the 1st Tournament on February 3rd. Dubious thanks to W.: Henry Robinson for calling me at 11:30 p.m. and saying, "Hey Billy, we missed ya tonight!"

Coming events

A goal setting session for the Brothers of Warsaw Lodge will be at our meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd. This is an extremely important meeting. We'll be dis-

cussing the future of Warsaw Lodge and actions to be taken to make improvements. If the future of Masonry in Warsaw is important to you, please be there.


The last night of the Euchre Tournaments is Thursday, March 5th at Perry. This will prove, once and for all, that Chuckles Krause's 1st place win at the 1997 Tournament was a fluke.

Sunday, March 15th, is our All-You-Can-Eat breakfast at Warsaw Lodge from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Call me (Bill) at 876-5896 if you want to help.

Our 2nd Child ID Program will be held at Warsaw Baptist Church (next door to the Lodge) on Saturday, March 28th. This program will run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Advertising to be in the Pennysavers, Batavia Daily, Batavia Cable, and WCJW.

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

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



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Thank you

I thank Brother Mike Willwerth, Junior Warden, for sitting in the East during my recent absence from Lodge. I understand he did an excellent job and obtained experience for next year.


Bring-a-Friend

We will be having a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night set up for early Fall. Therefore we will be looking at rehearsing parts of all Degree work this Spring. Please look through the various parts of the Degrees and see if you can learn a new part so we can all learn more than just the parts we are comfortable with. The time to learn and gain experience is in rehearsals.

Looking ahead

Although this may be the middle of February, we only have a few more communications before the Election and Installation of Officers for next year. We should not only look at this year, but start to plan for next year as well. I would hope to have the proposed slate of elected officers for April's edition of the *Masonic Times*.

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



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Bring-a-Friend

January 27th we held a combined Brother Bring-a-Friend Night with Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263. It appeared to be a success for both. The fellowship was enjoyed by all and hopefully we will glean new members from it.

Get the word out

Some of the wives of long term members commented that they wish they had been privy to the information regarding Masonry years ago. They found it very interesting and finally started to understand more about why their husbands went to Lodge.

Disappointment

I recently attended a Lodge outside of our District to observe a 2nd Degree. When I arrived they said there wasn't going to be a Degree because the new Brother's wife had heard some negative comments about Masonry and he was not going to pursue any more Degrees. This should encourage all Lodges to have the potential candidates and their wives together at the Bring-a-Friend Nights.

Awards

A committee has been appointed to present names for the DeWitt Clinton and the Douglas MacArthur Awards.

The DeWitt Clinton Award is given in recognition of Community Service of a non-Mason or non-Masonic group. The Douglas MacArthur Award is given in recognition of exemplary service to youth.

Brotherhood Fund

33 out of our 74 members have contributed to the Brotherhood Fund Drive to date. This is 45% participation and we should really be at twice that number.

Masonic
Q & A


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

Q. Masonic dates are written "A.L." before figures which never correspond with the number of the year in which we live. Why? A. Freemasonry's practice has followed the ancient belief that the world was created four thousand years before Christ; that when God said "Let there be light" the world began. Therefore Masons date their doings four thousand years plus the current year, "Anno Lucis," or "In the year of Light." It is but another of Freemasonry's many ties with a day so old no man may name it.

Q. What are "A Master's wages"? A. According to the Ritual, corn wine and oil are symbolic of the payment a Freemason earns today by "good work, true work, square work." "A Master's wages" may be the same, may be different, for every Brother. They are the friendships formed through Freemasonry; the consciousness of unselfish work; taking part in movements and actions for the betterment of the condition of neighbors; inherent in learning and making it possible for others to learn that men of widely different beliefs, convictions, circumstances, education, skills and character my live and work, play and love together in peace and happiness. A Master's Wages are intangible, but the more real, because any Brother may earn as much as he will.

"I worked for menial's wages Only to learn, dismayed Any wage I asked of the Lodge, Lodge would have paid." This is a paraphrase indicating that there is no limit to the Master's Wages any Brother may receive, except that which he may put upon himself.

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By R.W. David Jones

R.W. Eugene Brendel and R.W. William Spillane deserve a great vote of thanks for the excellent job they did putting the "Road to the East" Program together. Our present Senior Wardens received information and guidance that should make their year as Master interesting and exciting for them and their Lodges. Well done!

I'd also like to comment on the calibre and energy of the incoming Masters group. There's no doubt these current Senior Wardens will be among the most active we've seen in a long time. They've shown a desire to serve their Lodges and the Craft in this area with new ideas and a commitment to improve Masonry throughout the Districts. They are fired up and ready to assume the mantle of authority with confidence borne of dedication. It's not too soon to give them your support; they are already in a position second only to the Master.

Winter Fest

Masonry is in the public's eye with Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088's participation in Rochester Winter Fest at Ontario Beach Park on Sunday, February 8th. Not only did they take first place in the Chili-Chili Contest, amateur division, but they ran a very successful Child ID Program, taping more than 100 children. The event, and Charlotte/Corinthian's participation, got exposure in the local papers and television. W. Mike Gorall, Sr., SW Andy Alvarez and the Brothers of 1088 are doing it right!

Soap Box Derby

Speaking of the public eye, if you haven't already heard, Towpath Lodge No. 163 is sponsoring a racer in the Soap Box Derby. What a wonderful opportunity to rally around a community sporting event, and show our enthusiasm to the public. Check Towpath's column for details in the coming months.

Wealth of information

I'd be curious to know how many recipients of this paper read

more than the front page and their Lodge's column. There is a wealth of information and activity news on these pages. Read all the Lodge and Concordant Body columns, get a sense of what's going on in the Districts. You may find some events you'd love to go to, or participate in. Knowing about them is the first step, and that first step starts here.

Communicate

It's time to take stock and see how the current Grand Lodge Officers have served you and the Craft. We'd like to hear from you, the Brothers of the 1st and 2nd Monroes Districts. Let us know what we did well, and where we could have done better. We need your help. This critique will aid the incoming GLO's to improve upon our successes, and avoid our mistakes. Here's your chance to set us straight! Take the time to send us a letter; your thoughts will be greatly appreciated. ☐

Editor's Award for Non-Lodge Articles

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

Grand Lodge Staff Officers

of the
Monroes

R.W. Eugene G. Brendel
Grand Steward
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R.W. William D. Spillane
Grand Director of Ceremonies
436-0264

By R.W. Eugene Brendel

Most Masonic writings these days include articles attempting to analyze what is wrong with the Fraternity and proposing how to go about fixing the problem. Such is the case with "The Fellow Who Does The Job", by Allen E. Roberts, FPS, reprinted in the June '97 issue of "The Philalethes" magazine. In this article, Roberts comments that "most of us want Freemasonry to live but we're calling upon unqualified men to perform jobs of the most delicate nature". Roberts goes on to compare the Body of Freemasonry with the human body. "Note the number of facets there are to keep this body healthy...if these parts don't function harmoniously, we're in trouble. Too often one part is favored over all others. We will find experts to work with and teach Ritual. We forsake the other parts of this Body of Freemasonry".

"We create more problems than we solve if we send out men to teach who haven't been taught. Men must have tools with which to work or they can't do the job the way they should...In Freemasonry the basic tool is knowledge. The working tools are symbolic." Roberts comparison continues: "The skeleton (framework) must be the Ritual. It's what makes Freemasonry the distinctive Order it is. From this Ritual comes the heart and brains that keeps Masonry alive and vital-it's symbolism. The Ritual reminds us that we must be benevolent, and

that every human being has a claim upon our resources. This, then, becomes the soul, the conscience, of every Master Mason. Freemasonry's philosophy pumps the blood that brings life-giving qualities to the body and keeps it active. It's jurisprudence, or laws, provides the muscles which enable the body to function fully. It's history puts flesh on the body, binding it into an unbreakable whole. This history tells us how well we have treated the body over the years".

Roberts concludes by asking and answering the question, "Does Freemasonry really have something to offer to the world today? Indeed, it does. But it does only if we consider the Body of Freemasonry as a whole; if we realize every part of it is important. Then the whole of the Order has what the world has needed, and urgently needs today and in the tomorrows. It has been vital for three centuries, possibly six. So it will be in the future, if we let it".

Considering that this article was printed in 1977 (and Allen Roberts has since passed away) one might ask why it has taken so long to realize that we must educate our members. We probably will never know the answer to that question, but we should take heart that we are finally doing something positive about it.

On Saturday, February 7th, 21 Brothers representing 15 Lodges of the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts qualified for Certificates of Completion in the "Road to the East" Program (much of which was developed by contributors from the Monroes). Working their way through the program text, "The 24" Gauge", the "Grand Lodge Constitutions" and "Masonic Law", and other resources that were provided, this group demonstrated a keen interest in learning how to prepare themselves to be better leaders of the Craft.

Their eagerness to learn, their willingness to share and their desire to rejuvenate Freemasonry was evident in their enthusiasm and for that we thank them and salute them...and if Allen Roberts, the Mason's Mason, is right the Monroes are on the right track! ☐

ASSISTANT Grand LECTURERS



R.W. D. Scott Seltzer
2nd Monroe District

V.W. John Zabel
1st Monroe District



By V.W. John Zabel

Thank you

Scott and I thank Seneca Lodge No. 797 and Flower City Lodge No. 910 for their participation in the last School of Ritual. The officers of both Lodges did an excellent job. We also thank R.W. Bill Spillane for his efforts as Exemplar. The attendance scoring brought some surprises and showed that any Lodge has the capability of leading in the scoring. If you want to know your Lodge standing, come to the next School of Ritual on

Wednesday, March 18th at Etolian Lodge.

Objections

The question was raised about objections prior to the conferral of a Degree. The answer given at the School was essentially correct, but needs to be clarified. All of the following information comes from Sections 560 through 563 of the "Masonic Law of New York". First, an objection can be made either orally or in writing. The reason for the objection is not mentioned nor discussed in open Lodge. An objection only postpones the conferral of the Degree on the candidate objected to. An objection must be respected once by deferring the conferral of the Degree until a subsequent stated communication. The Master may refuse to respect a subsequent objection. This is a summary of the decisions in the "Masonic Law of New York". It is recommended that the reader refer to the referenced passages for a full interpretation.

An AGL is not responsible for interpretation of Masonic Law. In the case of an objection to initiation or advancement, there is a fine line between Ritual and the Masonic Law. It is hoped that the above summary is clear.

Regulation

We remind the Brethren that the "Standard Work and Lectures of Ancient Craft Masonry" or "code book" is not to be open in Lodge. We have seen the book used as a method of prompting during Degree work. This is not correct. If a prompter is needed, one of the Brothers of the Lodge should be designated for that position. The Brother chosen should be knowledgeable in the work. If a suitable candidate is not available in the Lodge, contact either Scott or me, we will be glad to step in. However, please give us plenty of notice. ☐

Membership Retention

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



Change...not so bad after all

I have decided to change the style of the articles that I write for this publication. Up to this point I have been telling how things should be done to retain Brothers. Then I began to lose some of the initiative in writing about this topic. The well was drying up. I used the excuse of writer's block. The material was always there, but how many times and different ways can it be expressed. I needed a change, but what to change to was the problem. By the way, how many Masons does it take to change a light bulb? Change??? Back to the topic at hand.

While all this thought process was going on, I purchased a new computer. Yes, my wife dragged me into the local computer store and performed a shotgun wedding between Windows 95 and yours truly. I will admit to you that I was perfectly happy living

in "comfortable obsolescence" using Windows 3.1, Lotus and PFS Write.

A little while after the purchase it suddenly occurred to me that my articles were also "comfortably obsolete". After some thought I decided that the change will be total. I will write a new type of article, on the new computer using a new word processor.

New direction

I now will communicate to you what I have seen around the Monroe Districts that represent the things that promote Brother retention. I will also bring up some items that may not be so constructive to retaining membership. It will be sort of what we see in our Saturday newspaper, a thumbs up and thumbs down feature (until I come up with something better to call it) on what Lodges are doing in the Monroes to promote Brother retention. The thumbs up will name names, but the thumbs down will be anonymous. I do this with the hope that maybe we can learn from these examples and use some of the ideas. Let us get started!!!

Thumbs up to Northfield Lodge and W. Randy Griswold for producing a quarterly newsletter for Northfield Lodge Brothers. The editor is the Junior Warden, Brother Jim Weick. This publication works as a great supplement to the *Masonic Times*. It goes a little deeper in recent Lodge functions, what is on the Trestleboard and maybe an article on a Lodge Brother. The Lodge also produces a program for the current meeting, listing the schedule for the evening. This was the idea of W. John Dudley when he was Master and has spread to other Lodges.

Thumbs up to Flower City Lodge for the monthly letter it mails to Lodge Brothers making them aware of Lodge activities in a more personal manner.

Thumbs up to all the Masonic Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters, and all the organizations who participated in the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign benefiting the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester.

Thumbs down to those Lodge officers with their hands in their pockets during the Opening and Closing Ritual. It looks bad and certainly does little to encourage Brothers to come back to another meeting.

Thumbs up to Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge for its participation in the Charlotte Winter Festival on February 8th. I will admit to you that I have some personal pride in this, but I must mention the event. The Lodge

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put on a Child ID Program where over 100 videos were made of children. I hope that none of these videos will ever be officially used. At the same time, the Lodge participated in the Chili Chili Contest and won First Place for the 2nd year in a row. They even got a mention on the local newspaper. Both events were chaired by SW Andy Alvarez with a great deal of team effort from W.: Mike Gorall, W.: Cliff Short, W.: Jim DeLorenzo and many other Brothers.

Well, that's it for now. As Mayor Koch always said, "How am I doing?" I feel good. Hey, change is not so bad after all. Any suggestions and criticisms, please contact me. I will be seeing you in the trenches.

What's happening

If you have not taken, or forgot to register for the Leadership Development Course, you are missing a great opportunity and event. I hope you will consider taking the Course in the future.

