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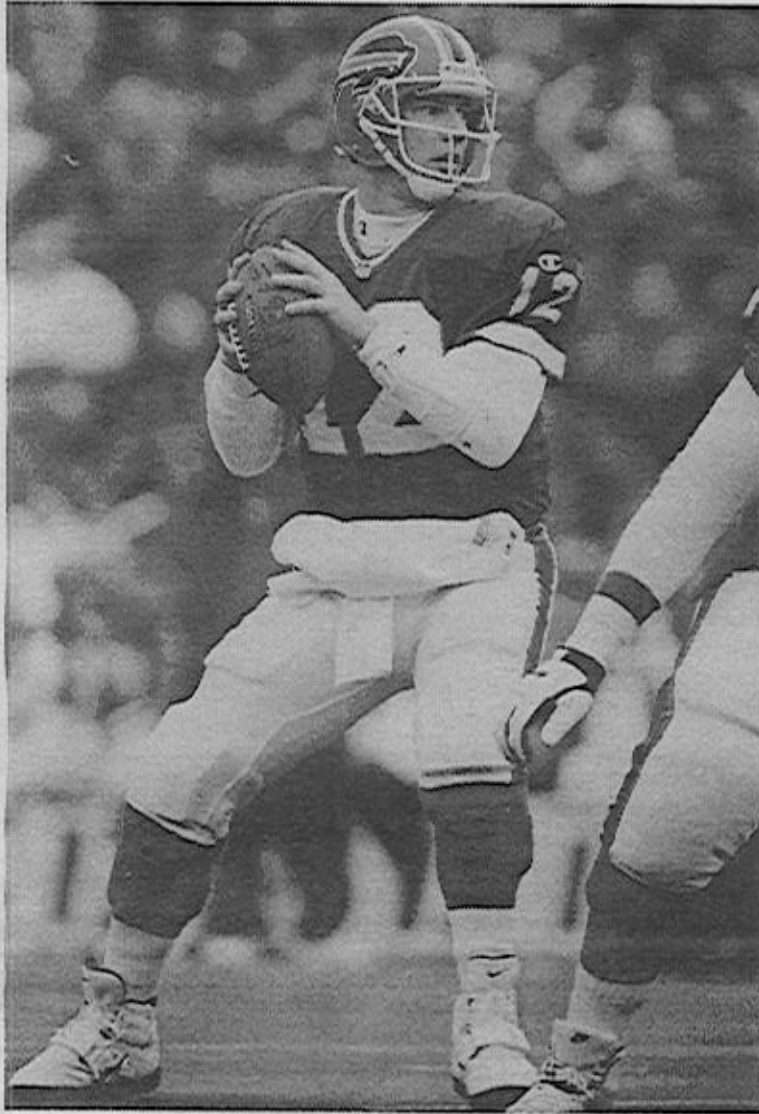
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Masons Host Fundraiser for Hunter's Hope - Jim Kelly to Get DeWitt Clinton Award



By William Lindsay

Jim Kelly, former quarterback of the Buffalo Bills, will be the guest of the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philalethes Society, and the Monroe Masonic family, on June 10th, 1998. At a dinner to be held at the Diplomat Party House, Kelly will be honored and presented the DeWitt Clinton Award for his work in raising funds for research, and public awareness, of Krabbes Disease. Kelly's young son, Hunter, has the disease.

Since learning of their son's diagnosis, Kelly and his wife, Jill, have become tireless workers in seeking research funds for Krabbes Disease. Krabbes Disease is a rare form of leukodystrophy with an onset within the first six months and is usually fatal by the age of two.

Kelly has long been an active supporter of youth causes through the Kelly for Kids Foundation. Countless youths and youth programs have benefited from the foundation's support.

Reservations for the dinner may be made by calling the Masonic Service Bureau (473-4351). Tickets are \$25.00 per person and choices are beef, chicken, or fish.

One way to support "Hunter's Hope" is by attending the dinner. Another way is to support a request that will go to each member organization of the Masonic family requesting a donation of at least \$50.00. Finally, any member of the Masonic family in the Monroes is invited to send a cash donation to the MSB (875 Main Street E., Rochester, NY 14605) of a few dollars, "as liberally as your circumstances permit..." □

Eagle Scouts Honor Area Masons



R.W. and Hon. Barber Conable, Eagle Scout Gerald A. Crowell III, and R.W. Ronald Mertens at the Otetiana Eagle Scout Luncheon.



Eagle Scouts Paul J. Caccamise, David W. Bentivegna, Thomas D. Merriam and Gerald A. Crowell III at Annual Eagle Scout Luncheon.

By Ronald Mertens

Service Bureau as part of their service to youth and community outreach.

Again this year, we were given the opportunity to share with those present at the Luncheon the reasons the Masons support this project as well as who we are and what we do in other areas of support to youth and charitable endeavors.

The pictures accompanying this article show the four Eagle Scouts whose Luncheon was sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau and R.W. and Honorable Barber B. Conable, 33°, a former Eagle Scout, and speaker for the Luncheon. □

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Area News

Sackets Harbor Sesquicentennial

On May 30th Sackets Harbor Lodge No. 135 will be celebrating their 150 year Anniversary. The event will be celebrated with a Banquet at St. Andrew's Community Center catered by the 1812 Restaurant.

The evening will commence with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. followed by a dinner of Prime Rib, Stuffed Flounder, or

Chicken Cordon Blue, complemented with salad, baked potato, rolls, coffee, tea or milk. The cost of the dinner is \$25.00. Admission by ticket only.

Guests for the dinner and following day's events will be GM M.W. Stewart McCloud, GSec. M.W. Gary Henningsen, SGW, JGW, SGD, & Grand Marshal. Also expected are M.W. Bruce Widger, Deputy for the State, AASR, M.W. Roswell Switz - PGM, M.W. Richard Thomas - PGM, M.W. Calvin Bond - GL and M.W. Earle J. Hino, Jr. - JPGM.

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St. John's Day Trip to Utica

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

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

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

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

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

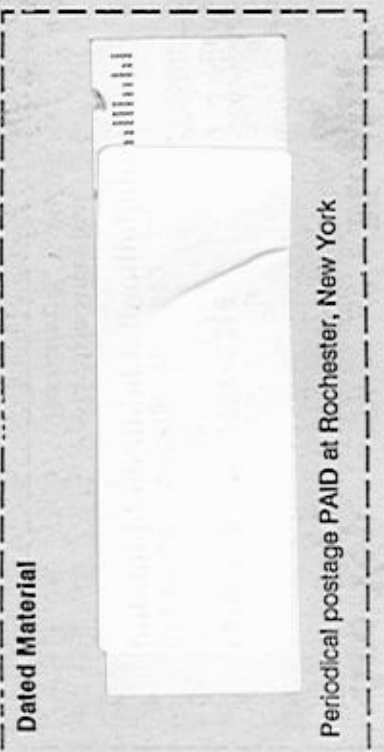
Otetiana Council of the Boy Scouts of America held their Eagle Scout Recognition Luncheon on Friday, February 13th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The Masonic Service Bureau was represented at this luncheon by Vernon Goodrich, Lawrence Canfield, Ronald Mertens and Donald Darrohn.

As part of the program for this event, the Masons of Monroe County were once again presented with a plaque in recognition of their continued support of the Eagle Scout Program. A check was presented to Otetiana Council by the Masonic Service Bureau to again underwrite the cost of the Eagle Scout Kits that will be presented to each Eagle Scout in 1998. In 1997 there were 154 recipients of this prestigious rank in Otetiana Council.

This is the third year that the Masons of Monroe County have been involved in this program. The first two years funding was provided through the proceeds from a District Table Lodge and the Masonic Service Bureau. At the present time, total funding is being provided by the Masonic

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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It's your column

It seems the more things change, the more they remain the same. We will soon be getting a new batch of Masters. Some will be new, some will be repeating. I hope that these potential new authors will not be intimidated by the task of reporting their Lodge's news or by some Past Masters who believe that reporting what happened in and about the Lodge in the previous month is "old news". The name of the game is communication.

Take heart

A member who does not attend Lodge regularly or is not able to attend Lodge functions can only find out what happens by receiving some kind of communication. This can come via a Lodge newsletter or from the *Masonic Times*.

So, you new authors, don't be intimidated, write about those things that will be of interest to the rusty Brothers as well as those who attend regularly. It is better to have too much old news than none at all. To the Brother who hasn't been to Lodge in awhile, there is no old news.

On the other side of the coin

I realize that at times it is difficult to guess what the outcome of an event will be, however, that cannot deter us from communicating with our Brothers. From past experience you can make a pretty good guess about the outcome. I hope that it is common knowledge that authors can make adjustments to an article up to the time it goes to the printer. All it takes is a phone call.

The best way to make the job of writing easier is to 1. Outline events, then fill in the details as they happen. Do this as soon as you have sent in your previous article; don't wait. The deadline will come before you know it and you will be behind again. 2. Make notes during your meetings, a short pencil is better than a long memory. 3. If you really don't have the time to do the writing, designate someone to do it for you. Do this on a temporary (vacations, etc.) basis or permanently.

Hunter's Hope

Local Masonic organizations are responding to a plea for "Hunter's Hope" by sponsoring a fundraiser. The dinner is going to be at the Diplomat Party House on Lyell Avenue. This event is

sponsored jointly by the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philalethes Society and the Masonic Service Bureau. It is open to all who wish to come. The DeWitt Clinton Award will be presented to Jim Kelly at this event, so don't miss it. Please note that the date has been changed to June 10th.