In the next several months the Bureau of Masonic Education will be going through the process of evaluation. The current mission of the Bureau is perceived as no longer relevant. The assessment of the form, function, even existence of this Bureau within the Monroe Districts will be carried out by the District Grand Lodge Officers and other interested Masons. If you are interested in being part of this process, contact me evenings at 223-3228. My e-mail address is: j.zabel@computer.org. We will keep everyone informed of the progress.

consensus was that each Lodge should have no problem selling 10 tickets to the Ball, and even if only the Masters and Wardens of each Lodge attended, there should still be no problem in attaining that goal of 150 attendees.

It is surprising to hear now that several of our largest Lodges have no members planning to attend. It is also disappointing that in the year when our theme is "Unity" some Lodges are choosing not to participate in this celebration.

The ticket price is not within everyone's reach, nor is it easily within reach of most of us. The cost of the tickets is about the same that would be spent to take your spouse out for dinner at a top notch restaurant. Coincidentally, that is exactly what you are invited to do; bring your spouse to a fine dinner, enjoy some music and recognize a member of the community for his civic contributions, all within the context of a celebration.

Fundraiser

Those who wish to may participate in our Silent Auction for charity. Brother Phil Hurwitz is donating his services to prepare a pair of simple, reciprocal wills. The Shanley Law Office is donating its services to provide a real estate closing for a residential purchase or sale (in Monroe County or East, as far as Oneida County, minimum bid \$100.00). Golf clubs, meals, golf balls, overnight hotel packages, all have been donated. Many thanks to W.: Michael Batz for pulling this function together. We hope to raise large donations for Camp Turk, the Eagle Scout Program and the Masonic Service Bureau, while providing an enjoyable time for all. To discover whether or not the formerly infamous, now famous, peacock will appear for a 3rd time, you will have to attend. I look forward to seeing a large turnout at what I expect to be a "sheer fun" event. I hope you can make it.

Masters and Wardens Association

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Join us!

The Grand Ball is here. Come on down! This year's event is decidedly not like any of the Grand Balls in recent memory. We are holding a party to celebrate Masonry and raise some funds for charity thru our Silent Auction. There will be a formal program starting at approximately 8:00 p.m., during which the DeWitt Clinton Award for Community Service will be presented to Thomas Mooney (see accompanying article), who will also be our keynote speaker.

Elegant affair

We took all the recommendations and comments we could from the Craft and we've tried to arrange the party people said they wanted to attend. Elegant surroundings, fine cuisine, great entertainment and a minimal amount of time set aside for speeches and presentations. The only thing we were not able to do was to make a free event.

We did do the next best thing. We eliminated all fat from the ticket price. No funds will be raised from ticket sales. Food will be \$34.35 per person (provided we have all the attendees we have committed to attend) and entertainment will cost about \$5.00 per person. The only guest is our Award recipient.

We built it. Now, will you come? In November 15 Masters attended a special meeting. The

promised a Beef Dinner that will be remembered. We at Churchville Lodge No. 667 invite any Brother interested in this evening to call George Pfeiffer at 426-0603 or me at 293-1629 for reservations. We would appreciate these calls by March 20th to give Brother Dunn sufficient time to put this dinner together.

Remember, we are looking for as many guests as we can get, but we are also looking for as many Brothers as we can get for support and to make this a memorable night. Brothers, don't miss this one.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969

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By Robert Ogden

Southward bound

Our Master, W.: Bill Hook and Helen, departed for the South early February, stopping in Norfolk, Va., to visit their grandson, Dave, and on to Florida. They expect to return late in March. Sure hope the weather is warm and bright by now.

1st Degree

R.: W.: Dave Jones, R.: W.: Paul Robertson and W.: Thomas Kendig, along with Brother Mike Schum, escorted two candidates to Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge to receive their 1st Degree on February 3rd.

At this meeting, R.: W.: Vern Goodrich reported on the Masonic Service Bureau. He stated that the Service Bureau was in excellent financial shape and that the Annual Appeal would be going out soon. Help is needed to clean and repair medical loan equipment and Bill Hook will be needing help at Camp DeMolay this Spring and Summer. The Service Bureau also needs help in filing and maintaining the Library. Vern also stated how proud he is of our Service Bureau and its unique status in the country.

Masonic Brotherhood Fund

With February 3rd inclusive, 114 contributions have been received, along with widows and friends, totaling \$4,186.00. On this date last year there were 104 donation totaling \$3,636.00. Thanks again, everyone, for your continued support. Please keep up the good work.

Delicious dinner

Our February dinner was a huge success. Hilde DiJames and Joy Woodley served a Swiss Steak Dinner and all the trimmings, which left little to be desired. Many members, wives, and friends commented how well it was done. 42 attended, including the two candidates.

2nd Degree

On March 17th, 5 candidates will receive their 2nd Degree. Brothers, please mark your calendar accordingly so that we may have a good attendance.

3rd Degree

On April 21st, a dinner is planned followed by the Past Master's Degree Team conferring

March 1998
the 3rd Degree on 5 candidates. This will be a very exciting event—more later.

Congratulations

Happy grandparents, Brother Ken and Sue Skidmore, were blessed with a baby boy, weighing in at 7 lbs. 7 oz., on February 7th. A great and exciting event!

Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

February 5th ushered in the above program. The first shift consisted on the Robertsons, Traubs, Brothers Shelby, Skidmore and John Walker. At the second shift were the Grovers, Siverds and Ogdens and the Stricklands, Kendigs and Mike Schum finished the day. There was a good response and a lot of fun. Final results will be in the next issue.

March 3rd-Dinner meeting

There will be a dinner meeting on March 3rd. Don't forget, Brothers, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Birthdays

Birthday greetings to all Brothers with birthdays in March: Dick Barth, Earl Buckley, Don DeBack, Doug Fix, Ron Freida, Lynn Hagstrom, Cliff Haynor II, Dick Howard, Duane King, Earl Kraft, Fred Martin, Pat McWhinney, Jay Rodgers, George Wyatt and Frank Zaffino.

March meetings

On March 3rd there will be a dinner meeting. The rehearsal for the 2nd Degree will be March 10th. On March 17th the 2nd Degree will be conferred.

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As Spring approaches

Brethren-Spring is almost upon us with longer days and (hopefully) more pleasant weather...perhaps even weather nice enough for some Soap Box Derby practicing! We now have raised enough funds for the purchase of the vehicle. This project is truly a rallying effort for Towpath. Many thanks to the several Brothers who have donated time, timely advice, and moral support. A special word of appreciation to JW, Phil Hurwitz, for his initiating and leading us in this project. Hope to bring you a profile on our driver for the '98 Soap Box competition next month.

Future meetings

Several adjustments to the '98 Trestleboard were approved at our last Officer's meeting. Bill Zufall will indeed lead us in Masonic (and perhaps other) trivia on March 3rd. We'll have a focus on St. Patty's Day on the 17th; and Phil Hurwitz will educate us on the Symbols and Allegories of the first two Degrees on April 7th (this was well received last year). Craig Covert will bring us a presentation on Masonic stamps on April 21st. Join us, won't you?

2nd Monroe District

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2nd & 4th
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Degree

On January 28th, with JW George Pfeiffer in the East, four new Brothers were passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. V.: W.: John Zabel did a great job with the Middle Chamber Lecture and for that we at Churchville No. 667 say thank you.

Bring-a-Friend

On March 25th there will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night with a Table Lodge format. Our goal is to introduce our guests to Masonry. So, if you know someone who has been a little curious about those meetings that you keep going to, bring him along. Our Brother, Chef Bill Dunn, has

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Thank you

Thank you to the following Brothers for attending the School of Ritual in January. They are Dave Jones, Tom Grape, Andy Alvarez, Jim DeLorenzo, Al Ritter, Mike Staub, Dick Felgner, Frank Jansson, Harold Bollotin, Bill Flemming, Cliff Short, Nick Vlahos, George Frame and Joe Privitera. I know with everyone's schedule it is hard to make a lot of these events, again, thank you.

1st Degree

On February 2nd we had the 1st Degree with JW Tom Grape in the East. All I can say is a great job was done by all who participated. It was a pleasure having two other Lodges join us with candidates. Thank you, Germania and Craftsmen/Robertson Lodges.

Chili

Thanks to our Master Chefs, Andy Alvarez, Cliff Short and Jim DeLorenzo, and their secret Chili recipe, we are still 1st place winners in the Chili-Chili Contest at the Charlotte Winter Festival.

Child ID

Thanks to Brothers Tom Grape, Bill King, Mike Staub, Dave Jones, Joe Privitera and Ray Thompson, we were able to video tape around 150 children in the five hours at the Festival for the Masonic Child ID Program. This was very well received by parents. I heard a lot of good comments and some were not aware of such a program until then. I hope in the future that we can keep this program going.

February

In February we had a lot to do. Our Youth Night was a great success. Thank you to all who helped with the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center.

March

We are planning to confer the 2nd Degree on March 3rd with SW Andy Alvarez in the East. On March 17th Paul Stillman returns as Teddy Roosevelt. This will be an open meeting with everyone welcome.

I guess that this is it 'til next time.

Thinking of Harry

By R. W. Joseph Privitera

As many of you know or may not know, Brother Harry Lake has had two heart attacks and is resting at home at the time of this writing. He has been told to take it easy for at least a few months. Brother Harry is a member of the Lodge and the Lodge Custodian. He is much more than that to me and the Brothers of this Lodge. Harry is a 50 year plus member, was awarded the Lodge Man of the Year Award, and received the Symbolic Lodge Award from the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. He is also very active in Royal Arch.

More than all of the above, he is a man who can be looked up to and relied upon for anything you

may ask. Since at least 1984 he has attended almost every meeting and has never missed a School of Ritual. His devotion to the Lodge and the Lodge building can only be compared to that of the late R. W. Bert Steene. He is truly a self-motivated man. If there was anything that needed to be done at the Lodge, he did it or told me what had to be done. If there was a problem, he fixed it. If he couldn't, he made me aware of the situation so it could be fixed and if it wasn't fixed in due time, he would remind me about it in his own quiet way. Harry is a man of old fashioned ideals, but he accepted and lived with new ways of doing things.

Remember Harry in your thoughts and prayers. I hope he can soon attend meetings and continue as companion to me and others on our way to Schools of Ritual and other Masonic events. □

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Misfortune

I would like to start this month's article by thanking the participants of the January 15th meeting. What was supposed to be a Move-up Night for our Senior Warden, Bill Fraser, turned out to be a Past Masters Night, Brother Bill had the misfortune, because of very bad weather, of running head-on into the concrete wall of Rt. 490 off ramp. Bill was not injured in the crash, but had to walk quite a long way in very cold weather to find help.

Thanks

Bill felt badly about missing his night in the East because he was anxious to show the Lodge his stuff. He asked me if he could reschedule, so it will be May 7th. The program is to be announced. I would like to thank R. W. Jack Thibaut for filling the East that night. He did an outstanding job as did the rest of the participants. Thanks guys!

Prince Hall Masonry

On February 5th R. W. Rich Friedman gave a presentation on Prince Hall Masonry. It was a very informative talk, and enlightened every person in the room to the long history, accomplishments and present plight of the Brothers to be recognized by the Grand Lodge of New York. R. W. Rich spoke with great conviction and emotion. While speaking on the subject, in my opinion, we all should educate ourselves and get us into the 90's where we belong. Thanks, Rich.

Great success

I am pleased to announce that as far as I am concerned, Northfield's day at the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart booth at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center was a great success! We had all the help we needed and we sold a LOT of hearts. I was informed that we took in \$211.00. That is great! My thanks to R. W. Jack

Thibaut and his wife, Rosie, for getting there and opening the booth until I could get there.

Thanks also to W. Dan and Linda Walker, R. W. Bill Spillane, R. W. Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, Bill Fraser, W. John Williams, Hendrik Langeveld and his lady, Diane, W. Mike Herrmann and his kids, and to Alan Priceman, who came out and gave us a big hand. Nice job!

Sadness

Brethren, it becomes my sad duty to inform you of the passing of two Brothers of Northfield. Brother Albert Miller died on January 20th and W. Leslie L. Whiting died on January 30th. Brother Al supported Masonry for 47 years and W. Leslie for 66 years. The hearts of Northfield go out to the families and friends of our departed Brothers.

Future meetings

March 18th will be a School of Ritual at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport. The 2nd Degree will be covered. I urge all participants of our Degree to attend.

March 19th will be the 2nd Degree at our Lodge. JW Jim Weick will be in the East. Call him for dinner reservations at 425-7563.

March 28th is the date for the Grand Ball to be held at the Rochester Convention Center. I have tickets at \$40.00 each. This is not going to be the run of the mill Ball. There will be various "grazing stations" around the room, along with a top notch disc jockey for your dancing pleasure. There will also be a Silent Auction, as in previous years. This is a worthwhile event, so contact me at 787-3357 to reserve your tickets. Show the Masters and Wardens that you support them.

April 4th is the date for the 3rd Degree Fest at the Downtown Temple. Details will be announced at Lodge.

We will be having a Lodge Clean-up Day for the building on Saturday, April 18th at 8:00 a.m. The rain date is May 9th. We will start with coffee and bagels at the Lodge. Then we will be doing a little painting and outside clean-up. If you can think of any other items that need sprucing up, feel free to come down and help us out. Remember, that it's not just a work party. We will also have a lot of fun while working! You may contact me at 787-3357 and let me know what you can do to help.

That's it for now. I hope this writing finds the members and families of Northfield happy and healthy. Come to Lodge sometime, we would love to see you. □

FAME

Lodge No. 945

CHARTERED 1917

W. Glen S.
Campbell,
Master
865-5395
2nd & 4th
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.



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

Grotto Installation

On January 24th it was my honor and privilege to attend the Lalla Rookh Grotto Open Installation in Cathedral Hall at the Downtown Masonic Temple. The program was outstanding and it was a thrill to see so many Brothers of Fame Lodge involved in

the Grotto. Brother Richard Topel was elected Monarch; W. Mike Bell, Treasurer; Brother Leon VanHuben, Master of Ceremonies and Brother Alfred Pulcino, Outside Sentinel. I wish all of these Brothers the best of luck in the ensuing year.

Color Guard

Prior to the Installation the Colors were presented by the Masonic War Veterans Honor Guard that included Fame Lodge Brothers, W. Dean Marsaw and W. William "Bud" Golding.

2nd Degree

On January 27th R. W. Robert Avery did an excellent job on the Middle Chamber Lecture for our candidate. All the Brothers who had taken part in the 2nd Degree did a fine job, but Bob did an exceptional one with this vital portion of the Degree.

Rent

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

**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

**Renovations**

The big news this month is the work being done to our Lodge. As I reported last month, the drywall is complete and the kitchen has a new ceiling with much better overhead lights. We still have to patch a little more and paint, but the kitchen already looks a lot better.

The hallway leading to the Lodge room and the Tiler's area is almost complete. There is one coat of paint on the walls, but a second coat is imminent. We will then paint the molding and window frames to complete the job.

The preparation room is complete at this point. The ceiling was redone and painted, the window frames were painted, floor re-varnished and the paneling cleaned and polished. It really looks fine.

The Lodge room, our biggest job, is drywalled and one coat of paint has been applied. We still need to do a 2nd coat and paint the window frames. After we finish that, the floor will be varnished and polished. The room looks 100% better and will look terrific when finished. Many thanks to W. Joe Cotteleer for getting and installing the blinds (around 20).

News

We had our January meeting in the Lodge room even though it was not finished. All went well. Many thanks to everyone who

helped Saturday and Sunday on the clean-up and set-up.

About eight members of our Lodge went to Oatka Lodge on Wednesday to participate in their 3rd Degree with Fame Lodge. There were about 50 Brothers in attendance and a good time was had by all. W. Paul Josephson did his usual excellent job. Congratulations to Oatka for a job well done.

We will be having our 1st Degree on March 23rd with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

Sickness and distress

W. Harvey Closs is recovering from hip surgery and I hear he is doing well.

W. Larry Millard has been under the weather lately. His surgery went well and I hear he is doing fine. Our best wishes to these Brothers for speedy recoveries.

Closing

I thank all who have participated in the renovations of our Lodge. I won't list all the names here, but you know who you are. Without the support of you all, this work would never get done. Again, many thanks. □

GERMANIA

Lodge No. 722

W. Robert
G. McBride,
Master
315-343-2610

3rd Tues.
Sept. - Apr.
&
1st Tues.
May - Jun. Oct.
7:30 P.M.



Secretary
W. John H. Foster 467-1677
4275 Culver Rd.
Rochester, N.Y. 14622

I look forward to seeing a large turnout at our Irish Soda Bread Social on St. Pat's Day to congratulate our newest candidate. The social will begin immediately after the completion of the 2nd Degree.

Grand Ball

The Grand Ball will be March 28th and we are going to be well represented there. 12 tickets have been paid for to date and I hope that we will have 16 Brothers and spouses at the Ball this year.

High point

Our Annual Bowling Party at the Red Men's Club will be April 17th. Fliers will be going out with the April calendar. This is always a high point on our social calendar and I am certain the event will be well attended this year, too. □

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W.: Donald A. Tubman,
Master
889-4725

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



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

On, what a night!

On February 11th, Oatka Lodge held a 3rd Degree with Fame Lodge No. 945, and Union Star No. 320. We are pleased to welcome to our Craft Brothers Mark Arluckas and Keith Dustin to Oatka Lodge and Oscar Wilson to Fame. Over 50 Brothers from the three Lodges participated in conferring the Degree. Our Eastern Star put on an excellent Chicken Dinner before the Degree.

I wish to thank all who participated, but especially Paul Josephson for conferring the Degree, Craig Josephson for directing, Joseph Cotteleer, Kevin Fisher, Dick Bull, Terry Wright, Larry "Jubo" Blazey, John Horn, Will Scheerens, Burt Brown, Charles Ogburn and all of Oatka's officers and the Fame and Union Star "Craftsmen". Masters W.: Glen Campbell, Fame and W.: Lloyd Wood, Union Star deserve thanks for turning out so many of their Brothers. (I trust I have not forgotten anyone).

Thanks to Kevin Fisher, et al, for the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign support.

Awards

On January 12th, W.: Charles Webb, DSA, received his 50 Year Pin in Florida from Grand Master Hino, who made the special effort of arranging the presentation with R.: W.: Chuck Ogburn. Charles was sure surprised. Oatka is planning to confer additional 60 and 50 Year Pins and Certificates in March.

Grand Lodge has notified Oatka that we will also be conferring a DSA Award to one of our own. This, too, is planned for March if all goes as expected. The York Rite has announced this same Brother is to receive the Gold Honor Award.

Upcoming events

On March 11th, Ed Ramberger of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention and Community Service Bureau will be making a presentation at Oatka following a dinner by the Star. Make your reservations for you and your family members for this open meeting with Gary Trescott at 889-5434 by March 6th.

March 14th is Oatka's third Annual St. Patty's Dinner Dance and Auction. It is \$25.00 a couple

for traditional Corned Beef, Cabbage and fun!

March 25th will be 60 and 50 Year Pins Night, maybe also DSA and York Rite Awards. We will have a speaker.

On March 28th is the Masters and Wardens Grand Ball at the Convention Center. See SW Trescott for tickets.

At the April meeting we hope to find the Buffalo Soldiers and the Wheatland Historical Society. (The devil is in the details!).

Thanks again all for an exciting Winter!

1st Monroe District

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154



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

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

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

Grand Ball

The date of the Grand Ball is rapidly approaching. It's March 28th at the Downtown Convention Center. You wanted good entertainment, you got it. One of the best disc jockeys around will put on a show for you...Mike Banano, the President of State Entertainment. The food will be GREAT! There will be grazing stations packed full of fine food that will be replaced as fast as you consume it! This is what everyone wanted for the Grand Ball. Let's put our best foot forward and support your Master by attending the Grand Ball this year.

Have-a-Heart

I thank everyone for joining me at the Irondequoit Mall for our day in support of this year's Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign. We continue to show good support for this worthy cause. This year the Tall Cedars and Eastern Star joined us at the mall. We had a wonderful time and raised a lot of money for the Ronald McDonald House. Again, thanks.

Degrees

Welcome to our new Brothers upon whom we conferred the 1st Degree in Due Form on February 23rd with SW Sherwin Isaacs in the East. Our 2nd Degree will be March 23rd when JW Ray DiJames will be in the East. Let's have as many Brothers attend as possible. If you want to participate in any of

the Degrees, please let me know. Your help is always welcome.

Canada

I have spoken recently to W.: Scott Jackson, the new Master of Coronation Lodge in Toronto, Canada. He is excited about coming down for a visit in May for our Ladies Night and has stated that there is a lot of interest in a visit this year. If any of you have friends who may want to visit and stay with you, call them now! Let's have a large turnout for this evening. Scott has contacted St. Andrews Lodge and Mt. St. Dennis Lodge to join us.

German Supper

Every year we, the officers of the Lodge, put on a theme supper for the Eastern Star ladies who routinely cook our dinners. This year our Senior Warden suggested German food. What a dinner we had. The menu consisted of Sauerbraten, Bratwurst, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage, Apple Strudel and more. Following the dinner we sampled German wines that were explained by W.: Charles Tijou. He also brought along some antique bottle openers and other wine paraphernalia. Thank you, Charlie.

March

Our first meeting in March will be a dinner and ladies are invited. The topic of the program following dinner will be, "Getting Ready for Spring." This will be presented by Mr. Dan Hackett who is a Landscape Design Consultant for Ted Collins Associates at 800 Victor-Mendon Rd. I personally thank Ann Johnson and Art for putting this together for us. If you have any questions for Dan, bring them along.

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538



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

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

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

Greetings

We are now into 1998 with special meetings, such as Memorial Night held in February, Anniversary Awards Night in March, Past Master's Night in April and Move Up Night, with the SW in the East, in May. These have a special meaning to some people and the officers look forward to seeing you in attendance.

Lodge of Remembrance

On February 5th we honored our 1997 departed members with our Memorial Service. This somber service touched everybody as our thoughts went back to the evenings and good times when they were with us.

Anniversary Awards Night

On March 5th we will honor our members with many years in Masonry with Service Award Certificates and Pins. This is the evening for seeing some of our members who can't attend regularly, but do make it to receive their Certificates and Pins. This is an open meeting for friends and family to attend, and there will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please make your dinner reservation when the Calling Committee con-

tacts you, or call our Junior Warden, Bernie Russell, at 872-1353.

Speaker

The March 11th alternate program is being planned. If, in the meantime, a petition comes in, we will go back to our original plan of a Degree night.

Past Master's Night

On April 2nd R.: W.: Bruce Chilton will organize the Past Masters and present a program for the Lodge meeting. This is always an enjoyable meeting as many of our Past Masters attend who are unable to do so regularly. Come out and support R.: W.: Bruce Chilton.

Brotherhood Fund

Your Senior Warden, John Ponshock, is collecting your donation. Please remember this special charity by including it with your dues payment or send directly to Brother John.

Trustee needed

W.: Daniel VanDorn is planning to step down when his term ends in May. We thank W.: Dan for his dedication these last three years as Trustee, and will miss his guidance. Please let the officers know if you are interested in filling this important position.

Spaghetti Dinners

Please remember our monthly Spaghetti Dinners on the first Friday of the month. From January thru April some of our workers travel to the sunny South, so please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowship Room and help with these dinners. If you have signed up to work, Brother Doug Koenig is looking forward to your assistance.

Closing

Please come out and support your Lodge and the officers. Join the fellowship and our activities and meetings.

March 5th is Anniversary Awards Night.

We will have a speaker on March 19th.

Past Master's Night is April 2nd.

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479



W.: Brian P. Keery
Master
352-6292

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

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

Thank you

I extend an enormous thank you to all the Brothers of Etolian Lodge who volunteered to help the 1998 Have-a-Heart Campaign in support of the Ronald McDonald House. During the two days which we worked at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center, our Lodge raised over \$600 to help the families of loved ones in the hospital. It is worthy to note that several Etolian Brothers worked other shifts in the malls in order to fill empty slots or to represent additional Masonic organizations. My gratitude goes out to everyone who volunteered their time to help make this year's Campaign a success. Special thanks to W.: Floyd Seeley, W.: Don Darrohn, Mickey Darrohn, R.: W.: James Powell and Jan Lughart for their extra effort and contributions.

March 1998

Grand Ball

My apologies for the cancellation of the Sweetheart Supper. However, it is not too late to take your sweetheart out to an elegant evening, just take her to the Grand Ball. It will be held on March 28th at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Please call me to order your tickets now. I have committed Etolian to purchasing 10 tickets and I still need to sell four more. The food at the Convention Center is rated four star and there will be a DJ for dancing. I hope to see you there.

March events

March 9th we will have a Table Lodge Steak Dinner to celebrate Etolian history. Dinner and the evening program will commence at 6:00 p.m. sharp. The regular business meeting will follow at approximately 7:30 p.m. Come on and join your Brothers for friendship, sustenance and an interesting program. In order to keep costs under control reservations will be required. Call Michael Schwartz or me.

Additional dates to mark on your calendars are March 23rd for the 2nd Degree and March 30th for the Interlodge Euchre Tournament. Feel free to call me if you plan to play Euchre with us or if you need a ride.

Seneca Lodge

No. 797

Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.



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

Brethren

Though the calendar tells us that the month of March heralds the beginning of Spring, we here in Rochester have experienced a very mild Winter.

Table Lodge

Seneca Lodge will be having a Table Lodge as its format at the meeting to be held March 10th at Webster Lodge. A speaker will be present giving us information and insight into the Morgan Affair. We welcome any Mason who would like to join us. It will be necessary to place a reservation with either the Junior Warden, Derek VanHouten, at 247-2020 or our Secretary, Robert Green, at 223-5953. The price of this evening's entertainment will be a mere \$7.00.

Keep in touch

Though Spring arrives in March, there are members who have not yet been able to leave their homes and venture out. We pass along to all Seneca members the devout wish for health, and will endeavor to contact more of our members whom we do not see on a regular basis.

Sadness

We have the unfortunate duty of reporting that W.: Raymond Crandall's mother passed away in February. We send our sincere support to him and his wife, and offer any service the Lodge can perform in his behalf.

Join us

Seneca has a Masonic Information Program planned for March 14th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00



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p.m. at Monroe Golf Club. As of this writing only one guest has been sponsored. Please present this program as an invitation to your friends to join us in some fellowship with the chance of becoming informed about the Masons. Contact Senior Warden, Gary Stein, at 544-1658 with your guest's name.

April 25th

The Widows Luncheon, for those who receive this paper and read only this illuminating article, will be held April 25th at Logan's Party House at 11:30 a.m.

Need a ride?

To those members unable to drive in the evening, we offer our services to you in getting to and from Lodge. Call us and a ride will be obtained for you.

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

Bring-a-Friend results

Our 2nd BBFN had ten guests and close to 30 Brothers on hand to extend support in considering our Craft. I am confident we left a strong influence on these men and their understanding of what it means to be a Mason. Last word, we have four candidates.

Have-a-Heart fun

Over 20 Brothers participated in the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign. My thanks to all who took time out on a busy, sunny Saturday to raise money for this wonderful program. One woman came up to our group without prompting and indicated her granddaughter had benefited from the Ronald McDonald House and promptly wrote a \$50.00 check. Special recognition to Brother Jim Feely who helped organize and stayed the entire nine hours! We also were helped by three special young ladies whose energy and enthusiasm helped the cause. Thanks you, Kelly, Lisa and Krystle!

Guest speaker

On February 9th ERAC had the distinct pleasure of hearing a talk on Masonic Symbolism from R. W. Ted Honea. He reinforced how Symbolism in Masonry is a primary reason why the Craft has survived and flourished throughout the years. Symbols are values that we share that are of importance to our organization. We are here today because of our powerful value system that promotes morality, faith, trust and organization. Ted is welcome again to roll out the Master's carpet at ERAC and "Let it be Symbolic".