Rainer Tapes

A few months ago I asked for assistance in recovering some video tapes that were borrowed from the Service Bureau. These were from a collection of tapes donated by Reverend Eligius Rainer's widow (Nos. 3, 4 & 5). If any Brother knows of the whereabouts of these tapes please try to get them back to us. If you remember seeing them as part of a Lodge Program, please let us know. They were only loaned out once and haven't been returned. I am sure that other Lodges would be interested in using them for a program. ☺

The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc. Loan Closet

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

Equip. Type	On loan
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Wheelchairs	121
Miscellaneous	10
Total	792

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May is the month for Election of Officers in our Blue Lodges. I congratulate and welcome the incoming Masters and wish them, each and all, a most productive and satisfying year as the leader of their Lodge. I also hope your Representative to the Masonic Service Bureau will be at our monthly (except July and August) meetings and voice the desires and concerns of your Lodges.

I hope your Lodge has considered a gift to the Service Bureau, both in monetary and in volunteer work for the Bureau. We need help in cleaning and maintaining our Loan Closet equipment, people to serve on our various committees and help in restoring, cleaning and maintaining Camp DeMolay.
Find a need and fill it
Find a hurt and heal it
Find a problem and solve it
Most of all, remember, love is everlasting.

Don't forget to plan on supporting the Philalethes sponsored Kelly Dinner on June 10th at the Diplomat Party House. ☐

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Responsibility for your child's actions

Can you be held responsible for failing to supervise your child? In this State, the answer is no, unless it can be proven that you knew that your child had violent tendencies, or that you entrusted your child with a dangerous instrument.

Some real life cases may help clarify these exceptions.

In one case, a mother and son went shopping at the mall. The child had emotional problems. The mother left the child at the carousel near the food court, while she went shopping. During this time, the son had an altercation with another person. Mall security was called. The son had to be physically subdued and hand-cuffed. The son then sues the mall owner, claiming physical and psychic injuries. The mall owner then sues the mother, claiming negligent supervision of the son.

In another case, a boy darted out between parked cars and was hit by a motorist. The boy sued the driver for his injuries. The driver sued the parents for negligent supervision.

Both cases were dismissed as against the parents. The law in this State frowns upon suing the parents for not keeping a sufficient eye on their children. This makes sense. Imagine having to defend yourself because "Johnny" didn't listen to your warning earlier in the day not to play in the street.

This is not to say the parents are completely immune from liability. In another case, the parents of a child who was killed in a motorcycle accident were allowed to sue the parents of the child who was driving the motorcycle. The driver in that case was blind in one eye. The court reasoned that given the child's lack of vision in one eye, a parent who buys and permits that child to ride a motorcycle, should have foreseen such an accident. A motorcycle in the hands of a partially blind person is a dangerous instrument. ☐

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

Question: My wife and I had a very good relationship with our broker for 17 years, but he has now retired. The firm we use gave us another broker, but he talks too fast, and frankly, we do not care too much for the firm. How do we go about finding the best broker to replace the original one to whom we gave \$40,000 and he increased it to almost \$475,000 in those 17 years.

Answer: I'd like you, along with your wife, to interview other brokers, because your joint im-

pressions are essential to the process. After each visit, each of you should write down your impressions. When visiting each prospect, give him the essential facts about yourselves and business, and then sit back, observe and listen.

Suggestions: 1. You want a broker who has been in business for a substantial time and old enough so that you can share common life experiences.

2. He or she should have tangible evidence of personal financial success.

3. This person must be wise, as well as knowledgeable. Wisdom comes with age.

4. Your prospect must be properly licensed and insured.

5. Does he/she discuss your goals, or is he or she more interested in talking about himself?

6. During the interview, is he or she interrupted by phone calls, or other distractions? Is his or her body language positive? Is his

or her voice strong and positive?

7. What is his or her professional standing in your community?

8. Would you be comfortable trusting your assets to this interviewee should you predecease your mate?

Red flags

1. Do not select one who refuses eye contact.

2. Do not select one who wears dark glasses in the office.

3. Do not consider one who shakes hands like a wet fish.

4. Do not select one who tries to kiss you on the first meeting.

5. Avoid one who is loaded with heavy gold jewelry and large rings.

6. Avoid one whose desk is too messy or has a sloppy office.

7. Avoid one who blithely speaks to you using your first name without your permission.

8. Listen to your wife. Women can spot a phony in a hurry. ☐

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**Grand Lodge
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**National Veterans Golden
Age Games**

What

The National Veterans Golden Age Games are a multi-event sports and recreational competition for veterans, age 55 years or older, who are currently receiving care from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

When

The event will take place August 7th-12th, 1999.

Where

The location will be at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York.

Who

US Military Veterans, 55 years or older, who are currently receiving inpatient or outpatient care at VA Medical Centers are eligible to participate in the National Veterans Golden Games.

Sponsor

The Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, with the support of volunteers, will sponsor the event.

Why

Sports and recreation are integral components in VA rehabilitative care and play a major role in the lives of older patients. The sponsors of this event are committed to improving the quality of life for older veterans and fostering better health through sports competitions. The National Veterans Golden Games serve as a showcase for the preventative and therapeutic medical value that sports and recreation provide in the lives of all older Americans.

Events

Thirty-four events are planned. There will be six age categories: 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70-74; 75-79; 80 and over.

The Open Division will be swimming (25 yards freestyle and backstroke, 50 yards free style and backstroke, 100 yards free style); bicycling (1/4 mile and 1/2 mile), pentathlon, (shot put, discus, softball hit, basketball free throw, and air guns), table tennis, dominoes, shuffleboard, horseshoes, eight-ball, bowling (ramp, push and handle ball), checkers, croquet and golf.

The Wheelchair Division is horseshoes, swimming, shuffleboard, bowling, adaptive bowling, (ramp, push and handle ball), table tennis, pentathlon, (shot put, discus, softball hit, basketball free throw, and air guns), and eight ball.

The Visually Impaired consists of bowling, shuffleboard, and horseshoes.

In most events, men and women compete together. Those events in which they compete in separate categories include: bicycling, pentathlon, bowling, horseshoes and swimming.

It will be hosted by the Canandaigua VA Medical Center and the Medical Centers of the Upstate New York VA Health Care Network, VISN 2: Albany, Bath, Buffalo and Syracuse.

How can you help?

Support is needed in the following areas:

1. Planning Committee membership.
2. Event sponsorship.
3. Volunteer support during the games (approximately 400 volunteers are needed to be on hand to assist with everything from transportation to registration to running each event).
4. Financial support. We will need to raise approximately \$20,000 to assist in defraying the Games expenses.

Who to contact

You may call David Krueger, the 1999 Games Coordinator at 396-3641; or Harold Bollotin at 342-5865, Lawrence Hood at 396-9848, Austin Keith at 315-986-4804 or me at 227-2046, for information.

Just think of the boost it would give to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York if all of the Masonic Lodges, related mens organizations (Bowling, War Vets, Masters and Wardens, Metro Police and Fire Square Club, National Camping Travelers, Philaethes Society, Purple Club), Scottish Rite, Damascus Shrine, Knights Templar, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, Cryptic Masons, Doric Council, Royal Arch Chapters, York Rite Sovereign College of North America Councils, Tall Cedars, Lalla Rookh Grotto, Eastern Star Chapters, Lalla Rookh Cal-dron, Nile and youth organizations would contribute, we could underwrite the whole Golden Age Games. Let's show them that Masons care!!

Please make checks to the National Veterans Golden Age Games and send to David Krueger, VA Medical Center, 400 Fort Hill Avenue, Canandaigua, NY 14424, or to me at 84 Grand View Lane, Rochester, NY 14612.

Now hear this!!

The Canandaigua Veterans Affairs Medical Center is sponsoring two very important events during the month of May, according to Medical Director Stuart C. Collyer. The first event for ALL veterans is National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day, which occurs on May 6th.

Is ANXIETY stressing you out?

Take a test that may change your life!! Have you been experiencing: tenseness or anxiety, anxiety attacks, social anxiety, "the blues", phobias, excessive worrying, sleeplessness, or poor concentration? The National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day is offering freescreening for anxiety and depressive disorders. In addition to the anxiety disorders screening test, participants will view a video and have a confidential meeting with a mental health professional.

Free educational materials will also be available. Time and dates for the Anxiety Test are as follows: May 6th at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center, starting at 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The phone number is 716-396-3622; or the Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 242-0160, ext. 2257 or 2226. For a site near you, call toll free 1-888-442-2022.

**Female Veterans Health
Awareness Day**

This event will take place on May 9th at the VA Outpatient Clinic at 465 Westfall Rd. The free services include: On site mammograms for the first 20 registrants. (The remainder will be scheduled for a future date at the clinic); clinical breast exams; dental screening and Veterans Benefits information. The day will also feature mental health screenings to include: information and counseling on domestic violence, sexual trauma, substance abuse, depression and smoking cessation, nutrition and weight management, HIV testing/counseling, cancer and cholesterol/glucose testing, patient education for osteoporosis, diabetes, and cancer.

Please bring your DD214 if you can. For more information, call 396-4781.

P. I. & A.

Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention

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Brethren

Nice weather is here. It's time to go to the beach. It's time to party. Right? Wrong.

There are far too many people being injured or killed by drunk drivers. Many states are changing the alcohol level in sobriety tests from .10 to .08.

I like a cold beer as well as the next person, but I don't drink and drive. If you want to drink and have a good time, go for it. There's nothing wrong with it. Just don't get behind the wheel, give your keys to someone who isn't drinking. Remember the old saying, "the life you save may be your own".

On the drug scene

You thought things couldn't get any worse? Check this out. Many law enforcement agencies are receiving alerts of a nationwide trend among drug traffickers. Law enforcement officers are being baited with a white powder called "ricin", which is a derivative of castor beans and looks like powder methamphetamine. It is highly toxic, and if it touches human skin, it is fatal. The death process takes several days, depending upon the dosage, and is almost impossible to detect during an autopsy.

Symptoms

If this powder is field tested by officers, it will foam and bubble, give off a gas that is similar to mustard and can be lethal if inhaled. Ricin is 6000 times more lethal than cyanide, and there is no antidote. Symptoms are fever, cough, weakness, hypothermia that progresses to dangerously low blood pressure, heart failure and death.