Upcoming events

On Monday, March 9th, ERAC will be honoring Dorothy Chilton with the DeWitt Clinton Award. Dorothy is a community leader in the hospice movement. She is a nurse practitioner employed by Visiting Nurse Service since 1987. She is the Vice Chair of the New York State Hospice Association, a sought out presenter and volunteer for the Isaiah House Hospice Program. We are excited about the

opportunity to recognize this woman and her accomplishments. We are expecting dignitaries and a full house. Contact, R. W. Rich Friedman, at 377-6175 if you are interested in attending.

Closing

As usual, I hope to see you at a meeting. Between solid Degree work, great speakers and award recognitions, there certainly is reason to come out. We cannot use the weather as an excuse and Spring will be here before we know it. My very best to all Brothers and their families. Remember the Brotherhood Fund.

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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Reflections

On February 3rd we welcomed four new Brothers to the Lodge by making them Entered Apprentices. I personally welcome them into Clio Lodge and their entrance into Freemasonry. It was an excellent Degree conferred by our SW, Sean Noonan, sitting in the East. I must also recognize Brother Harry DeHollander, who was acting Senior Deacon and everyone else who made the Degree go so well.

On February 6th we all enjoyed staffing the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center. This project is one that we should all be proud of. It is an example of what Freemasonry is all about. Thanks to Brothers Stuart Brickman and his wife, Ray Burks, Steve Mitchell, Bob Pedersen and Gordon Smith for their time.

Spaghetti Dinners

We are continuing to do two Spaghetti Dinners each month. It is a lot of work for a few, but the fellowship and conversations with friends is rewarding. Mark your calendars for March 11th and 25th. The cost is still the best deal in town at \$3.95 for all you can eat. We look forward to seeing you these between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on those two evenings.

Sickness and distress

Two more Brothers left our earthly family to unite with the Heavenly family. Brother Harvey Mitchell was raised on April 15, 1975 and Brother Joseph Stevens was raised on November 16, 1954. They will both be missed and our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

March meetings

We will be conferring the 2nd Degree on March 3rd. Brother Jeffrey Ross will be in the East conferring the Degree. On March 17th we will be doing the Q & A's. We had a good turn out for the 1st Degree and we need to continue to show our support to the four new Brothers, so please make an extra effort to attend.

Closing

Another plea for an organ player. If anyone can play, or know of someone who can play, it

would be great to hear our organ again. On that topic, we do appreciate W. Jerry Jones playing taped organ music, done by our departed Brother, W. Donn Stevens. We look forward to seeing you on the sidelines and at the Spaghetti Dinners.

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

Masonic reorganization

The 4th Tuesday in February, March, and April has been dedicated to the reorganization of our Lodge. Topics will include By-Laws compilation and revision, updating record keeping, re-assignment of duties, improving attendance at our functions and a five year plan.

We know from the membership surveys received in December, that the Masonic pride and support of our membership is strong. Though attendance may not be possible for many, we owe it to our Brothers to ensure the continued existence of Monroe No. 173.

It's time to get organized, update our procedures and commit to a plan that will see our Lodge into the new millennium.

Elevator?

We have been told that a chair lift can't be installed in our Lodge building because it will not comply with the current fire codes. It would reduce the width of the stairwells to unacceptable levels. However, and elevator might be a possibility, and with the advent of the smaller personal size elevators it is more feasible than in the past.

The question is how much will it cost, (\$20K, \$40K, or \$50K) and is it worth it? A capital improvement of this nature would increase the resale value of our building and thus be an investment rather than an expense. But, will we see a return of members and the increase in attendance we need?

It has been suggested that we consider using some of our endowment money to fund such a purchase. Is this what these funds were intended for? The argument is that if we don't do something to increase accessibility, there won't be a Lodge left to benefit anyone! So, what better use for the money! Please write and let me know what you think. My address is 481 LaDue Rd., Brockport, NY 14420.

Sickness and distress

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother Elwood R. Lawrence on January 31st at age 71. A Masonic Service was held February 4th at the Brockport United Methodist Church. Elwood was raised in Monroe Lodge on April 19th, 1954. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, and two daughters, Cindy and Mary Jean. Contributions can be made to the Brockport United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

Upcoming event

The Widows Luncheon will be

held April 25th at Logan's Party House. We are expecting a large turnout and we will need drivers. Please don't wait for me to ask you! Thank you.

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

37 South Main St.
Fairport, N.Y. 14450

Well, I guess we all can't be lucky. I look out the window and the sun is bright and the temperature is up. Yet the West and South of our great country suffer. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of our Brothers in those regions.

Correspondence

I received a nice note from Brother Bill Burgess. Glad you are doing well, Bill. Thanks for the info on Brother Buzz Goodrich. Do hope this finds you improving, Buzz. R. W. John Moll is out and around and feeling better. Brother Nels Venette is having an infected toe problem, along with the flu. Hang in there, Nels.

It is my sad duty to report the death of W. Bob Mabry. Bob was fairly active in Lodge until the death of his wife last year. Recently he was traveling quite a lot. Bob will be missed.

Degrees

On the brighter side we recently started a new class of two into our Fraternity. SW Tom Richenderfer did a great job in the East. All officers did well. Our 2nd Degree will be March 23rd with JW Doug Skelton in the East.

Scams

On March 9th we will have a dish to pass supper with the wives. Dinner is at 6:40 p.m. Following that we will have Tom Jamenson, a Sheriff's Deputy, speak on Scams. With Spring coming up, those who perform scams will be out and about. Please plan to attend this dinner meeting.

Join us

Ladies Night will be at the Perinton Memorial Post Home at 300 Macedon Ct. Rd., or 31F. For \$22.00 a couple, you can't go

wrong. Come out and join us and have an evening of entertainment. This is open to friends, also.

Widows Luncheon

The Annual Widows Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 25th at Logan's Party House. I will need help with transportation. This is a great event for our widows.

Have-a-Heart

I spent all day yesterday at Marketplace Mall. This was to benefit the Have-a-Heart Campaign. I was very disappointed that there was not much traffic. Must come up with another idea.

Village Days

At our next meeting I will have a chart for members to fill in for dates and times to work at our food stand at Village Days. The date is June 5th for night set-up. We will work the stand on June 6th and 7th. This is our big money raiser to defray expenses of the Lodge, so please lend a hand. I am happy to report that there were four Brothers who took the food course demanded by the County Health Bureau. We are now certified to sell and prepare food. So mote it be.

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

Thanks to all

My sincere appreciation to all those members of Flower City Lodge who helped with the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign. We covered all three shifts at Irondequoit Mall on February 10th from beginning to end. This event demonstrates how important community service is to Freemasons, and I'm sure the people at the Ronald McDonald House are very grateful for your efforts and support.

Ladies Night

As of this writing, our next activity is scheduled to be a Ladies Night Dinner at the Kam Wah Chinese Restaurant on Thursday, March 5th. Our Telephone Committee will be calling the local members to confirm the date and take reservations. I certainly hope that the evening will

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Flower City Lodge

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be an enjoyable one for everyone. It is our hope that we can bring back the tradition of having our ladies out to social occasions more often in the future.

March

Our next regular Lodge meeting will be on Thursday, March 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Temple. As always, I hope to see you there! We are planning to schedule Degree work in the near future for our petitioners so that our Lodge can be joined by some new Brothers before the current Masonic year comes to an end. Don't let the weather keep you from enjoying fellowship with your Brothers in Lodge.

Grand Ball

The Annual Masonic Grand Ball will be held on Saturday, March 28th at the Riverside Convention Center. This promises to be the best Grand Ball in some time, with excellent food and great entertainment as well. All members and their ladies are welcome to attend this special event. Come to the Lodge meeting on March 12th or contact me for tickets as soon as possible. □

Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



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

Visitation gratification

What a grand moment we had at the VA Medical Center. Harold Bollotin will give more details in his column as to who attended the Ward Party. It all started when we entered the day room to distribute ice cream and cookies. Because most of the veterans cannot have a great deal of sugar, we have dispensed with giving candy as dietetic candy is not carried by all stores. It seems when we tell the big super markets what the items are for, the bottom line counts for them and we have to pay the retail price. It does not count that these veterans served in the service to keep other free, just making the profit

counts. It is like everything else, out of mind, out of sight. Anyway, back to the story.

Remember how we had a story about a certain young lady who is there? Well, what a great time we all had with her. She smiled, laughed, and even certain parts of her speech were recognizable. Larry Hood, Harold Bollotin, Paul Robertson were having a conversation with her and they asked her who she likes. Her reply, "I like Tom". To those of you who really cannot understand this, it was a real joy, not because she said my name, but because she is actually trying to talk. Her eyes lit up, a great big smile was on her face and you could feel the joy inside her. Those who do not attend the Ward parties cannot realize the joy it gives our group when these veterans come out of their shells for a little while and actually enjoy things around them.

Before we arrived, she was not responding. In about 15 minutes she was smiling and trying to talk with us. The nurse on duty said we should see her more often, what a change! All I can say is each and everyone of our group has contributed something into making her feel better.

While talking with her we found out that she served in the

Air Force. As far as we would make out it was between three to eight years. We could not actually make out the years. She is 47 years old, has three children and just recently became a grandmother to a bouncing baby boy. What a grand feeling we all had in knowing we had given her a few moments of pleasure. She has become our sweetheart.

GL Veteran's Service Comm.

The Grand Lodge Veteran's Service Committee presented to the VA Medical Center on February 5th a karaoke unit. It was a great opportunity to do so because it was Brother Oscar Kohl's 102 birthday.

At the same time a wonderful Commendation Certificate, I believe it is one of a kind, signed by our M.W.: Earle J. Hino, Jr., Grand Master of the State of New York and M.W.: Gary Henningsen, Grand Secretary, State of New York, was presented to Brother Oscar. What a surprise look he had on his face when he received the Certificate and he said it was great that the Grand Master would take time out of his busy schedule to send him a Certificate on his birthday. We all know our Grand Master will always do that, for that is the kind of person he is and from the word-

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ing you know the Grand Master dictated the words. That is why it must be one of a kind.

Important veterans news

Rewritten from "Naval Affairs Magazine".

Disabled veterans receive benefits increase. Eligible beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs Compensation and Pension Program received a 2.1% cost of living adjustment on December 1, 1997.

VA Rule change helps veterans with cold injuries. The Department of Veterans Affairs announced on December 11, 1997, that many veterans who served in extremely cold locations during military service may now be eligible for VA benefits as a result of a change in how VA evaluates cold related injuries. The change was published in the Federal register and became effective in 30 days. Conditions that may be related to cold exposure include peripheral neuropathy, circulatory problems, skin cancer in frostbite scars, chronic night pain, arthritis of exposed parts and fungal infections. Veterans or their survivors who wish to file claims can contact the nearest VA Regional Office at 1-800-827-1000 for more information and assistance.

Computer Internet info

A new Internet program is designed to inform veterans, reservists, and National Guard members about their employment and re-employment rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and re-employment Rights Act (USERRA). Known as expert systems, these programs are designed as a series of questions and answers that imitate the interaction a person might have with a human expert to solve a problem. "Expert systems on the Internet will become one of the Labor Department's primary tools for communicating information about regulatory compliance to the public", said Labor Secretary Alexis Herman. The USERRA Program will answer questions about employee eligibility and job entitlements; employer rights and obligations; and benefits and remedies available under the law. This program joins a similar system set-up several months ago to explain veterans preference in hiring for federal government jobs. Both systems can be accessed on the Department of Labor's Website at <http://www.doo.gov/dol/vets>

Aleutian Island Veterans

All military personnel regardless of what branch of service you served with, if you served in the Aleutians and if you care to find out information about the reunions, or where your buddies might be living, contact Al King, PO Box 130327, Sunrise, FL 33313. The phone number is (954) 423-1852. Believe it or not, there are reunion flights that go there every year. Limited space. □

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO

News

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Monarch's Message

Thanks, Brad

As reported in last month's *Masonic Times*, the President of the ESGA was going to do the Installing of the Lalla Rookh Officers for 1998. Two days before the Installation, President Mike Polish fell and re-injured his knee. The 1st Vice President, Brad Manfel, filled in and did an outstanding job.

More thanks!

Another person I owe a lot of gratitude to is Ron Morthorst, for all the help he gave me at my Installation. A lot of time we forget about all the favors people do for us. I want you to know that I appreciate all that you have done for me.

Very deserving

Lalla Rookh Grotto congratulates Prophet Bill Wood on receiving Prophet of the Year. All we can say is that it couldn't have gone to a more deserving Prophet.

Reminder

Prophets, remember to go to your Blue Lodge and tell your Brothers about Master Mason's Night on April 20th at Henrietta Town Park. Who knows, we might get a few new Prophets out of it!

Spring Round Up

By Ken Hutchinson

The first Chuck Wagon Dinner of the '98 Spring Round Up will be on Monday, April 20th at 5:00 p.m. 'til 9:00 p.m. at the Roberts Cabin, Henrietta Park, off Calkins Road

Come just as you are, right off the range. Leave your branding irons and lassoes outside. Tie your mustangs back of the ranch house.

This year our Monarch has challenged me to bring in twice as many candidates in 1998 as last year. The winner has a Steak Dinner...the loser eats beans. I

know none of you want me to be the one eating a bean dinner!

So...round up your candidates now, every cowhand should be out to this important date. Do your best to bring some good men into our Grotto.

Call in your reservations to "Old Chief Thunder Cloud" VanHuben at 647-1391.

Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson

The Installation of the 1998 Legion Officers was held January 31st at the Dutch Mill and was well attended. In attendance was our newest member, Alfred Pulcino of Fame Lodge.

Date change

The next Legion meeting will be the 3rd Monday of the month, March 16th at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Avenue. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Prophet Chuck White will share with us his box of memories, and take us on a brief trip down memory lane.