I am amazed at what people will do to each other for money. Drug dealers will do anything to anybody to protect their business.

Brothers, we have to get more involved in the program. There is so much death connected with drug dealing. Many who die are very young children. How long are we going to accept drug dealers in our society? How many people have to die before we wake up and start doing something

about it? I get very angry just thinking about drugs and drug dealers.

Let's help each other and see if we can't do something, anything. Call me.

*Past
Master's*
Supper Club

President
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We are getting on the downside of Winter, and the sun feels great. Bowling is coming to an end, and golf is next on the menu. I hope each is actively engaged in an area of pleasure. When the sun begins to set, think about joining our Past Master group for some good food and good fun.

Dues

It was noted by Max Amsterdam that "business is the art of extracting money from another person's pocket without resorting to violence". Be sure to see Bob Sanford with your dues money. It's been said that he's the "baddest man" at the Red Men's Club. Let's not get him waving his pipe. I think I heard him say, "I don't like money, but it calms my nerves". Then another time he said, "All I want is a chance to prove that having a lot of money will not make me miserable". Gets me all choked up.

Thanks

Last time our guest speaker was not able to attend, but Bill Lindsay stepped in and gave a short but solid talk concerning Hunter Kelly. Thanks, and a tip of the Past Master hat!

Jim Powell and Larry Miller have been laid up for awhile. We hope to see each of you at our next meeting. Hopefully, our man from the Caribbean will be delivering a "Cuban Twisted" cigar for each of us. You'll have to be here to see if he delivers.

What do you think?

A column on the opinions of our readers has been tried by former Editors of this publication. The idea is not new. This is the first time that this Editor has tried it and the success of the feature will depend on you. Of course, the Masonic Times reserves the right to edit these contributions in keeping with Masonic values and precepts. Readers should feel free to express their opinions in response to any printed here. Opinions should be expressed objectively and civilly. Letters not in keeping with this policy will not be printed.

Editor

**Clouds of Secondhand
Smoke Pollute
Masonic Functions**

By M. Cathy Helmes

The Lord knows I want to get more involved with Masonic functions, but, clouds of secondhand smoke at most Masonic events, cause watery eyes, sneezing, sinus infections, wheezing, and a mad dash for an antibiotic. Don't get me wrong. I understand what a pain in the neck an addiction to nicotine can be, since I quit smoking cigarettes 11 years ago after puffing for 20 years.

Smokers, think about this: an inanimate object, a cigarette, cigar or pipe, is posing as your friend, ruling your life, and will eventually kill you. Harming yourself is one thing. Harming someone else is quite another.

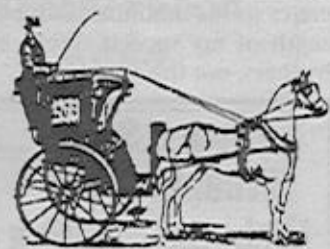
The Masons are a positive influence in the lives of many. To be honest, I am impressed with the true bonding and unselfish acts by people in Masonic groups. Why then, without the sky having to fall upon the heads of smokers in these groups, would these same people not comprehend how deadly their secondhand smoke is to their Brothers and Sisters within the Masonic family?

Many requests are made by the Masons for new members. Why

would the Masons expect young people to join a group that would put the young people and their families in jeopardy of cancer, heart disease, and asthma, because of secondhand smoke that the young people know will be a part of the very organization they are thinking of joining?

Every time a new Masonic leader takes over, my hopes for nonsmoking events are heightened. However, when I realize that no changes have been made to the secondhand smoke situation, my hopes are blighted. That means my husband, Robert, a Mason for over 30 years, and I, will have to spend another year Mason-free because neither of us can tolerate secondhand smoke of any kind.

Now, I won't continue whining about secondhand smoke. A person doesn't have to be a genius to know that secondhand smoke has no boundaries, and that it travels from bar to dining room wielding its stench and toxins. You won't hear anything more from me. I never want to be accused of beating an old horse to death. However, you won't be seeing this aging filly at any Masonic functions any time soon unless you begin to give nonsmokers with health problems a breath of fresh air. ☐



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So, in closing, 'farewell' and may God bless each and everyone of us. See you around the District. □

Grand Sword Bearer

Genesee/Wyoming District



R.-W. Richard C. Anderson

The end

As this is my last article as Staff Officer of the Genesee/Wyoming District, I thank you for an exceptionally good performance in keeping your Lodges and the District alive and well represented. I am very appreciative for your help and time with education and Grand Lodge Programs.

Thanks

I thank you for the welcome and fellowship that I received in my visits to the Lodges. In dealing with one another, we all learn something. The DDGM and I are very pleased with the activities and accomplishments that all of you have done in the past two years. Keep up the good work for your Lodge and the Fraternity and support the new Officers. □

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837



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

1st and 3rd
Thursday

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

Spring

Well, Spring is finally here. It sure is good to see the trees budding, the flowers blooming, the lawns greening and the geese flying about. Speaking of birds, I have noticed many of the Hesperus snowbirds have returned. I truly look forward to seeing all of you in Lodge.

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Scholarships

The deadlines for Grand Lodge and George Walker Scholarships are quickly approaching, April 30th and May 1st respectively. Contact W.- John Specht at 548-2694 for forms and information.

Award Presentation

The General Douglas MacArthur Youth Award for exemplary service to youth of New York State was presented April 18th to Mrs. Ellen Menzie of Bergen. The Presentation took place at the Rose Garden Restaurant Youth Bowling Banquet. Ellen has given of herself for the past 20+ years so the youth in the area can enjoy the sport of organized league bowling. Her dedicated hours of organizing, coaching, and cheerleading have touched the hearts of countless children in our community. Mrs. Menzie, it gives us great pleasure to present you with this Award. Thank you and God Bless you and your family.

Brother Bring-a-Friend

April 30th is our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Dinner will be served by the OES at 6:30 p.m. and an open meeting will follow. Please plan to attend and show these prospective candidates why Masonry is something that they truly should become a part of.

Chicken Bar-B-Que

Plans are being finalized for our Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que. This fundraiser will take place on May 16th at the Masonic Temple in Bergen. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children. For more information contact W.- Garry Hutcherson at 494-1395.

3rd Degree

The conferral of the 3rd Degree will take place on May 21st and I will be in the East. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. by the OES. Please plan to come and show support for our newest Master Masons.

Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge in New York City is May 4th - 5th. □

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



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

2nd and 4th
Wednesdays

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

Greetings, Brethren

That time of year to select your Nominating Committees for the upcoming year is fast approaching. Some will be stepping aside and some will be staying in their respective stations and places. It looks as if I will be staying in the Master's Chair for the coming year. I would like to thank all the Brothers of Triluminar Lodge for all of your help and support, you guys are the best.

3rd Degree

On April 22nd, 2 Brothers were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Congratulations to both new Brothers. As always, a heartfelt thank you to Waneta Krauss and Stebbins Chapter, OES, for the wonderful meal and to all the Brothers who took part in the Degree.

Golf Tournament

It is getting close to Tee Time. Call early for a choice Tee Time for our 5th Annual Golf Tournament. See the Bulletin in the Times for prices and prizes.

Installation of Officers

Our Annual Installation of Officers will be held on May 27th, 8:00 p.m.-Harding Temple. □

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



W.- Robert
Strang,
Master
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R.-W.- Donald Van Son,
Secretary 591-1390
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Sickness and distress

"They never quite leave us
Our friends who have passed
Through the gateway eternal
To the sunlight above.
A thousand sweet memories
Are holding them fast
To the place they blessed
By their presence and love".

Our Brother, R.-W.- Donald N. Janson, was raised a Master Mason in May of 1957 and called by the Great Architect on March 30, 1998.

Mobile meeting

Attica Lodge's regular communication on April 15th was on the road, as we traveled to Fillmore and Oriona Grove Lodge to partake of their Annual Maple Sugar Night.

Dates to remember

April 1st was to be the Harold August presentation about the Morgan Incident. Due to unforeseen circumstances, this was moved to April 29th.

May 4th and 5th is the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Congratulations are in order for 4 Lodges of the Genesee/Wyo-

May 1998
ming District: Oakland No. 379, Arcade No. 419, Batavia No. 475 and Hesperus No. 837. They will be receiving the Potts Award. Who will repeat next year, and who else can join them?

On May 6th Attica's own SW, Dennis Turton, will be receiving his Purple Apron as Grand Steward. Congratulations to Dennis. This will be our regular meeting night, but the Presentation will be open.

On May 10th Attica Lodge will be having their Annual Mother's Day Chicken Bar-B-Que.

May 11th Ray Barber will be receiving his Apron as new District Deputy of the Genesee/Wyoming District.

On June 6th Triluminar will be hosting its Annual Golf Tournament. The Master is looking for a few good men to join in this fun event.

Brotherhood

The 1st week in June ends the Brotherhood Fund Drive for 1997-98. If you have not contributed to this worthwhile cause, there is still time, although it is running out. Attica Lodge has had to date approximately 33% participation. Where are you?

Support

A Masonic Lodge can be defined as a group of men who believe in God and brotherhood. A key word in this definition is Group, which consists of 5 letters. Note the letter "u", also used in the words us and you. Without "u" the words become grop and yo which don't make much sense. So yo let us know what is going on with you because Masonry or the group doesn't make much sense without you.

Brothers, remember your dues also help to support the group.

Pancake Breakfast

Thank to all who supported these monthly fundraisers. They have been a great success and enjoyable to participate in.

April's results were \$170.00, so 'til next time Chuck, you can shut down the grill and Jerry can stop cracking eggs. Thank you again. □



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On March 3rd we held a 1st Degree for three new Brothers, with the 3rd Degree scheduled for April 27th.

May plans

I will be going to Grand Lodge in New York City, along with our newly appointed DDGM, R.: W.: Raymond Barber. Grand Lodge is the first weekend in May.

On May 11th we will be presenting the DDGM Apron to R.: W.: Raymond Barber and also presenting a Dedicated Service Award Apron to Brother Les Dawson. This will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public. For reservations call James Allen at 457-3079. We will also have Election of Officers for the 1998-99 year at the May 11th meeting.

Installation

On June 9th we will be having a joint Installation with Arcade Lodge No. 419.

Sympathy

We have the unfortunate duty to report the passing of W.: Mack Makowski on April 6th in Lake Wales, Fl.

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

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



W.: Robert Clow,
Master
584-9944

1st & 3rd
Wed.

R.: W.: Robert Nicoll, Secretary
768-7922
8 West Main Street
LeRoy, N. Y. 14482

By R.: W.: Robert G.S. Nicoll Horace Wilder of Batavia Lodge gave me a chart of Officers of former Masonic Lodges in Batavia, NY. Olive Branch Lodge originally started in Batavia, moving until it located in LeRoy.

In 1811 the Officers of Olive Branch Lodge were:

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|----------|----------------|
| Master | Ezra Platt |
| SW | Richard Smith |
| JW | Lemuel Foster |
| Treas. | William Rumsey |
| Sec. | Isaiah Babcock |
| SD | Sebe Brainard |
| JD | Isaac Lincoln |
| Stewards | Mat. B. Eames |
| | Bateman Fisk |
| Tiler | Luther Cutler |

In LeRoy many streets and building blocks on Main Street were named for their Masonic builders. Ezra Platt built the first grist mill on the Oatka River with Stoddard. Platt Avenue and Lincoln Avenue are two very beautiful streets in the LeRoy Village.

Again, Olive Branch will host the seminar for the new DDGM's

and Staff Officers. This will be April 25th, a Saturday.

Kiel Trumbore had a session in the hospital and is now back at the Genesee County Nursing Home.

Updates on work

Clayton Dimick has worked on the new Conn Organ. The copper breaker points had to be cleaned. That task is completed, and a few adjustments and tuning and Leone will be ready to play the "Tiger Rag"!

The tin work has been completed. Paul Smith and Clayton Dimick have put the stove hood in place. Now a little exhaust work, the Ansul System and the kitchen will be ready again. Paul and Clayton installed new florescent lights in the kitchen and there is really LIGHT.

May

Soon all the snow birds will be returning and we have plenty of activities for May.

May 6th-Lodge-petitions are coming in.

May 9th-Honor Night-we have honorees for 60 years, 50 years, DeWitt Clinton Award, and a Citation. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., ceremony at 7:30 p.m. This special night will be open to the public.

Best wishes

Master Robert Clow has accepted a teaching position in North Carolina and is moving there. We wish him great success in his new endeavor.

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

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

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

Blizzard coming soon!

How do I know? Simple. This morning I took the snowblower off and mounted a mower deck on my garden tractor. It's just like washing your car. Five minutes after you're done drying, the sky will open up!

Welcome, Gene Hartman

On March 25th, 54 Brothers saw our own Gene Hartman, along with four other Fellowcrafts, raised to Master Mason. R.: W.: Steve Wing held down the East and, as usual, did a fine job. The Lecture was given flawlessly by W.: Keith Rumsey from Friendship Lodge. I had seen the Lecture given before, but never with the level of expertise and feeling that Keith gave it. It was a good night for Masonry.

Enjoyable evening

The Eastern Star has two new members, Mammosser and Mammosser! Yep, you guessed it. My wife, Cheri, and I are the newest members of Centennial Chapter No. 299, Order of the Eastern Star. On Monday, April 6th, Cheri and I officially became members during one of the most moving and enjoyable ceremonies that I have ever seen. We were doubly fortunate in that our swearing in night was also the Official Visit for the District Deputy Grand Matron. In short, a truly enjoyable evening.

Still confusion in Craft

Last month I noted that Warsaw has 78 guys who never show up for meetings. I requested that these Brothers contact me and let me know why they're staying away. Well fellas, I haven't had one response. Does this mean that you're not reading the *Times*, or is it that you just don't care? I'll try again. If it's your health, a personal problem, or geographical distance, I fully understand. If however, you think that Lodge has nothing to offer you, or you have a personal problem with a Brother, or you don't remember the Ritual, or you don't want to dress up, or simply don't want to drive, give me a call at 786-5896. Please let me know!

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

On Tuesday, April 7th, Rochester's R.: W.: Bruce Chilton was the featured speaker at Warsaw's annual Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Three guests were treated to an exciting overview of Masonry and the Shrine. After the lecture, all present made short work of the pizza and refreshments. Thanks to W.: L. John Herman for making the arrangements with Bruce. I greatly enjoyed the evening and it appears our guests did, too!

Fellowcraft Degree at Pike

On April 8th yours truly and W.: Doc Benn traveled to Pike to watch W.: Bill Swyers and his guys confer the Fellowcraft Degree for two of their Entered Apprentices. W.: Bill did a fine job as Master. W.: Bill Oslowski sat in the West, and W.: Chuck Krause held down the South. W.: Keith Rumsey came in from Friendship, this time to perform the Middle Chamber Lecture. Again, his work was flawless.

Incidentally, during the introductions Chuckles Krause, for the 978th time, made a point of telling us that he is the reigning Euchre Champion of the G/W District. As I've said so many times before, if Jim Ratigan and Fletcher Parker had played to their full potential, Chuck wouldn't be able to make his victory speech each time we see him. I can't wait for the 1999 games!

Future events

Tuesday, May 5th is Election of Officers.

On Tuesday, May 19th, we will have a Ceremony honoring W.: Lester Bush, Brother John Conable, and W.: Russell Cox for 50 years Masonic membership.

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

Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161

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

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

By Ed Law, Senior Deacon Brothers of Eagle Valley Lodge will assemble for the regularly stated communication at Eagle Valley Lodge, Bliss, NY, on Thursday, May 14th, and on Thursday, May 28th at 8:00 p.m.

Chicken Bar-B-Que

For those who may have overlooked the Eagle Valley news as it appeared in the *Masonic Times*

April 1998 issue, Eagle Valley Lodge's Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th at Eagle Valley Lodge. Feasting begins at 4:00 p.m. Take-outs will be available.

55 Year Certificate

R.: W.: Sheldon Moden, Eagle Valley Lodge Secretary, has informed this writer that the necessary steps have been taken to assure the presentation of the 55 Year Certificate and Pin to Brother Douglas Shaffner, who has long resided in Tempe, Arizona. More information regarding Brother Shaffner's Award is expected.

Eagle Valley Lodge to help high school Senior

Fillmore Central School Senior, Troy Hatch, may be able to travel to Russia soon through the auspices of Fillmore Central School and an organization called "Partners with Russia". At its regular communication of March 26th, Eagle Valley Lodge agreed to contribute to Troy's travel fund. Troy hopes to soon raise sufficient money for the trip and says that donations to his travel fund are tax deductible if the checks are made out to "Partners with Russia". Checks should be mailed to Troy Hatch, Fillmore Central School, Box 177, Fillmore, NY 14735. Troy's trip will be for two weeks. Several days in Moscow, and several days in a countryside camp are featured. Troy's "mission" on this trip, he says, is to help young Russians in their study of modern American (English) language.

Senior Deacon's travels

On Wednesday, March 25th, this writer traveled to Pike, NY, and witnessed the very fine 3rd Degree work of Triluminar Lodge. Brothers of many Lodges gathered in Pike for the Degree work and fellowship of the event. All the good feelings generated brought to mind the Holy Bible's teaching (Psalm 133) of... "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity".

Brothers-Eagle Valley Lodge needs you as much as you need Eagle Valley Lodge. In the truest sense of words, Brothers are the Lodge, and the pleasure and pride that Lodge can bring is directly proportionate to the input and energy supplied by you and me-the Brothers of Eagle Valley Lodge!! Come to our Lodge meetings! Further referring to the Holy Bible's Psalm 133-that which "...is like the precious ointment of Aaron" awaits you!

Thanks

In all humility, thanks to *Masonic Times* Editor, Don Brugger, for the April, 1998 Lodge News Article Award. This writer is pleased to bring pleasure and honor to Eagle Valley Lodge.

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



W.: Craig Reitmeyer, Master
496-9975

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

Recently my mother was ill and my attention was not on writing an article for the *Times*. I did have some time to think over what she has given me over these many years while she was recuperating at my home. I reminisced about the many good times we've had together. It was a pleasure that will be long remembered.

Bingo Night

This was another rewarding night at the Veterans Hospital in Batavia for all. I believe the Brothers get as much out of the program as the patients. We all enjoy the fellowship and realize the good that R.: W.: Sheldon Moden does each month in maintaining the program at the hospital.

Elections and Installation

The Nominating Committee has been formed and is in the process of selecting names for the elected offices. May will be elections and Installation will be jointly held June 9th with Mt. Vernon at Arcade Masonic Temple.

50 Year Awards

We have three 50 Year Awards which will be made in June at a dinner for the recipients and their families and friends. The Brothers are: Robert Anwyl, Charles Newman and Stanley Tarbox. We are planning an Awards Dinner for the recipients of the DeWitt Clinton and Douglas MacArthur Awards to take place that same evening. This will be by reservation, so that we have a rough

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headcount. Please plan on attending. The actual date and time will be forthcoming in the next issue.

Training


Leadership training took place April 10th and 24th in Arcade with R.W. Richard Anderson conducting the program. This culminates training for this fiscal year as it relates to "Road to the East" and "Leadership Training".

Help needed

Our Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que with the Knights of Columbus is taking shape and planned for June 7th. We will need your help, so reserve that day for us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported me this year and for those whom I have not met as yet, I'm looking forward to that day. □

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



W. William H. Genagon, Master 548-7182
2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Stephen A. Licht Sec. (716) 343-1517
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Reminder

I remind everyone of our Recognition Night on Saturday, May 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. at Bohn's on Clinton Street. We will be having a wonderful meal along with great entertainment and the opportunity to present four longevity awards. Invitations have been sent out. No matter how hard we try to make sure everyone gets an invitation, we sometimes overlook someone. If you did not get an invitation and would like to come, please contact Bob Dagen at 548-7148.