Please call Leon VanHuben at 647-1391 with your reservation.

Dates to Remember

Mon., Mar. 2nd - Board of Governors Meeting

Thurs., Mar. 5th - PMCO

Home of Beverly Murray

Thurs. Mar. 12th - Sideline's

Night Caldron 8:00 p.m.

Mon. Mar. 16th - Legion of

Honor - Dutch Mill Social

6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30

p.m.

Thurs. Mar. 19th - Caldron

Executive Council meet-

ing Home of Rose

Hartwig

Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship

Ceremonial Cast

By George Knierem

Grotto Members!

We need your help once again to put on a fine Ceremonial.

Rehearsal:

Thur., April 30th, 7:00 p.m.

Stage set-up:

Tues., May 19th, 7:00 p.m.

Grotto meeting & Ceremonial:

Wed., May 20th, 8:00 p.m.

Thanks again for the help.

Caldron News

Guest of Honor

On Saturday, February 7th, the Caldron celebrated its 50th Birthday with a gala dinner at the Maplewood Inn. Our Past Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Jean Wood, was a very surprised Guest of Honor. She signed our Charter 50 years ago. Thank you, Daughter Rose Hartwig, for a wonderful evening.

Future events

March 5th will be the Past Mighty Chosen One's meeting at the home of Daughter Beverly Murray.

March 12th will be Sideline's Night at the Caldron meeting.

On March 19th we will have the Executive Council meeting at the home of Daughter Rose Hartwig.

Remember, all our meetings now start at 7:30 p.m.

The date for our Annual Charity Smorgasbord is April 25th. We hope to see many of you there.

Sunshine

Daughter Beverly Murray is nursing a painful foot injury. It really pains her not to be able to drive. Daughter Cecil Losinger is now a great-grandmother! It's a girl! Congratulations, Cecil.

Closing

Remember, never return a kindness - just pass it on. Stay well and have a good month.



(back) Ernie Swan - Personnel Officer, Howard Topel - Quarter Master, Mike Bell - Chaplain, Frank Murrer - Finance Officer, (front) Dick Topel - Monarch, Ken Hutchinson - Commander and Leon Van Huben - Executive Officer. (Photo courtesy Ken Hutchinson)

Lalla Rookh Grotto

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

Spring Round Up!

Monday April 20, 1998

Elbow Bends	5 p.m.
Chowdown	6 p.m.
Goodfellowship	
Entertainment	7 - 9 p.m.

All Master Ansons Welcome!

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Important medal

Thanks and a tip of the hat to W.: Don Darrohn, who spoke to us on the topic of the "Lost Medal". This medal, which had such a slow and unsung beginning, turned out to be the "Purple Heart". After being resurrected a couple of times, it is one of our most important medals today. Thanks, Don. Good job.

Annual Feast

This will be held at the Diplomat Party House on April 29th and will include the giving of a DWCA Award to Jim Kelly, former Buffalo Bills quarterback and (soon-to-be) Baltimore Raven, for his Kelly For Kids Foundation work. As this is a fundraiser, tickets will be \$25.00 per person. A reservation plan will be sent to organization secretaries mid-March. Plan on responding early, as we only have a limited number of tickets.

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?

room around which we could all sit and leisurely take our meal.

Presentation

Secretary, Bill Edwards, then provided us with an overview of the 600th Anniversary Celebration of Prince Henry Sinclair's pre-Columbian visit to North America (Nova Scotia and New England). Our Chapter has subscribed to the project as an institutional member and as information becomes available, will be shared in this column. You can contact our Secretary at stellenm@aol.com if you travel the Internet.

Prince Henry and his Roslin Estate have long been associated with Freemasonry in Scotland. In the Chapel, there are tombs decorated with the Templar emblem, and the St. Clairs have a long tradition of Scottish grand mastership of the Craft. Anyway, a replica of Prince Henry's sailing ship is being built and will be sailed to Nova Scotia this Summer. Whether it will follow the path into New England has not yet been decided. Might be a good Summer trip to intersect with the voyage.

Join us

Members and non-members alike are invited to participate in Philalethes activities. We will be

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Disappointment

The visit to the Carey Collection got scheduled on what must have been the coldest day of the season, but that did not prevent a hardy half dozen from appearing at the appointed time and place. Unfortunately, one member arrived with the message that the session had been called off due the curator being unavailable at the last minute, and would have to be rescheduled. Being lemonade makers in spirit, we immediately went into the restaurant where our reservations had been made and claimed them early. Fortunately we had a large table in the back

February

I made inquiry of the President of the Red Men's Club and hit pay dirt! Harold McMann, the Great Sachem of Red Men of the State of New York, was our speaker for the February meeting. This is thanks to the Rochester Red Men's President, Ed Forrest. The Red Men have a very interesting history, and all enjoyed his talk.

Join us

I am presently looking for speakers for March and April. I hope to catch up so they can be announced in the *Masonic Times* ahead of time. Keep the faith, Brothers. We'll have the speakers! Come out and have some fun with us. Call Bob for reservations. If you forget, come anyway. If you have an interesting topic that you would like to present to the group, give me a call.

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Scottish Rite NEWS

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



Congratulations

Congratulations to Brother Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA, who received the Others Award from the Salvation Army on February 10th. This is one of their highest Awards and is given for outstanding service to the community.

Membership

The Valley's Membership Committee has been working for over six years to increase our membership. During that time there has been much discussion about what it takes to attract new members. It has been agreed that potential candidates have to have some idea that becoming a member will provide some personal benefit, preferably by fulfilling a desire to be part of a group that exerts a beneficent influence on the community. Consequently a lot of attention has been given to marketing, from Brother Bring-a-Friend/Brother Nights to promotional videos.

Bring-a-Brother

Our next Bring-a-Brother Night will be held on Friday, March 20th at Damascus Temple on Bay Road in Webster. Look for details in the ads elsewhere in

this paper. A flyer will be mailed to you in the near future.

Enthusiasm

A close look at Lodges and other jurisdictions where Masonry is flourishing, though, reveals another very important factor: the enthusiasm of current members. If a potential candidate does not detect enthusiasm in those Masons with whom he is acquainted he should not be expected to be very enthusiastic about joining them.

Enthusiasm cannot be mandated, obviously. (Old, old Navy joke: "There will be no liberty until morale improves.") It can, of course, be nurtured - and can also be squelched. If we find ourselves in a jurisdiction lacking enthusiasm, perhaps we should look to see whether there is something not quite right in the leadership and/or policies of the jurisdiction. Benchmarking withering jurisdictions against flourishing jurisdictions might possibly highlight some changes that could eventually obviate the need for crash programs in membership development.

This month's meeting will be a program meeting on March 5th. □

History - Part 1

By Lawrence W. Dunn

The Valley of Rochester has resided at the Downtown Masonic Temple, 875 Main St. E. since 1928, but the Rite had lived in many other locations before that.

The original meeting place of the four Bodies of the Rite was in Masonic Hall, an old stone building on the corner of Main and Exchange Streets, where the Wilder Building now stands. Apparently the Bodies moved to the Butts Block, on State Street in the beginning of 1867. On October 26, 1884 the Bodies approved a resolution to move to Odd Fellows Temple on West Main St.

The move to the new location took place some time between that date and February 9, 1885.

During the Spring Reunion of 1892, on April 27th, a fire destroyed the quarters in Consistory Hall, as the building was then known. The stage, scenery, the room above the Lodge room, and the roof of the building were completely destroyed. From April 27th until November 9th, when the Consistory Hall was again ready for occupancy, the Bodies met in the Masonic Temple on Exchange Street.

On the morning of November 15, 1900, during that year's Fall Reunion, another fire broke out, again destroying the quarters of the Bodies in Consistory Hall. The 15th and 16th Degrees had been conferred the evening before, and these were the last Degrees worked in Consistory Hall. The remainder of the Reunion was completed in the Masonic Temple on Exchange Street.

In December, 1900 new quarters were temporarily rented from Damascus Temple, in the old Reynolds Arcade Building, as plans were being made for a new Masonic Temple to house all the Masonic Bodies in the City.

The new Masonic Temple on North Clinton Avenue was completed in 1903 and the first meeting of the Scottish Rite Bodies was held there on the 15th of October. The Bodies met in this building until it was abandoned upon completion of the present Temple on East Main Street in 1928. (Condensed from "The University of Masonic Light" booklet.) □

Three Temples



Freemasonry begins in the First Temple, the Temple of Solomon.

In the First Degree the cornerstone is laid; in the Second Degree work is continued; in the Third Degree labor is interrupted. The Master Mason is left in an unfinished and incomplete structure.

Ineffable Degrees



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Historical Degrees



The ruthless hand of ignorance destroyed the First Temple. So a second Temple was built, the Temple of Zerubbable. The Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 15° and 16°, tells the mighty story of the building of that Temple.

Philosophical Degrees



Again the Temple was destroyed. Masons learned from these two bitter experiences that man must not put his trust in Temples built with hands. They must have a new Temple, a spiritual Temple, in the heart of man where God is worshipped in Spirit and truth. In

the Chapter of Rose Croix, 17° and 18°, this third Temple is introduced.

Traditional Degrees



The next series of degrees carries forward the work of this Temple. Just as the Lodge of Perfection applies the lessons of the First

Temple to daily living, so the Consistory, 19° to 32°, takes the lessons of the Third Temple, the Temple of love in the heart of man, and gives their application to everyday life.

The climax of all the degrees is found in the Allegory of the 32°, Sublime Prince of the Royal Se-

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W. Jeffrey Debadts, Master of Sodus Lodge looks on while Lawrence Dunn - Asst. Secretary, Valley of Rochester, presents Symbolic Lodge Award to James W. Gagnon.

Valley of Rochester A.A.S.R.

Brother-Bring-a-Brother Night

Friday, March 20, 1998

Shrine Temple, 979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Dinner choices:

Broiled Fish or Chicken Florentine

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From the Potentate



Joseph E. Bourcy III

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Thank you

Now that we have all been successfully plugged in by Ill. Rae Clark at the February 4th meeting we can all turn on to the Shrine with a brighter glow. Ill. Rae did a great job that evening and I thank him for his time and effort. We had a great turnout for the 1st meeting which included many of our ladies. I think they enjoyed the evening's festivities. I know I did. Thanks again to all who participated.

Have-a-Heart

Damascus Shriners again participated in the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign this year. We manned the booth at Market-place Mall on Monday, February 9th under the direction of Noble Earl K. DeSmith. Thanks, Earl, for heading this up for us. As always it's great to be out with our Broth-

Potentate - Joseph E. Bourcy III

ers from around the area supporting the Ronald McDonald House.

Circus

March has been a very busy month for Damascus in the past with our circus, but as you all know, it has been moved to October. It does seem a bit strange not running around getting novelties, food and programs ready at this time of year. I guess in good time we will all be doing enough running around for all these things. To all of our new Nobles, our circus is our main fundraiser for the year and we need everyone's support. No matter how much time you can give, it is greatly appreciated. When you are asked by the Circus Committee or Divan please try to help out.

Degrees

As our Lodges are getting busy with their Degrees I remind the Masters and Senior Wardens that the Damascus Shriners have a

great unit called, "The Past Masters Degree Team". These Nobles just love going out to the Lodges to put on the 3rd Degree. They are very professional and do a knock down job on both sections and help fill the ranks in the Lodge room. They have even let me participate a few times. Contact Noble Joseph Minas or call the office at 671-7701. Noble Ron Mertens will put you in touch with someone.

Special Award

On February 10th several of us from Damascus were able to attend the Annual Awards Luncheon of the Salvation Army. It was a pleasure to be able to be there as Ill. Charles R. Frear received the Army's, "Others Award" from General Paul A. Rader. General Rader is the world wide leader of the Salvation Army. Congratulations, Sir Charlie!

March

Our March 4th meeting will feature a Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potatoes Dinner. Let the office know if you are going to be there. The reservation deadline is Monday, March 2nd at noon.

On March 12th we are having a Noble Bring-a-Friend Program at Monroe Golf Club. Call the office with your reservations. Any Noble who brings a prospective member will get his meal free, as well as his guests and ladies.

March 21st is our Euchre Tournament. This should be a great opportunity for you Euchre players to show off your card skills and help out the Transportation Fund at the same time. Find yourself a partner (Euchre partner that is) and come out and join us for a great time at the tables. Cash bar and food will be available before hand.

Come out to one or all of our events. You'll be glad you did. ☐

Scottish Rite, History

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cret, which inculcates the ultimate expression of the Law of Love.

Thus the degrees from the First to the Thirty-second give a full and complete story of Freemasonry. (Taken from a reprint originally written by Carl H. Johnson, 32°, Valley of Binghamton.) ☐

VAMC Canandaigua

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VAMC

Oscar received a number of plaques, gifts and certificates from the various organizations, including a certificate from President Clinton and a very special gift presented by Tom Paglia. It was a Karaoke recorder and player.

He made a short acceptance speech and answered all question put to him. Regrettably, the news media was not present.

The party was a most enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Ward visit

Despite the downsizing at the VAMC, the Voluntary Service Program has not been diminished. Our Sunday Ward visits for the balance of 1998 are scheduled as usual. Therefore, our visits, under the direction of Tom Paglia, will continue.

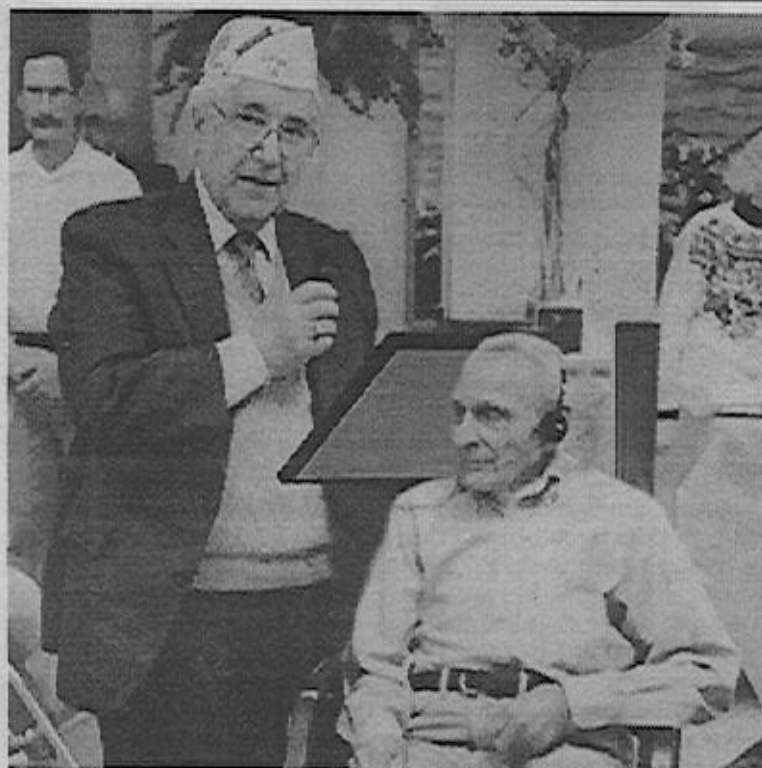
On Sunday afternoon, February 8th, the 2nd Ward visit was made. The regular participants were: Tom Paglia, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, Larry and Marge Hood, and Paul and Doris Robertson.

Susie

As usual we paid particular attention and additional time with this lady. We joked and cheered her, and we were rewarded with many smiles. Although she has difficulty in communicating, we were pleased to hear her say a few words. This was a great improvement over her past condition. She recognizes us and is learning our names.

Next visit

The next visit is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, March 8th. ☐



Tony Farrarese - Past NYS Commander, VFW (left), presenting Oscar with plaque.



David Verstraete, representing the Elks, B.P.O.E. presenting Oscar Kohl with Birthday gift. (Pictures courtesy Harold Bollotin)

World's Smallest Park

Mills End Park is 24" in diameter and is located in Portland, Oregon. It is the world's smallest park and is located in the middle of a traffic island at Front and Taylor Streets. ☐

Suggestion

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



Craig Doran, NYS Assemblyman, presenting Oscar with Certificate, Paul Robertson assisting. (Pictures courtesy Harold Bollotin)



David Krueger - Chief of Recreation Therapy, receiving gift of Karaoke Machine from Tom Paglia - VA Upstate Coordinator, representing Grand Lodge (Rt.) assisted by Harold Bollotin, Robin Johnson - VAMC Volunteer Services, Doug Nather - VA Representative, and Paul (standing) & Doris Robertson (seated).



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R. E. Daniel N. Evans

March

I appreciate the faith you have placed in me for another year. Having selected me to continue on as your District Deputy, being so honored I am hoping that I'll be able to live up to your expectations, that of doing a good job for all the Chapters of the 29th District. However, the full potential of the District's accomplishments rests solely on the shoulders of the High Priests of the District. Remembering that as the Chapters go, so goes our District.

Communication is the corner stone of every District. I hope that all Chapters will become team players, communicating with each other for a stronger District. If help is needed, I am always available as is our AGL, V. E. Steven Licht.

New members are the life blood of the Chapters. Go out and obtain new members for your Chapters. Not just those who want to belong, but those who will become active members and make your Chapter strong.

Seals

The Royal Arch Seals can be obtained from your DDGHP. These Seals are on sale for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund. These can be used on your letters for getting the Royal Arch name out to the public. All High Priests should have on hand a supply of these Seals for their members.

Congratulations

Companions, congratulations are in order for E. Richard C. Benn of Wyoming Chapter No. 181, located in Warsaw, on his appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba, Canada.

Degrees

Chapter 3 X 3 of Spencerport will be conferring the Mark Master Degree. This will be followed by the Past Masters Degree. The

Past Masters Degree will be conferred by Wyoming Chapter No. 181. The time of this meeting will be 7:30 p.m.

Official Visits

The tentative dates of my Official Visits to the 29th District shall be as follows:

March 9th-Chapter No. 322, Pike
March 12th-Chapter No. 175, Albion
March 19th-Chapter No. 35, Batavia
March 23rd-Chapter No. 183, LeRoy
March 24th-Chapter 3X3- Spencerport
April 14th-Chapter No. 181, Warsaw.

Zoom boom

In closing I'd like to pass on this little tidbit of humor taken from the "Norfolk, Nebraska, Daily News", while visiting my son.

An angered local Irishman, tired of the noontime thunder from high flying Strategic Air Command jets says, "He's going to write a nasty letter to the local Masonic Lodge. I've had enough of those Masonic booms!"

Western Star Chapter No. 35 RAM

3rd Thursday

R. E. Jerold Brade, HP
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By Stephen A. Licht

Fine tune your skills

On March 10th we will join with the other Chapters of the 29th Capitular District at Wyoming Chapter No. 181 for the Annual Grand Lecturer's Convention, convened by R. E. Hobert C. Cook. The work of the evening, the Mark Master Degree, will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. All officers are encouraged to attend. Companion Robert Strang will fill the role of Senior Deacon and Companion Dennis Turton as an Overseer, which they portrayed so well at our last conferral. Come prepared to ask questions about our Ritual and fine tune your ritualistic skills.

Reservations needed

A Dutch Treat Dinner will precede the Convention at the Old Heidelberg Restaurant on Route 19, South of Warsaw at 6:00 p.m. Please make your reservations with R. E. Richard Benn, the new Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, with a phone call at 495-6546 before March 5th.

Grand Chapter report

At the regular convocation on March 19th, the High Priest will make his official report on his attendance at Grand Chapter and our Companions will be called upon to recount their experiences at the 200th Annual Convocation. Our High Priest will surprise us this evening with refreshments to delight the tastebuds and leave a warm glow in the belly!

District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
27th Capitular District



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

Swansong?

It is not with too much trepidation that I bid farewell to the duties of DDGHP for the 27th Capitular District. I thoroughly enjoyed serving as your representative of the Grand High Priest. Many friendships were made that might not otherwise have been and it was a pleasant learning experience that enhanced my personal growth. I recommend it to all of those who may aspire to further service in our Royal Craft.

Although the DD always represents the Grand High Priest at any RAM function, I would like to express my appreciation for the hospitality shown me in all my visitations, official and other-

wise. I know that some may have thought a ceremonial reception not necessary at times, but, the exercise not only provides good practice, but, also promotes excellence in all Ritual of the Chapter; an area always to be emphasized.

I want to express special appreciation to the High Priests of the District who served during my tenure. I thank them for their forbearance and cooperation in the sometimes difficult business encountered.

What we accomplished

We started together with five Chapters, now we're down to three; a sad but necessary adjustment. We may be a little leaner, but better able to carry on for the continued existence and growth of RAM in this area. Of course, more work is needed before we can hope to regain our former prominence.

The road will not be easy, but, we have already started to exalt more Companions than in the recent past. Some Chapters that have not had a new member in many years are now getting new blood; a healthy sign.

We cannot rest, however. We must continue to support our Symbolic Lodges. Only through them can we survive. Some good suggestions offered to me were: assistance in Symbolic Lodge Degrees, supplying programs and promoting membership efforts. As Ben Franklin once said, "We must hang together or we will hang separately."

Parting shots

Finally, support your new DDGHP. He will welcome all the help he can get. Activate your Bicentennial Committee, get our name and accomplishments before the public. Let's blow our own horn on charities and good works. That includes attendance at the Western New York Past High Priests Scholarship Fundraiser on April 25th. It will be at Ripa's Restaurant in Lancaster, NY. They are located at Pavement Rd. & Walden Ave., Rte. 20 (get off the "T" way at Depew Exit & take Transit



Members of the Grand Line, Grand Chapter, RAM, with E. Dave Taber - HP, at the Rededication of Eagle Chapter in Palmyra on February 7th, the occasion of their 175th Anniversary.



E. David Taber - HP, Com. Cyril White - Scribe, and R. E. Austin Keith - King, who were installed at Eagle Chapter Rededication.

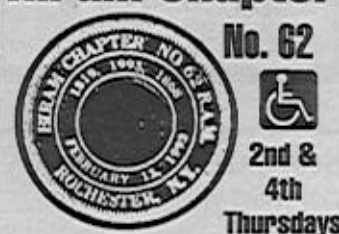
Blvd. East). This is always a worthwhile affair and the Grand High Priest is usually in attendance.

Degrees, one more time

Mar. 12 - Mark Master & Past Master-Director: Bill Zufall
Mar. 30 - Most Excellent Master Director: Vern Goodrich
Apr. 23 - Holy Royal Arch Director: Jerry Jones
All hosted by Hiram Chapter.

If you think you have a part, call the Director. If you don't have a part, and want to help, call the Director. There is always room for one more non-speaking part or stage or wardrobe assistant; the more the merrier. If you do not want to participate, just be there and support your Companions.

Hiram Chapter



E. Bruce Horncastle, High Priest
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Hello there!

Happy March to all! The Winter months are more than half way over and soon it will be Spring. We are experiencing gains in our labors, but we have had our setbacks, too. Companion Albert Miller passed on rather suddenly in January. He will be missed as he was a regular at Chapter and liked by all. Companion Harry Lake is home after suffering a heart attack. Our prayers go out to Harry and his family at this crucial time.

Recent activities

The Past High Priests Association of Western New York met for dinner at the Candlelight Restaurant in Batavia on Wednesday, January 28th. About 25 attended the dinner, meeting, discussion and decision making. The food was excellent as it is an Italian-American cuisine menu and was well hosted. The next dinner for the Association is to be held on Saturday, April 25th in Lancaster, NY. I do not yet have any of the pertinent information.

Rededication and Anniversary

Eagle Chapter No. 79 in Palmyra was Rededicated in a Ceremony on Saturday, February 7th. There were 70 in attendance and it was open to the public. All but one of the Grand Line were in attendance as they performed the Rededication for Eagle Chapter and reinstalled the officers of that Chapter.

E. Dave Taber gave a summary of the history of Eagle Chapter highlighting on some of the more noteworthy happenings and Past High Priests. A colorful and long past as it was the celebration of the 175 Anniversary of the Chapter also.

A fine dinner was served by the OES following the Ceremony. Janet and I drove home to Etna quite full. I think everyone was quite impressed with the afternoon and I express my deepest gratitude

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My Grand Commandery



to the Companions of Eagle Chapter for such a fine time and to the Grand High Priest and all of the Grand Line Officers for their fine labors to make it memorable.

Anointing

The Order of the High Priesthood was held in Cathedral Hall in Rochester on Saturday, February 14th. The Grand Line of the Grand Chapter once again assembled in Western New York State on Official Business (these guys do a lot of traveling) and presided over the Ceremony.

Grand Chapter

Yes, it is that time of the year again, when all good little Companions are compelled to make the long pilgrimage to Albany for Grand Chapter. Neither the rain nor sleet nor snow (that depends) can keep us from getting there, flat tires could not keep us away! Just ask V.E.E. Bill Zufall sometime and he can confirm it. Seriously, folks, the trip is not bad if the weather is cooperative. I have seen it rough traveling up and back from there, but we hopefully will have good fortune traveling.

A good time will be had by all, so...don't miss out. It is imperative that all officers of Hiram be there for the Grand Chapter Convocation for it is certainly an experience in the workings of Royal Arch Masonry. It reflects where each of us fit in and how important our own labors are.

Place to be

Grand Chapter is to be held at the Holiday Inn, 205 Wolf Road in Albany, just where it has been for the past several years. If anyone needs directions how to get there, call me at 607-347-4680 and I can tell you how, fax you directions, send them to you in the mail, e-mail them to you or whatever. It is not difficult to find, it just takes over three hours drive to get there, but it's worth it! See you there! □

Hiram Chapter RAM

Scholarships
By F. J. McCullough

The 1998 Frank W. Allen Memorial Scholarship grant applications from Hiram Chapter No. 62, Royal Arch Masons, are on hand. Awards are based on scholastic achievement, character, financial need and recommendations. Grants are for \$500 for one year. Completed applications must be in the hands of R.E.E. Richard J. Oliver, Chapter Secretary, no later than April 1st.

High school seniors and upper class students are eligible, providing their fathers or grandfathers are, or were when living, members in good standing of Hiram Chapter No. 62, Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York.

Companions with qualifying children or grandchildren should see me for application forms or call me at 716-352-1061. □

curious of the Royal Craft and spark a desire to look further.

History of the Cryptic Rite

"New York-in a history of this Grand Council presented in 1861, the committees say that Henry A. Francken, the founder of the Lodge of Perfection at Albany in 1767 [Scottish Rite], introduced the Degrees of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Master into this country, in New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

In 1807, Joseph Cerneau conferred the Degree of Royal Master in New York, and established a Grand Council, under authority derived from the Grand Consistory in France [Scottish Rite], and the same year established a Grand Consistory there. The records of the Grand Council for the first three years are lost. (All researchers have assumed that the 1807 Council was the [so called] Lounds Council whose records prove it was organized in 1810. The fact that the 1807 Council may have given way to the Lounds Council seems to have been overlooked; source Hinman footnote 213).

A Charter was granted to [a] Columbian Council No. 1, in 1810 [and] in 1821 a Council of Select Masters [at] New York, founded by Eckel and Niles, united with the other, the members having been first healed [assumed to mean "passed the chair"]. It then conferred the Super Excellent Degree, but not [too] often until 1842, since which [time] it has been regularly conferred. In a Charter granted in 1824, authority was given to confer the Royal, Select and Super Excellent Master Degrees.

In 1817 a Charter was issued to Benjamin Gleason and others, who had formed a Council in Boston. In 1824, a Charter was issued for the second Council in New York and in 1824, one was issued to John Barney and others in Sheffield, Massachusetts and in 1825 for a Council at Greenwich, Massachusetts, the latter had been acting as a Council for some years.