Summons

Our Annual Summons for the Election of Officers and the change in our By-Laws should be in the mail by the time you receive this paper. The election of Officers will be on Tuesday, May 12th and a Public Installation of Officers by the Genesee/Wyoming Purple Apron Club will be held on Tuesday, May 26th.

Accomplishments


As I look back over the last few years, the Lodge has accomplished much, but we still have a

long way to go. It is with great confidence that I will be handing the gavel over to my successor who is ready and willing to accept the challenges of the Lodge and Freemasonry. The new slate of officers will compliment the Master and work diligently to uphold the ideals of Freemasonry.

Thank you

At the same time I thank my officers who worked hard to make me look good and represent Batavia Lodge as well. I also thank the staff at the *Masonic Times* for putting up my sometimes "late" articles. Their kindness and consideration will always be remembered by this Past Master. □

CONSTELLATION Lodge No. 404



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

50 Years a Mason

Congratulations to Brother Joseph W. Pascoe. He was raised in Constellation Lodge No. 404 on March 4, 1948.

Election and Installation

May 7th has been designated as election night. Be sure to attend our stated communication at 8:00 p.m. Oyster Stew will be provided in the dining room after the meeting.

Installation has been set for May 21st. A special invitation is extended to Brother Lowell Osborne and Brother Mike Otis, our newly raised Brothers, to exercise their first opportunity to cast a ballot.

Brotherhood Fund

Please try to respond to this most worthy cause if you have not yet contributed.

Thank you

For all those Brothers and Sisters who helped out at the recent Swiss Steak Dinner, many thanks. Thanks, also, to those who contributed money for the repair of the Temple roof.

Breakfast in the Park


The time has come once more for us to get together on Father's Day for a real breakfast cookout. Set aside time on Sunday, June 21. Serving begins early as most

of us know, but there will be plenty of food for seconds.

Thanks

It has been a fast and busy two years as Master of Constellation Lodge No. 404. Thank you, Brothers, for your help, cooperation and consideration. □

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



W. William Geltner, Master 535-7874
1st & 3rd Mondays

R.W. Kenneth E. Kohlhagen, Secretary 591-9598
2473 Route 20A Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

West Star No. 413 has been very busy since we last talked. On a Saturday and Sunday, Paul Baetzold, Mel and Carl Parmerter and I blew the insulation into the attic. We now have 10 to 12 inches of insulation throughout the whole attic. It was a good job well done. The only problem we had was when we were done we had dust everywhere. We would like to give special thanks to Lorrie and Sue for the excellent clean up job they did for us.

Uniform Night

When Paul and I joined West Star No. 413 in 1983 we were Correctional Officers working 11 p.m.-7 a.m. at Attica. The Lodge allowed Paul and I to attend in uniform so we could go straight to work. On April 6th we did something different. We had Uniform Night and it was a great success. We had 22 people present, most all in uniform of one kind or another. We had several guests in uniform and all together we had 14 different kinds of uniforms. They ranged from a Boy Scout Leader to Civil War enthusiasts.

My wife, Lorrie, also made a birthdaycake for Sheriff Capwell, who sat near the East in his Sheriff's uniform. It was nice of Sheriff Capwell to celebrate his birthday with West Star.

We also had a friend, Tom Thompson, from Attica, attend our program in his Captain's uniform from the Revolutionary War in the 1770's. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Apron Presentation

The next big event was Merle Robinson's Grand Representative's Apron Presentation on April 18th. There were photos and refreshments after the Presentation. This was a happy day for Merle and West Star.

In closing, keep an eye open for pictures in the *Empire State Mason* and the *Masonic Times*. I will talk with your next month. □

Did You Know?

Compiled By Jay McCullough

• District Deputies are vested with authority upon appointment. No investiture or warrant is necessary. [Supplement to NY Masonic Law 308].

• Since amendment of 1945 to Section 346 of the Constitutions, a dispensation to a deaf candidate is proper. [Supplement to NY Masonic Law 498].

• A Lodge may permit women to act as reference if it desires. [Supplement to NY Masonic Law 519]. □

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By R.W. Dave Jones

I'd like to thank R.W. Charles Ogburn for sending me a copy of a piece that appeared in a recent New York Times op-ed page. The article described the current anti-Masonic feeling that is surfacing in England. Much of the criticism centers on the allegation that Masons are covering up or otherwise preventing their members from being brought to justice through the English Court system.

How far should a Mason go to help and assist a Brother? Change a flat tire? Lend him a few dollars? No problem. How about refusing to testify against a Brother at a trial? Or, as British critics would have you believe, actively work to protect a Brother engaged in criminal activity?

These allegations go directly against the grain of all that Masonry believes. We tell the community we take good men and make them better. We talk about stretching forth a hand to assist a falling Brother on lawful occasions. We talk about whispering wise council in the ear of an erring Brother.

You, as a member of our "secret society", have the responsibility to act in the best interest of yourself, your Brothers, your Lodge and the community at large. Think back to the obligations of the three Degrees, to the Lectures and Charges that were presented at those times. Your responsibility, upon discovering the activity of an erring Brother is to help him return to a moral way of life, and failing that, bring the activity to the attention of your Lodge's Master so he may take further action.


Masonry prides itself on tolerance of political and religious views, but on this point there is no compromise. We do not tolerate criminal behavior. We require adherence to the tenets of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. We will extend every effort to instruct our Brothers in the acceptable behavior that will reflect favorably upon him and our Craft.

Every time you venture out into society you are carrying the reputation of millions of your Brothers with you. We are all being judged by your actions. Do not tolerate anything less than you would expect from your Brothers. □

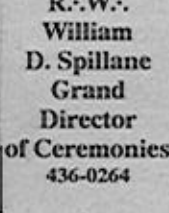
Editor's Award for Non-Lodge Articles

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
352-3574



R.W. William D. Spillane
Grand Director of Ceremonies
436-0264

By R.W. Eugene Brendel

Re-awakening

The coming of the month of May heralds changes not only in the seasonal year, but in the Masonic year as well. As we set aside the trappings of Winter and reorient our psyche to the joys offered by the earth's re-awakening, we must do the same in our Fraternity.

The incumbent Masters are preparing for their trip to New York City and the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, while the Lodges prepare for elections and installation of new officers. For most Lodges a new line of officers brings with it an opportunity for fresh thoughts and a different perspective. For other Lodges a continuing line provides a breather for less experienced Masons and newer Brothers to build on their experience and learn from their Shepherds and teachers.


Learning experience

As my term as Grand Steward comes to a close, I am reminded that for the last four years I have been one of several more visible teachers in the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts and am amazed at how much I have learned in the process. There is much truth in the saying, "if you want to learn, teach!"

For two years as Assistant Grand Lecturer I had the privilege of working closely with Dave Jones assisting Lodges to improve on their Ritual work. For the last two years, as a Grand Lodge Officer, again working with Dave, Cy Kloner and Bill Spillane, we were fortunate in helping implement the Grand Master's Education Program. Being involved in these activities not only increased my knowledge of Freemasonry, but allowed me to interact with the many fine men and women in the Monroe Districts and throughout New York State, with whom I came in contact.

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spect in our society. There is another side to teaching, however, that society often overlooks and that is that every single person is a teacher throughout his or her life. Whether or not we acknowledge it, we teach through our daily lives and how we interact with others.

As Brothers we must always remember that we teach lessons about our Craft to the uninitiated by our daily actions. We are living examples of the Masonic lessons we learn in our Degrees and through regular attendance in our Lodges. If we stop to think of what we learned from our parents and what we teach to our children by our actions, it is easy to see the impression we have on those with whom we come in contact.

A recent article in the local paper informs us that a local public access cable program will soon export its sleaze to New York City because of its success. The producers claim that the public wants this type of programming. A currently running motion picture depicting political life at the highest levels of government (and incidentally, the lowest levels of morality) is said by the director to reflect "our country as it is". I don't think so!

Masonry is one of the few remaining bastions of moral teaching and each and every one of us needs to remember that. We do not have the broad access to the public that the media has, so we must keep in mind one of the lessons of the Master Mason Degree... "let nothing be more intolerable in your sight than the letting down of yourself to a lower level. Bid men come up to you, but refuse to descend a single step to them", and live by it. Our society sorely needs that kind of thinking!

To those who provided me the opportunity to serve the Craft; to a fellow traveler for the last two years, Cy Kloner, who has become a good friend; to Dave Jones and the inimitable Bill Spillane for your help, I say thank you! To all those Brothers who supported me and tolerated my inadequacies, I repeat, thank you! A special thanks to my wife, Alice, who patiently waited up nights to help me unwind.

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R.W.M. D. SCOTT SELTZER
2nd MONROE DISTRICT

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1st MONROE DISTRICT



By V.V.W.M. John E. Zabel
Joint Investiture

The Monroe Districts Joint Investiture Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 29th in Cathedral Hall in the Downtown Masonic Temple. At the Ceremony, the Masters Elect of the Lodges in the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts will be invested with the Secrets of the Chair. The constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New York require that the Master-Elect of every Lodge be invested with

them prior to their installation as Master. It is therefore important that the Master-Elect and the sitting Master of the Lodges be present. All the Past Masters of the Monroe Lodges are fraternally and cordially invited to attend. The Ceremony is open to Masters of Lodges, Past Masters and Masters-Elect only.

The evening will start with dinner in the 3rd Floor Dining Room at 6:15 p.m. The dinner is by reservation only. The reservations should be made with W.V. Dan Walker by Friday May 22nd. The cost will be \$7.00.

The Investiture Ceremony will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. The sitting Master and the Master-Elect of each Lodge must assemble on the 3rd Floor by 7:15 p.m. More information will be sent to each Lodge. This will include more details about the dinner, dress for the evening, and the proxy statement to be signed by the sitting Master.