This Grand Council held all Councils and Grand Councils deriving their authority from Cross or Cushman, to be clandestine [and] accordingly, in 1841, refused admission to the Most Puissant [Sovereign] of the Grand Council of Ohio.

When the schism of the Grand Lodge of New York occurred in 1849, it happened that almost all the members of the Grand Council were of the Phillips party. In consequence, in 1854 another Grand Council was formed by three councils, chartered by [the Grand Council of] Connecticut that same year. In 1860 the two united and formed the present Grand Council of New York. The old body had published no Proceedings before the union, and we have only those of the other body and of the united body". (Taken from *The History of the Cryptic Rite*, Vol. I, pg. 654, by Hinman) □

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Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92

4th Monday

Ill. Vernon G. Rupert
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Ill. Ruell R. Lovett
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The Degree of Royal Master was conferred at the Assembly on February 23rd at the LeRoy Masonic Temple. R.I. Steven L. Wing was in charge of the Degree, with the usual participants.

R.I. Douglas Poole, District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Cryptic District, will be present at the Assembly to be held on March 23rd. He will be instructing the Council in the Leadership Training Program.

At the Assembly on April 27th, the Degree of Select Master will be conferred on those candidates waiting to receive the Degree.

R.I. Layton Vogel is again chairing the Charity Fund for Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council and would be very happy to receive any and all donations for this worthy cause. For several years, Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council has been the recipient of the Award for contributions averaging \$5.00 per member. It would be nice for the Council to again receive this Award at Grand Council this year. □

Doric Council No. 19

Cryptic Masons
(Chartered in 1861)



3rd
Wednesdays

Charles M. Roberts, Ill. Master
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L. Edward Walker, Recorder
647-2382
875 Main St. East
Rochester, N.Y. 14805

Hello, Companions. As your Illustrious Master, I would like to inform you all of some recent happenings. At our stated assembly of February 18th we held the Royal Master Degree for one candidate joining Doric Council, Companion F. Jay McCullough. This meeting was preceded by an excellent dinner with our Grotto friends. We tip our hats to the Caldron ladies. Oh, we don't wear hats, OK. Well done ladies! We appreciate you allowing us to be part of your great meals.

We plan to have the Select Master Degree at the March 18th assembly. We hope that many Companions can be out that night to greet our new Companion. A dinner will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m., a Council officer will call you for your reservation. If you do not get a call,

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please call L. Edward Walker at 647-2382, our Recorder, before Friday, March 13th. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Sickness

Illustrious Companion Hugh Robertson is now living at the LeRoy Village Green Nursing Home and Health Related Facility. Right Illustrious Ralph Biggar is not doing well and may be moving into a nursing home in Nazareth, Pa.

Summons assembly

Finally, Companions, you are hereby summoned to attend the next assembly of Doric Council No. 19 on March 18, 1998 for the purpose of acting upon proposed changes to our Council By-Laws. Be on the lookout for the mailed information on these changes coming to your house very soon!

Hope to see you at the Council assembly in March and the upcoming one in April which will be the Table Council.

Peace and shalom to each of you. □

Grand Commandery Knights Templar State of New York

GRAND COMMANDER
SK Ronald S. Januszkewicz
GRAND RECORDER
SK Ronald J. Bertie
ZONE 11 Comdr.
SK Charles Roberts
621-3796

By SK Charles M. Roberts
Spring Pilgrimage

Some of the best work we do as Knights Templar is our conducting of the Orders of Templary. The date is set for March 28, 1998 at the Downtown Masonic Temple in Rochester. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be available for wake-up. The Commandery will be convened for the Order of the Red Cross at 9:00 a.m. This Order will be conducted by the Sir Knights from DeMolay Commandery No. 22 from Hornell. Upon completion of the Order of Red Cross, the Order of Malta

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Past High Priests Association Western New York



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Scholarship Fund

The Western New York Past High Priest's Association will be recognizing contributors to the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund in a new and more distinct manner at this year's Banquet on April 25th.

Included in the Dinner Program will be a section in which you and your Chapter's support can be proudly announced to everyone in attendance. By the inclusion of BOOSTER ADS in the evening's program, donations will receive the recognition they deserve. There are three basic levels of donations suggested; \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00. The larger your donation, naturally, the larger the ad space will be.

Here is the opportunity to speak out LOUD AND STRONG, supporting our Grand Chapter's Scholarship Program, and letting everyone see your name stand out as a contributor. In previous years, the response of the individual Chapters and Companions to a solicitation has generated hundreds of dollars and your continued support is essential. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference in a young person's education.

All proceeds from ads will go to the Scholarship Fund. Make your checks payable to The Royal Arch Scholarship Fund. Please indicate your Chapter number on your checks and mail them before April 10th to:

Vernon Goodrich
Masonic Service Bureau
875 Main St. E.
Rochester, NY 14605-2789

Don't allow your Chapter's name to be conspicuous by its absence. Tickets to the Annual Scholarship Dinner are available from your District Deputy Grand High Priest, Chapter Secretaries or from the Association's Secretary at 343-1517, as well as our Grand King, R.E.E. Arnold Palmer. The cost is \$19.00 per person.

Reminder

The date is April 25th at RIPA's Restaurant on Walden Avenue at Pavement Road in Lancaster. Our honored guest will be M.E.E. Edward Newsham, Grand High Priest.

We hope to hear from you SOON!! □

Grand Council Cryptic Masons State of New York



R.I. Stephen A. Licht
Grand Steward

The Cryptic Rite, known to many as the Council of Royal and Select Masters, is able to trace its early development and provides interesting, if not somewhat conflicting, information. Early in this century two volumes were published [The History of the Cryptic Rite, Vol. I & II] which expounded upon the theories of the origin of the Rite as well as its evolution providing much information, derived from many noteworthy Masonic authorities. It nevertheless presents too many pages for the casually interested Freemason.

It is my intention to present a brief excerpt that may satisfy the

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Grand Commandery

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will be conducted in Full Form by Sir Knights of Zones 11 and 12. So, Excellent High Priests, Companions all, it is not too late to get your petitions in to receive the Orders of Knighthood and become a member of the Commandery. At present there may be 10-15 candidates receiving the Orders at this Spring Pilgrimage. Hope to see you there!

Inspection dates

The Inspection date for Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12 is scheduled for Monday, March 16th at 7:45 p.m. Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17 is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st at 10:00 a.m. at Sincerity Lodge Hall in Phelps. Finally, Batavia Commandery No. 34's Inspection is on Thursday, April 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

Western Regional Seminar

The Grand Commandery will hold a Western Regional Seminar for Zones 9, 11, 12, 13 and DeMolay Commandery No. 22 on Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 a.m. 'til noon at Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17 in Sincerity Lodge in Phelps.

All Commandery Officers are required to attend and any other Sir Knights who are interested in attending may do so. Registration is 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Lunch will be served by Sincerity Lodge at a nominal cost of \$6.00 per person. Please call SK William Jones at 315-986-9150 for reservations.

That's all the news from this Sir Knight, reporter of Zone 11. Mark your calendars and be there! Thank you. □

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery

No. 12

Chartered in 1993

1st & 3rd Mondays



SK Robert L. Zafin
Commander

SK Lawrence W. Dunn
Recorder 594-8033

Here it is the 10th of February and looking out the window all I see is blue sky and sunshine. The temperature is about 40°. Are we going to get an early Spring?

Conclaves

March 2nd is Full Form Opening and rehearsal for the Sword Manual. There will also be another special rehearsal on March 9th at 7:30 p.m. All officers are urged to make every effort to attend.

Inspection is March 16th following a Turkey Ham Dinner at 6:30 p.m. SK Eugene Ellis, Eminent Grand Junior Warden is the Inspecting Officer.

The Inspection of our sister Commandery, Sagoyewatha No. 17 will be held on March 21st. Check with SK Charles Roberts for the exact time.

Best wishes

SK Fred Holderle will undergo a hip replacement in the near future. Our prayers are with you SK Fred. □

Batavia Commandery No. 34 Knights Templar

Meets
2nd & 4th
Thursdays



SK Keith C. Denton,
Commander
SK Allen L. Capwell
Recorder 786-3897

Masonic Temple
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Batavia, NY 14020

Round Table Dinner-Do's and Don'ts

Our first Annual Knights of the Round Table Dinner was held at Attica on January 22nd with 16 Knights and guests in attendance. Here's what we learned: you need a staff of more than four. My thanks to Jerry Brade, Norm Austin and my son, Jeremy. The "MC" should not be wound as tight as I was. Forget dignity and attempts to be thought provoking, the goal is to have fun! Sell tickets in advance or you'll have ulcers! Don't use your mortgage payment as front money, mortgage companies are not sympathetic! Oh, and the important thing is to have a sword, not how big it is!

I think our next Commander will really make this an event to remember. I was certainly glad to have him there to lighten up the mood. Thanks, Steve!

Sorry about February!

Chalk the lack of an article in February up to writer's block and be thankful. Usually, you can't shut me up! Apathy reins in January and February.

Afghan

I'll make the tickets for the Knights Templar Afghan and the rest of you have been nominated as salesmen and investors. Our goal is \$250,000.00. (I knew that would get your attention!) A realistic goal isn't a challenge. Besides, it's been a while since we had a fundraiser and I have always liked big numbers! So, let's get to work!

Inspections are coming

We need to get serious about our upcoming Inspection on April 23rd. The best way to prepare is to attend the other Commanderies' Inspections! Remember our vow, "forty miles barefoot" and since we own cars, make it 100 miles. See you at Tonawanda on March 10th, Hugh DePaynes on March 16th, Genesee/Niagara on March 27th and Tancred on March 27th.

Future events

On March 12th there will be a regular conclave at Batavia at 8:00 p.m. We will rehearse for Inspection with full opening, duties, etc.

There will be a dinner with the ladies at Batavia at 7:00 p.m. on March 26th. □

Eagle Scouts

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tiated by the Monroe Masters and Wardens Association. This year, at the request of the M & W Assoc., the Bureau will be taking over that function and will continue to fulfill this worthwhile project.

The Ceremony

The opening of the Ceremony involved the lighting of candles, the first of which were red, white and blue, representing the primary characteristics of Scouting: Honor, Truth and Courage. Sound familiar. The next 12 candles lit represented the characteristics in the Scout Law that each Scout should emulate.

The Scout Law

A Scout is Trustworthy: A Scout tells the truth, he keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

A Scout is Loyal: A Scout is true to his family, Scout Leaders, friends, school and nation.

A Scout is Helpful: A Scout is concerned about people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

A Scout is Friendly: A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

A Scout is Courteous: A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

A Scout is Kind: A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

A Scout is Obedient: A Scout follows the rules of his family, school and troop. He obeys the laws of his community. If he thinks the rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner, rather than disobey them.

A Scout is Cheerful: A Scout looks on the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

A Scout is Thrifty: A Scout works to pay his way and help others. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses his time and property.

A Scout is Brave: A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him.

A Scout is Clean: A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He associates with those who believe in living by these ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

A Scout is Reverent: A Scout is Reverent towards God. He is faithful to his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

With aims such as these the similarity with Freemasonry is clearly apparent.

History

The Masonic Service Association's "Short Talk Bulletin" for December carried a history of the Boy Scouts in England in 1907. It also traced the history of the first Masonic "Scout Lodge".

The Boy Scout movement was initiated by Sir Robert Baden-Powell (1857-1941) a former Major-General in the British Army. It

seems he got the idea while serving in the Boer War (1899-1902) where he saw how valuable courageous and skillful the Scouts employed by the Army were. He was convinced that these skills should not be lost and that the youth of England could benefit from the physical exercise as well as the personal discipline associated with this kind of training.

Sir Robert started by working with a group of twenty boys. As he proceeded with the training, he kept notes. These notes were later developed into a book which was published in 1908 as the "Boy Scout Handbook". Millions of copies were sold throughout the world and the Boy Scout Movement was on its way.

Scouting today is popular in 150 countries. In the 1990s there were 23 million Scouts and adult leaders belonging to the "Scout World Conference", according to W.A. Bainbridge, the writer of the "Short Talk Bulletin".

Masonic Connection

The large number of men associated with Scouting and the similarity of purpose between Scouting and the Fraternity tended to draw some of these men to Freemasonry. It was not long before these older Scouts became desirous of forming a Masonic Lodge. In June of 1929 a group of Scouters gathered at the Scout Headquarters in Melbourne to accomplish just that. This meeting was presided over by Lord Somers, then, Chief Scout and Governor of Victoria, Australia. They approached United Service Lodge No. 330 to sponsor a petition to the Grand Lodge for permission to form a new Lodge. Ultimately M.W. Bro. His Excellency Lt. Col. the Right Hon. Arthur Herbert Tennyson, Baron Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., Chief Scout and Governor of Victoria was appointed Master of the new Lodge.

In August of 1929, at the Third World Jamboree at Arrowe Park, a group of 100 Masonic Scouters discussed the possible formation of Lodges made up exclusively from the Scout movement. The leader of the Scout contingent, C.A. Hordley, along with W.D. Kennedy, were charged to approach Baron Baden-Powell of Gillwell, and seek his consent to name the new Lodge after him. He readily consented. This was a break in tradition for not only was Robert Baden-Powell not a Mason, but also Lodges were not normally named after living persons.

On August 22nd, 1930, the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, granted a Charter to form a new Lodge to be named Baden-Powell Lodge No. 488 and the Lodge was consecrated on September 29th of that year.

Although it was known that Lord Baden-Powell was not a Mason, some confusion still exists because his brother, Major P. Baden-Powell, was a member of the Craft and Brother, the Hon. David Michael Baden-Powell, grandson of the founder, is at present the J.W. of Baden-Powell Lodge No. 488.

Scout Lodges differ little from regular Lodges except for the background of their members. In addition, the members usually have one meeting each year that they attend in Scout uniform over which they wear Masonic Regalia. And at the Festive Board of Scout Lodges there is always one toast added to the list for "Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell". (Material for this article was excerpted from the December "Short Talk Bulletin" of the Masonic Service Association. This STB con-

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tained portions of a paper presented at United Masters Lodge No. 167, Auckland, N.Z. by the author, W.A. Bainbridge, member of Baden-Powell Lodge No. 367, Auckland, N.Z.) □

Rochester Forest No. 133 Tall Cedars of Lebanon

4th Thursday
1822 Penfield Road
Penfield, New York 14526

Thomas Hueston
Grand Tall Cedar



Donald C. Bell, scribe

I thank everyone for electing me your new Grand Tall for 1998. A special thanks to Bob Zabel for performing the Installation and to Angelo DiCataldo for all his hard work. I promise to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability. My goal for this year is to spread the word about the Tall Cedars and recruit new members.

1998 Officers

GTC-Thomas Hueston
Sr. Dep. GTC-John Zabel
Jr. Dep. GTC-Ted Snyder
Scribe-Don Bell
Treasurer-Paul Kober
Sentinel-Bob Nichols
Preceptor-Frank Briffa
Cf. Ranger-Charles Spiegel, Jr.
Trustee-Angelo DiCataldo

Our meetings are held the 4th Thursday of every other month at 7:30 p.m. at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. We have dinner at the Winfield Grill at 6:00 p.m. before the meetings. If anyone needs more information about the Forest, or is interested in becoming a member, please contact me at (716) 723-0173, or any of the officers.

The next meeting will be March 26th. We will be conferring our Royal Court Degree. I look forward to seeing you there. □

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DDGM
Rt. Wthy NORMAN STEINBAUGH
DGL

Care Bears

Genesee/Wyoming Care Bears Study Club met at the Perry Masonic Temple on January 10th. The programs with Official Visit dates were distributed. On February 21st we met at Thorpe Chapter in Attica.

The March meeting will be a School of Instruction at Olive Branch Chapter, LeRoy. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m., with lunch served at 12 noon and an afternoon session will follow.

Plans

Our 4th Annual Fun Night is being planned at Perry Masonic Temple on Saturday, April 24th.

Notes

Yes, Batavia does have a Patron-Wthy. Horace Wilder was installed along with Wthy. Sharon Stokes as Matron in January. Perry Chapter and Constellation Lodge will be serving

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another Swiss Steak Dinner at 12:30 p.m. on March 29th at the Perry Mason Temple. Mark your calendar! We're hoping the weather will cooperate!

Good news

Congratulations to Wthy. Annette Simmons of Vernon Chapter No. 611, Java Village, in her upcoming appointment as Grand Representative of Mississippi. Vernon Chapter, Java Village, will be holding her Reception on February 27th at 8:00 p.m. □

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Rt. Wthy. James Spencer

By Wthy. Barbara Spano

Something to be happy about: the first hours of sunlight; time to twinkle and strike from frosty twigs and icy ponds; time to pencil long shadows on every tree-lined meadow.

Hi everyone

Rt. Wthy. Mary and Rt. Wthy. Jim would like to thank all the Sisters and Brothers who helped with the Have-a-Heart Campaign. They don't have a total yet, but they feel it went very well.

Future meetings

The February Line Officers meeting went very well and they had a good attendance. They accomplished quite a lot. March 7th is their next meeting, same place, same time.

The Past Matron's Association meeting is March 19th. It will be at Brighton Reformed Church, 805 Blossom Rd. Brown bag lunch at 12:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 1:30 p.m.

Tradin "O" the Green

The 1993 "Goossenspiegels" will trade your green money for Joy and Paul O'Woodley's green plants on Sunday, March 15th from noon 'til 4:00 p.m. at 273 Circle Lane, Webster. A large variety of plants and prices are available. All proceeds go to "Star", the guide dog. A special thank you to Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Bill Faye, Angelo DiCataldo, and Cec Loesinger for the donations toward "Star".

Walk-a-Thon

Rt. Wthy. Mary has informed me that there will be a Walk-a-Thon on April 18th. This is being sponsored by the Conductress Club. It will be at Charlotte Beach and is 5 miles long. Anyone can participate in this endeavor. If you can't walk, you can sponsor and/or help.

The Conductress in your Chapter has all the information. The proceeds will go to a child in need.

Official Visits

March 7th-Rochester Chapter No. 314 at 7:00 p.m.

March 9th-Mary Jane Holmes No. 440 at 7:30 p.m.

March 25th-Corinthian Fellowship No. 322 at 7:30 p.m.

Reminders

The Grand Matron's Official Visit is May 16th, being held at Arena's in Webster. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m.

and the meeting is at 8:00 p.m. There will be more information later.

Rt. Wthy. Jim would like to remind you that he is collecting lap robes, trachea bibs and soft cover books.

Rochester Chapter is having their Spring Candy Sale. If you are interested, contact anyone from this Chapter. They will be very happy to take your order.

The 1998 Line officers all have a fundraising project. Check with them to see what they are doing.

May 14th, at Clio Lodge, there will be the 4th Annual Corned Beef Dinner. Time is 4:30 p.m. 'til 7:00 p.m. Adults are \$6.00 and children under 10, \$3.00. This is sponsored by Leah Chapter No. 183.

"There is one difference between a tax collector and a taxidermist-a taxidermist leaves the hide". M. Caplin

Until next time, I wish you peace. □

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

The months are speeding along and it is March already. It seems like it was just January. We are looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable Spring.

Time change

Our March 7th meeting is Official Visit. Due to the show at the Auditorium, it will start at 7:00 p.m. Please make a note of this change. Rehearsal for Official Visit is March 1st and all officers need to attend.

Candy

Once again we are selling Gertrude Hawk Candy. All orders and money need to be to me in by our March 7th meeting. We will have the orders back in time for our April meeting, which is the week before Easter. Anyone who doesn't have an order book and is interested in selling the candy or anyone interested in buying the candy, can contact me at 621-5737.

Footlight Players

We have another repeat project that was very successful last Fall. Rochester Chapter is once again selling discounted advance sale tickets for the Footlight Players. The Spring production is Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple". Performances are April 18th at 8:00 p.m., 19th at 2:00 p.m., 24th at 8:00 p.m., 25th at 8:00 p.m. and 26th at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Anne's Auditorium, 1600 Mt. Hope Avenue.

Tickets are very reasonably priced at \$4.00 for seniors and students, \$6.00 for general admission and \$14.00 for family tickets. Rochester Chapter receives a portion of every ticket sold. Tickets are good for any performance. Anyone interested in buying tickets should contact Wthy. Debbie Leipold at 647-3550.

All welcome

On April 19th Rochester Chapter will be doing an afternoon of theater followed by dinner. We will attend the matinee of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" and then will go to din-

ner at a restaurant to be determined. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. Please let Wthy. Debby Leipold know so we can make sure the restaurant can accommodate us. We welcome all who would like to join us.

Sickness

Sister Phyllis Prill just had knee replacement surgery and is recovering nicely. Sister Kay Strassner is hospitalized at Strong Memorial Hospital. She, too, has had surgery. Please remember these Sisters with cards and prayers. If there is any other sickness or distress, please contact me.

Once again, remember, "Set a stout heart to staybrae", the harder the task the more determination is needed. □

Rochester Chapter No. 314,
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by Neil Simon

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8:00 p.m.

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

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

I do believe many of us are having a touch of Spring fever! We have had such a nice Winter and it helped our Chapter with good health and good attendance.

Concerns

We send our best wishes to the Worthy Matron's father and Sister Kathleen Skelton's husband. We hope they are feeling better soon.

Service we are proud of

Sister Ethel Hall made 50 years, Wthy. Mabel Gruendike, 60 years, Sister Ora Combs, 66 years, Sister Eleanor Dick, 72 years, Wthy. Zim Sage, 73 years and Wthy. Jessie Johnson, 74 years! We thank these members for their loyalty and wish them well.

Meetings

There will be regular meetings on March 3rd and 17th.

April 7th is Master Mason Night and April 21st is Official Visit.

The Committee for April is Wthy. Vickie Gross, Brother Dean Hiler, Rt. Wthy. Judy and Brother John Lenzi, Sister Dawn Ireland Monsees, Brother LeRoy Lester and Wthy. Susan Prevost.

Join the parade

At the April 7th meeting the Worthy Matron will have a Spring Bonnet Parade. Get your thinking caps on and design your own clever bonnet.

"If you laugh a lot, when you get older your wrinkles will be in the right places". □

Webster Chapter No. 171

Order of the Eastern Star

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

8:00 p.m.

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Rt. Wthy. Faythe Mattern,

Matron

594-4449

Wthy. Donna Hiler, Sec.

315-524-3439



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Time flies

It's February already! Can you believe it? Bill and I hope that you've all had a chance to read our recent letter regarding upcoming Chapter events. We hope that you will come and visit us as many times as you can.

Our February 17th meeting was an "Every Member Night" with a Pot Luck Supper.

March

On March 3rd we will be entertaining our Master Masons and their spouses and/or significant other at a 6:30 p.m. Pot Luck Supper. Please bring something extra in your dish to pass so that we will have enough for our guests. Entertainment has been scheduled for this evening. It is a surprise. You'll have to come and see for yourselves.

On March 17th we will be celebrating the 99th Birthday of our Chapter. The Calling Committee will contact you for your choice of menu and number of persons attending. Stay tuned for further details on this important event.

Chair lift

We mentioned in a letter to our members we now have chair lifts that go from the front lobby to the dining room and meeting room levels. They are easy to operate and in need of use...come for a visit so that we can show them off.

Best wishes

For those folks who are celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries, Bill and I send our very best wishes on your special day. We are keeping our shut-ins and ill members in our thoughts and prayers. We hope you are too. □



January, 1998

Mabry, Robert C.

A Past Master of Fairport Lodge No. 476, Robert passed away on January 14th. He is survived by 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Copeland, Harold F.

Death claimed Harold on January 16th at the age of 88. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163 and Rochester Consistory. He is survived by his children, grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Huscher, Clarence "Pete"

Clarence was 94 years old when he died on January 17th. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include his wife, Floris, 3 children, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mitchell, Harvey R.

Clio Lodge No. 779 lost a member with the passing of Harvey on January 17th at the age of 62. He is survived by his wife, Bethann, children and one grandson.

Christ, Ralph G.

Ralph was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 and Rochester Consistory. He died on January 18th.

Kaufman, Joseph J.

Joseph was 88 years old when he was called Home on January 19th. A member of Rochester Consistory, he leaves his wife, Ann, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Miller, Albert

On January 20th Albert joined the Celestial Lodge above. He will be missed by Northfield Lodge No. 426, Doric Council, Monroe/Cyrene Commandery and Hiram Chapter, RAM. He is survived by his son and other family members.

Francis, Edwin H.

January 31st was the date that Edwin entered eternal rest. He was a member of West Star Lodge No. 413 and is survived by his children and other family members.

Lawrence, Elwood R.

Monroe Lodge No. 173 lost a member with the passing of Elwood on January 31st. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, children, and 5 grandchildren.

February

Scott, James W.

James was 95 years old when he joined the Great Architect above on February 10th. He was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797 and is survived by his children, 16 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

Whiting, Leslie L.

Leslie was in Clearwater, Fl., when he passed away at the age of 88. He was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and is survived by his children, grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Low, Jack A.

Death claimed Jack on November 14, 1997, after a long illness. He was a 62 year member of Monroe Lodge No. 173 and had served as Master. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Agnes.

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

Erion, Dorothy

Dorothy was a member of Nola Chapter No. 368, OES and died in January.

Goldberg, Rachel

A member of Rochester Chapter No. 314, OES, Rachel passed away.

Herner, Howard L.

Howard lived in South Carolina when he died. He was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479.

Stevens, Joseph J.

A member of Clio Lodge No. 779, Joseph died in Cape Coral, Fl.

Zeitler, Charles B.

Northfield Lodge No. 426 lost a member with the passing of Charles in Vero Beach, Fl. □

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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1998

- Apr. 4 Western Regional Seminar, Knights Templar
Zone 9, 11, 12, 13 & DeMolay #22
Sagoyewatha, Sincerity Lodge, Phelps
- Apr. 25 Widows Luncheon, Logan's Party House
- Apr. 25 Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner - Ripa's,
Lancaster, NY
- Apr. 29 Annual Feast, Finger Lakes Chapter, Philalethes
DWC - Jim Kelly (former Bill's QB)
- May 4,5 Grand Lodge Annual Comm., New York City
- May 15 Area Joint Investiture

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Mon., Mar. 16
Tom Sawyer

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Vernon Goodrich
"The Masonic Service Bureau"
"Financial Planning"
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Sion (Ted) Honea III
Various Masonic Subjects
288-5513
William Lindsay
Various Masonic Topics
621-3573
Grant Romer
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"Masonic aspects of the Great
Pyramid"
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whatever you like!

Recollections

By Don Brugger

The head of one of our recently acquired advertising accounts, Harold Gilbert (Gilbert Publishing Co., Cleveland, OH), is apparently a noted historian in his home town of Lakewood, OH. The "Lakewood Sun Post" carried parts of an interview he gave to, Dan Chabek, one of their reporters. They appeared in, "Julie's Jottings", a regular feature written by Julie Higgin. During the interview Mr. Gilbert recounted his first experiences in the printing business.

It seems that Harold started printing fliers for local businesses when he was just sixteen. He recounted a price list from one of his clients, a local butcher shop. Sirloin Steak was 29 cents a pound, Maple Syrup was \$2.15 a gallon, Coffee 31 cents a "full" pound. Baked Beans - 3 small cans for 25 cents, 2 medium cans - 25 cents, 2 large cans - 39 cents. He also submitted that "in those days, a salary of \$3,600 a year meant you were a person of great wealth".


You can read more of Harold Gilbert's musings on the web site of the Lakewood Library at www.lkwdpl.org/lorc/lorc17.htm. His book, "Journey Through Publishing", is also available there. (Taken from the Lakewood Sun Post, Thursday, July 31, 1997) ☐

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

March Gem - Aquamarine
March Flower - Jonquil

Calendar March 1998

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