Note: Will the Brother who mistakenly left ERAC Lodge on March 9th with my AGL Apron case, please call me at 223-3228 in the evening or 722-7620 during the day to make arrangements to return it to me.

Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County

President:
V.V.W.M. John Zabel
Secretary-Treasurer:
R.W.M. D. Scott Seltzer

By V.V.W.M. John E. Zabel

Iron John and Myth

George had been spending considerable amount of time thinking about and planning for his year as Master of the Lodge. The "Road to the East" Program had given him much needed information, as well as, the impetus to be an excellent Master when the time came. On the side he had been reading several books about the modern male and some of the theories about what the modern man needed in his life. He didn't necessarily agree with everything he read, but it gave him cause for thought.

One evening after Lodge closed he got talking to Stan. Stan had recently been raised a Master Mason. "Hi Stan, glad you could be here tonight. How are things going for you?", asked George.

"Things are all right, but I had an interesting experience the other day. One of the guys I work with asked me about Masonry. I remembered what we had talked about after I was raised, so I had no problem describing Masonry, but then he asked why anyone would become a Freemason. There I was stumped after mentioning meeting new people and doing something different. What could I have said?" replied Stan.

"I've been thinking about that myself. Here's an idea. Freemasonry provides a male a Rite of Initiation into manhood, a path to follow in his passage through life, and an understanding of the importance of rising up to a higher moral plane in life. We do this through the three Degrees and their Symbolic and Allegorical meanings. We do not give a prescriptive for accomplishing this, we only give a man the tools and hints on how to build a better life," explained George.

"Wow, that's deep, but I think I see what you're getting at. I'll have to give this all some more

thought myself, then I'll answer my co-worker's question," said Stan.

"Well, that's all you really can do. Let me know how things work out, I'm interested to know," said George.

State of the Bureau

A meeting was held on March 30th to discuss the Bureau of Masonic Education, its organization and purpose. The outcome of the meeting was a consensus that the Bureau of Masonic Education is a useful part of Masonry in the Monroe Districts. The structure of the Bureau was discussed with several recommendations for change. As these changes are refined you will be hearing more about them. Any Brother who has an interest in Masonic Education is encouraged to call me at 223-3228 to discuss their interests as they may relate to the Bureau.

Masters and Wardens Association

1st & 2nd
MONROE DISTRICTS

President
Andrew McBride 224-9479
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By Andrew G. McBride

Time flies

It doesn't seem that two years have passed since I first participated in the Masters & Wardens Association and began to expand my Masonic horizons beyond the Blue Lodge, along with the other newly elected Junior Wardens, but it has and we are once again in the annual transition from one group of Masters to another. It is now my responsibility to write this column each month. It has been an enjoyable two years working toward the Master's Chair and I am excited about the things our Association will be doing in the upcoming year. By the time you read this column we will have had our April meeting at Clio Lodge and enjoyed a memorable dinner at the Ox Roast. We will also have had the opportunity to read and vote for the first time on the proposed changes to the Association's By-Laws. I won't speculate on this, but will report to you in my next column.

New Officers

New Officers were elected at the February meeting. They are: President, Andrew McBride, Germania No. 722; Vice-President, Andres Alvarez, Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088; Secretary, Louis Sanfillippo, Churchville No. 667; and Treasurer, Gerald Spero, Flower City No. 910. A Trestleboard has been discussed, but not finalized, due to the possible changes in our By-Laws. Once it has been firmed up, I will see that it is communicated to all members.

Participation

We all hope that the upcoming year will see increased participation in our activities. We hope the incoming Junior and Senior Deacons will join us and become familiar with the Association and benefit from officers helping officers to get the job done.

Picnics

To get the ball rolling, an informal picnic will be held in June

to allow the new Junior Wardens and their families to meet the rest of the group and enjoy good food and fellowship. This will not be a business meeting, but a social event, and ice breaker if you will, for the newly elected members of our Association. I look forward to seeing everyone there. In addition, a Summer social function is tentatively planned for mid-July. This will also be a picnic and an event for the entire family.

Grand Ball

By W.V. Bill Nardone

The Annual Masters and Wardens Masonic Grand Ball was held on Saturday, March 28th, at Rochester's Riverside Convention Center. What a splendid evening it was! Thanks to the nearly 100 Brothers and their la-

ties who attended this year's festivities, the event was a resounding success and a "grand" time was had by all.

Our gala began at 6:00 p.m. with soft music and cocktails as the guests arrived. Soon the room was filled with conversation and the partygoers quickly helped themselves to an overflowing appetizer table filled with a variety of fresh fruits and cheeses. The lights were low, the tables comfortably spaced, and we could see that the food was nearly ready to be served.

Shortly after 7:00 p.m. President, W.V. Bob McBride, issued his official welcome from the speaker's platform. After the Invocation we partook of the meal. Freshly prepared pasta, with a variety of unusual sauces, combined with

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Just a few of the Monroe Districts Grand Ball guests and their escorts socializing on March 28th at the Rochester Convention Center.



(lft.) W.V. W. Nardone-WM Flower City, W.V. R. Griswold-WM Northfield and (rt.) W.V. R. McBride-WM Germania and W.V. B. Keery-WM Etolian, presenting DeWitt Clinton Award to Thomas Mooney of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce at the Grand Ball.

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generous helpings of Roast Turkey, made for a truly delicious meal. The Convention Center Staff was quite determined that there should be no complaints about the food or service.

Vice President, W.: Donald Tubman, introduced Thomas Mooney, President of the Greater Rochester Metro Chamber of Commerce. He was presented the DeWitt Clinton Award by W.: Bob McBride in recognition of his continuing efforts to promote the development and improvement of our fair city. Mr. Mooney gave a short acceptance speech, in which he remarked on the importance of organizations, such as Freemasonry, to the health and spirit of our community. He praised our charitable works and our continuing devotion and dedication to the traditions of which we are so rightly proud.



R.: W.: David Jones-DDGM 2nd Mon. and Thomas Mooney, President of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, recipient of the DeWitt Clinton Award at the Grand Ball.

Then it was time to raid the dessert table and the dancing and celebration began. The DJ provided us with enjoyable music and did his best to encourage us to kick up our heels on the dance floor. There were several times when you just couldn't fit one more couple on the dance floor. Instead of the Silent Auction that had previously been announced, the organizers decided to raffle off the various donations and held a fifty-fifty drawing. The DJ announced the winners during the night and helped to keep the excitement going.

My wife and I were not able to stay until the very end, but I am quite certain that all of our guests had a wonderful time. It was gratifying to see that the evening went so smoothly, and for that we are indebted to the Convention Center Staff, the Entertainment Committee, and Bob McBride.

On behalf of the Officers of the Masters and Wardens Association I thank all who attended and sincerely hope that all of you found the evening well worth the effort.

1st Monroe District

Editor's Award for Lodge News Articles

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

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538



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

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

Henry Libera, Secretary

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Greetings

This being my final news article, I want to start by thanking everybody for their help and participation during my term as Master. The Line Officers, Past Masters and members were there to say "yes" when asked, that means this is a great Lodge to be a part of, and an officer. The Line Officers who are moving up are very enthusiastic and have great new ideas. We can all look forward to many years of meetings worth attending and enjoying.

I tried to have a variety of programs that even included traveling to the Downtown Masonic Temple without having to formally open and close.

Thank you to R.: W.: Paul Moore for that By Law change, that many Masters will now be able to exercise. I will leave the office with many fond memories and will continue to be available wherever I can help.

Feast of the Paschal Lamb

On April 3rd the members met at the Downtown Temple for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony performed by the Officers of Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix. We enjoyed a Roast Beef Dinner, the Ceremony and refreshments afterward. The evening was enjoyed by everybody and should be part of our meeting program each year.

Move Up Night

On April 17th the Officers assumed their next office, with Brother John Ponschock in the East. They showed us that they are prepared for their new responsibilities and ready to move up. Now it's our turn to support them when they are elected and at our Annual Communication.

Widows Luncheon

On April 25th we had our Annual Widows Luncheon. As of writing this news letter, there were nine widows attending along with the members who, picked them up and took them to the Luncheon. The widows received widows pins, if they did not already have one, and everybody always enjoys this special Luncheon every year.

Past Masters Night

On May 7th, R.: W.: Bruce Chilton will host the Past Masters Night by having a Table Lodge. My meeting schedule was changed so that everybody could attend this Table Lodge. There will be a Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m. for a \$10.00 donation, with profit going to a charity. Please make a reservation with the JW, Bernie Russell at 872-1353.

Annual Communication

On May 21st we will have our Annual Communication. Business of the evening will be Annual Reports, Grand Lodge Report, and Election of Officers. If you have an annual report to present, please have a copy for the Secretary to attach to the minutes.

Spaghetti Dinners

Please don't forget our monthly Spaghetti Dinners on the 1st Friday of the month. Our Brother Doug Koenig works very hard on this and needs every-body's help. There is a signup sheet in the Fellowcraft Room for each monthly dinner. Please sign up for whatever time you can give us. If your time is limited, come out for the best dinner in the area.

Closing

Thanks again for your help and participation this year. Your support makes this the best Lodge in Monroe County. Continue that support with next year's officers. IT'S COMING!!

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. 14528

Grand Lodge

At the time I was composing this article the plans for my trip to Grand Lodge were nearing completion. It's always an exciting time for the Master of his Lodge to represent the members and see all the other Brothers from around the State.

Potts Award

We are to receive our 10th Potts Award! What a pleasure it will be to walk to the East for it. Our Lodge's tradition is long and something to be proud about. Thanks to all of you who made it possible. Let's keep the string going by supporting your incoming Master.

Thanks

I thank the Lodge at this time for helping to make this trip an enjoyable event. The train ride should be fun, relaxing and full of wonderful sights along the way. It has been years since I have visited New York City. I'm sure it will be an adventure, especially being

DSA Awarded at Etolian



W.: John Mattern-DSA, W.: E.J. Wilson-recipient of Distinguished Service Award, R.: W.: James Powell-Grand Representative of Quebec, R.: W.: Jay McCullough and R.: W.: Eugene Brendel at the presentation Ceremony, (story was in April issue).

with all the other Masters from our District. A full report will be given upon my return.

Ladies Night

May 9th is the date of our Ladies Night. JW Ray DiJames has done a superb job putting all the plans together. The Party House is a wonderful place to socialize with our Brothers and their ladies.

Visitors

Best of all is the planned visits at Ladies Night by our sister Lodges, Coronation and Mt. St. Dennis. W.: Scott Jackson, Master of Coronation, and I have worked hard to combine these visits. At the time of this writing, 21 couples are coming our way from Canada. Along with that, we will be presented the Traveling Plaque. In the Fall, when we visit Canada, we will take it back to them.

Near the end

It is hard to imagine that my year is almost over. To everyone who has helped me make this year better than I could have imagined, thanks. I know that without the support of everyone, no Master can hope to accomplish the goals he has put in front of himself. There are always things that aren't finished or didn't get done. The important thing is that we all worked together and have become closer as a family this year.

Looking ahead

We must, in the years to come, work to continue our support of the incoming Masters and still grow as a Lodge. We must push to bring new members into the family and keep present ones active. For all of us who know sick and distressed Brothers or Brothers that may become inactive due to moving away, remember to call them and show how we truly do care. We must continue to remind ourselves that we are not perfect, we continue to grow and are there for all of us.

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



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

2nd Tuesday 7:30 P.M.

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

June meeting

There will be an Awards Night presentation in Cathedral Hall on June 2nd, with a dinner beforehand. This is the meeting where we will honor DSA recipi-

ent, W.: Glenn Stahl, and several "Years of Service" recipients. The Master's Choice Award for Valley/Simes Mason of the Year will also be given. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., open to family and friends. We will have a Festival of Strawberries after the Ceremonies. Please come and join your Brothers being honored for jobs well done and being good and faithful servants.

May meeting

The Nominating Committee is W.: Glenn Stahl, R.: W.: Herb Spencer and R.: W.: David Clark. Let them hear from you, pro or con. Nominations, Elections, and Installation will all take place at the May 12th business meeting. Please plan to be there for balloting and support, barring legitimate excuses, of course! The year-end financial reports will be read at this meeting. We will have a dinner at 6:30 p.m. at a \$5.00 cost to any Brother. There will be refreshments afterward. This meeting will be tiled. Need a ride? Let us know.

April meeting

We decided to have the Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 Past Masters Dinner and Meeting at the same time as our regular communication on April 14th. The program was a social hour from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Swiss Steak was the entree, with all the fixings, at the usual \$5.00.

Membership

The 3rd Degree was held at ERAC Lodge on Monday April 27th. Thanks to all who came and represented our Lodge and special thanks for those who volunteered to participate in the Ritual. We are in a steady position of adding 4 or 5 new Brothers per year, which is good. We must realize that we lose on average 10 Brothers per year through attrition. We are fortunate, my Brothers, to have a financially healthy Lodge due in no small part to great management. It is our responsibility to lead good men to Masonry, and so, I call you to the task. Send us a name of a man whom you might feel would make a good Mason, and we will do the rest. The officers and a core group of your Brothers have carried this torch for sometime and will continue to support growth in our membership. I've heard no less than 15 excuses from "too old", or "over the hill", to "I've asked my son, nephew, whatever, once already", and "I don't know anybody in Lodge anymore". There's only one reason you don't know anyone in Lodge and that is, for whatever reason, you don't communicate with, or go to Lodge functions. We must think specifically, of people we associate with routinely and their sons, and let your committees do the rest.

End of sermon, end of article. God bless.

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W. William Nardone, Master
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2nd Thursday 7:30 P.M.

R. W. Philip Averbach, Secretary
458-1817

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It's amazing how quickly an entire year goes by! The Annual Election is coming up in May, and the Installation of Officers in June. As I write this article, the weather is warm and clear, a far cry from the rain and snow that so afflicted us for the past few months. With the arrival of such beautiful Springlike conditions, I sincerely hope that more of our Brothers will be able to come out and participate in our various activities.

Olive Garden Dinner Night

By the time you read this, our Lodge Social Night on April 21st at the Olive Garden will already have taken place. I expect that we will have had an excellent meal and a wonderful time. These dinner nights are turning out to be a lot of fun for us all, and I hope that more of our Brothers will attend.


May 14th meeting

We will determine the location of our next Social Night at our meeting on May 14th, as well as talk about some of our plans for Summertime activities. I would like to refer you to the monthly letter you have received from me concerning the particulars for that meeting.

See you there!

That's about it for now! I hope you all enjoyed the Passover and Easter holidays with family and friends. We'll look forward to seeing you at our next meeting or Social Night!

FAIRPORT Lodge No. 476



R. W. Gerald K. Becker, Master

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

W. George R. Bracht, Secretary
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My Brethren

I guess with the time change last month, and the sun out, we can safely say Spring is here. Let's hope so. At this writing we have two new members to our roster, Brother Brian Mills and Brother Craig Carey. Welcome aboard. The 3rd Degree went off real well, thanks to the efforts of several Brothers. A lunch was served by our ladies of the OES No. 444. Thank you.

My thanks to the drivers and all the helpers who contributed to making the Widows Luncheon at Logan's a success. I appreciate it and I know the ladies did.

Grand Lodge

On May 3rd-6th I will be at Grand Lodge in New York City. If a problem arises, please call SW Tommie Richendefer. At the May 11th meeting I will give my

Grand Lodge Report. It is also a Summons Meeting for election of our officers. We would like a large turnout that night.

"Free"

There have been many explanations and interpretations as to why the word "Free" is used in the term Freemasons. I have been asked many times. In ancient times our operative Masons were often free of local laws and taxes. They were able to travel to foreign countries to do work of a Mason and as our Masonic Ritual has taught us, to labor on the building of King Solomon's Temple. They were so revered in their trade that they enjoyed specific privileges and were not obliged to conform to some laws others were required to obey.

However, today it seems some of the Brethren have interpreted the word "Free" as free from attending Lodge, free from helping a fallen Brother, free from volunteering to help the officers of a Lodge make their year a success. Let us be the Brother who does not WAIT for free time to attend his Lodge-let us be the Brethren who attend Freemasonry with his time and talents that he is blessed with and is willing to become an active speculative Mason.

In the future, PLEASE attend and help give your new Master and officers more support in 1998-1999.


Thanks

As this will be my last article to you, I thank you for the privilege of being Worshipful Master in 1989. Thanks to all of Officers for your support. To W.: D. Turner and JD, Mike Morris, I say a special thank you.

Reminder

Don't forget Canal Days on June 6th and 7th. It's your Lodge and many hands make for light work. God bless you all and keep you. So mote it be.

CLIO LODGE No. 779



W. Dale Polmateer, Master
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Reflections

On April 7th we raised three new Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. We welcome Brothers Scott Brickman, Sante Panella and Douglas Wright to our great Fraternity. All three Degrees were excellent and the Lodge is very proud of the efforts that made these Degrees so successful. Thanks to all, and a special thanks to Brothers Jerry Jones and Charlie Tucker for preparing the dinner and Dave Upham for presenting the Historical Lecture for the 3rd Degree.

We received two additional petitions which will make a new class of four with the 1st Degree on April 21st. This is a great example of what we can do in the interest of making good men Masons.

May meetings

May 5th is Move-Up Night. SW, Sean Noonan, will be in the

East and the program will be the Q's and A's for the 1st Degree.

May 19th is Election of Officers for the year 1998-1999, plus the conferring of the 2nd Degree by JW Jeff Ross. As you can see, we have a full trestleboard, so we need your continued support.

Spaghetti Dinners

We are back to two Spaghetti Dinners this month. Mark your calendars for May 13th and May 27th. As I have stated all year, these dinners provide a time for good fellowship, meeting your neighbors and friends and supplementing the budget of your Lodge.


Anniversaries

We have two Brothers with fifty years of service: Brothers Nicholas Panarites and Richard Utter. Congratulations to both, and we wish you many more years.

Closing

It has been very rewarding to see so many Brothers on the sidelines this year. The Degrees have been excellent, which reflects the time and energy that has gone into them. As I write my last article, I thank everyone who has contributed this year. I leave my seat in the East with a very warm and satisfying feeling of a good year and knowing the line moving up is full of enthusiasm and new ideas for continued growth.

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943



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Successful 3rd Degree

We ended our year of Ritual with R. W. Pat McNenny in the East raising our Fellowcraft Brothers to Master Mason. As usual, all involved rose to the occasion and put on a fine Degree. We again enjoyed having Valley/Simes with us in our work. We look forward to our new Brothers contributing to the success of our Lodge.

May meeting

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, we will have only one meeting in May. Our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be May 11th. This is a meeting where we can look back on our year and its highlights and identify who will be the leaders for 1998-99. Dinner reservations are required, so plan on responding when called. Count on another quality dinner from Hilde DiJames and her staff. This is an important meeting that all should plan on attending.

Awards Night

We have decided to move our Awards Night meeting to Monday, June 8th. It will be an open meeting with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting promptly at 7:30 p.m. We plan to cook out and take advantage of the warmer weather. Spouses, family and friends are encouraged to attend. We have a number of Brothers receiving their due recognition for membership in the Craft. Again, I am hoping for a full house. Hopefully, some of our


snowbird Brothers back in town will be a part of this celebration.

Hub in the wheel

As my time in the East winds down, I cannot help but recognize the enormity of the job of Secretary. My success this year has truly been enhanced by the efforts of R. W. Rich Friedman. Many thanks for his behind the scenes hustle and attention to detail. The commitment of your Secretary is integral to a smooth running Lodge. ERAC No. 943 has a proud tradition of having dedicated players sitting at a desk in the Southeast corner of the Lodge complementing the Master's leadership.

2nd Monroe District

GERMANIA Lodge No. 722



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Secretary
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By Andrew G. McBride, SW

Of necessity this article must be brief. I apologize and will do better in the future. Due to illness, the 2nd Degree scheduled for March was postponed until our April 21st meeting. This means that our first meeting in May will be both for Election of Officers and Move-Up Night. As always, the meeting will be preceded by a Potluck Supper. Please make every effort to join us for these events.

Our second meeting in May will be an Open Installation of Officers. In addition to inviting your family to join with us in the evening's activities, this would be a great time to invite a friend, so that he might meet the Brothers and after learning a little about our great Fraternity, perhaps submit a petition.

Sickness and distress

Please keep W. Wayne Cowell in your prayers. He had an operation in April and is recuperating.


On a more sombre note, I regret to inform you of the passing of Brother Bruce Howland, DSA. Bruce was called by the Great Architect early in April at the age of 86. I know that we will all miss him and our sympathy is extended to Jane and his family.

Reminder


If you haven't paid your dues for 1998, please send them now to our Secretary, John Foster at 97 Owaissa Dr., Rochester, NY 14617.

May God bless and keep you. See you at Lodge.

NORTHFIELD Lodge No. 426



Instituted March 1857



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R. W. D. Scott Seltzer, Secretary
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Sorry

I apologize for not getting the April article in on time. I have combined the April and May articles to get all of the news to you and keep you up to date.

Have-a-Heart

I start by announcing that due to the efforts of the Brothers, families and friends of the Monroes, the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign was a complete success raising \$5,711.00. This was less than the amount targeted, but with the way the Rochester area economy is, with all the lay-offs and down-sizing, that amount is outstanding. I'm sure that it will help greatly to continue the work being done by this facility. I thank the people of Northfield who gave of their time and energy.

1st Degree

Our 1st Degree was held on February 19th. It was a wonderful evening, starting with a Meatloaf Dinner by Linda Zahn. As we all know, hers is not just meatloaf.

Everyone involved in the Degree did a great job and SW Bill Fraser was outstanding in the East. I also acknowledge R. W. Bill Spillane with the Charge, R. W. Jack Thibaut with the Apron Presentation, W. John Williams with the Bible Presentation, R. W. Scott Seltzer and W. Dan Walker with the Q and As. A special thanks to Brother Jim Knapp who did an outstanding job filling in for the Senior Deacon and Brother Relton Roland who did the Working Tools. This was his first Ritual work and he did a really great job. Keep up the good work, Brother Relton!

March

At our meeting on March 5th R. W. Dave Jones was kind enough to come to Lodge and give the Lantern Lecture. It was

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not given at the time of the Degree and the new Brothers were very impressed. Thanks, Dave.
On Tuesday, March 10th, 10 Brothers of Northfield met downtown in an attempt to wrest the Traveling Gavel from Valley/Simes Lodge. We were successful. It has been a while since the Gavel has resided at our Lodge and it looks good sitting in the East, at least until someone comes and takes it. Thank you Bill Spillane, Jack Thibaut, Andy Place, John Dudley, Bill Fraser, Michael Herrmann, Eddie Brereton, John Williams, and Hendrick Langeveld for giving me yet another reason to look back fondly on my year as Master. My thanks to W.: Mike Batz and the Brothers of Valley/Simes for their hospitality.

Sadness

Brethren, it becomes my sad duty to inform you of the passing of R.: W.: Lloyd McConnell, who was born on July 18, 1905 and died on February 22, 1998. R.: W.: Lloyd was a faithful and supportive Mason for 58 years. The hearts of Northfield Brothers go out to the McConnell family in their time of mourning.

A Masonic Service was held on April 3rd for W.: James Craib who passed away on March 30th. He became a Mason on May 10, 1965 and affiliated with Northfield in January of 1980. I had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with him and knew him to be an upright man and Mason.

2nd Degree

The 2nd Degree was held on March 19th. JW Jim Weick organized a fantastic meal and the Ritual work was equally as good. Brother Jim did a great job in the East, as did the rest of the line. R.: W.: Scott Seltzer did as good or better than I have ever seen him do with the Middle Chamber Lecture. W.: Dan Walker did a very fine job with the Charge. Dan and Scott did the Q & As flawlessly. Brother Relton Roland was at it again and did a very good job with the Working Tools. He definitely has the potential to be a very strong ritualist. Nice job, Brother Relton.

Kitchen Tour

On May 17th we will be renting the building to a group of ladies for what is called the "Pittsford Kitchen Tour". More than 500 people will be going through the Lodge and I would like two volunteers to be there to talk about the Lodge and Masonry. The Tour will be from noon 'til 4:00 p.m. and will be great exposure for the Lodge and Masonry. I hope we can come together to make this a success. If you can help, call me at 787-3357.


Thanks

Well, this is my last article as Master of Northfield. It has been

a very exciting, and at times, nerve wracking year. I thank everyone for the honor of serving the Lodge in this capacity and the officers for giving me the help. The Past Masters and Brothers gave me the guidance I so desperately needed. A special thank you to our Secretary and my friend, R.: W.: D. Scott Seltzer, for being there to give me "wise counsel". He even bailed me out a few times. It has been a wild ride and I will never forget it. I will be looking forward to serving the Lodge in other capacities, so farewell from the East.

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Lodge No. 969**

W.: William R. Hook, Master
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1st & 3rd
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

Thomas W. Kendig
Secretary 265-2624
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By Robert Ogden

2nd Degree

The 2nd Degree conferral went very smoothly with W.: Chuck Strickland in the East and four Brothers receiving their Degree. R.: W.: Ed Walker recited the Middle Chamber Lecture and Brother Norm Gauch presented the Working Tools. Approximately 30 members were present—a nice turnout, Brothers. Please keep it up! It was a pleasant surprise to see the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: Bill Spillane, in our midst.

Polo shirts

Our Secretary, W.: Tom Kendig, states the polo shirts mentioned in last month's Masonic Times will be \$16.75 each. There will be a small shipping charge for out of state. Please call Brother Tom at 265-2624 with your size and order.

Officer's meeting

An Officer's meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13th at Brother Vern and Barbara's home at 31 Hillrise Drive in Penfield. Dinner will be around 6:00 p.m.

Installation of Officers

There will be an Open Installation of Officers on June 2nd at the Downtown Temple. A dinner will precede the event and ladies are invited to both.

Brotherhood Fund

To date (April 8th) 121 contributions have been received totaling \$4,426.00. As of February 28th, Grand Lodge reports a total of \$665,000.00 from 17,039

contributors. As the final weeks approach the end of this year's Campaign, please mail your contributions in as soon as possible.

Ladies Night with Jim Kelly

Our Ladies Night will be held on June 10th at the Diplomat Banquet Center at 1956 Lyell Avenue. The cost is \$15.00 per person. It will be a fundraising event with Jim Kelly and family. He will be presented the DeWitt Clinton Award.

Excellent dinner

Our dinner meeting of April 7th, prepared by Hilde DiJames and Joy Woodley, was very delicious. They did it again! I would like to emphasize that 40 meals were ordered and 40 members and wives attended.

Summons Meeting


There will be a Summons Meeting on May 19th. All members are encouraged to attend.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to the following Brothers born in May: Ed Bastian, Bernard Bonnington, Al Bowers, Chuck Chatfield, Chuck Freida, Sam Grover, Andy Kanaby, Bill Leggett, Terry Ramsay, Paul Robertson, Bert Scarlett, Ed Start, Gary Tufano and George Wilkinson.

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

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Almost there!

March was certainly an exciting month! On March 25th, with assistance from R.: W.: David Jones, R.: W.: William Spillane and others, four Service Awards were given at Oatka. The following received Certificates for Service: Robert Salzer, 60 Years; Bob Weir, 55 years; George Shaw, 50 years; and Glen Johnson, 50 years.

R.: W.: Dave Jones has since made the rounds with W.: Bert Brown and R.: W.: Charles Ogburn and assisted us with home visits to Howard Caudle, our most senior member with 62 years of service, and to Berton Worden, who has 52 years of service. Photographs, sans some bald heads contrary to *Masonic Times* policy, will be provided in the next issue. All of the recipients deserve our praise for their long Masonic careers.

Grand Ball

The Masters and Wardens Grand Ball was held on March 28th at the Convention Center. A DeWitt Clinton Award was given to Thomas Mooney of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce. He was pleased and most graciously received his Award.


Golf balls!

Oatka Lodge is planning their first Annual Golf Tournament at Farview Country Club. We are seeking entries from all Monroe, Livingston and Wyoming Lodges. The event will be August 2nd. Watch this space for details!

My computer, from the Department of Defense Counter Intelligence Center, circa 1969,

does not double space or spell check! We did keep the Russians off the Oatka Creek through its use, though!

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Brethren

I would like to welcome back our Brothers who have spent the Winter months in warmer climates. It is nice that all have returned home and it is good to see them in Lodge.

3rd Degree


I hope that we have good attendance at the 3rd Degree which is scheduled in May. The date and time will be announced as soon as it is finalized.

Thanks


I would like to thank all the Brothers who took part in the 1st Degree that was held the fourth Tuesday in March. W.: Mike Bell did his usual outstanding job and Brothers John and Richard Rehbach performed admirably and without them the Degree would not have come off so smoothly.

I look forward to seeing everyone as our year winds down and Summer approaches. Just a reminder, if anyone is in need of rental space, please contact Brother Charles Petersen at 663-7661.

**Towpath
Lodge
No. 163**



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482-3936



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7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Terry Wihlen, Secretary
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152 Commercial St. West
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A major plug for the Soap Box Derby!

Brethren! We need your support on the last weekend of May. Our young driver, Josh, his family, your Brothers in the Lodge and all the youth of the 1998 Greater Rochester Soap Box Derby deserve to have you cheering them on at Durand Eastman Park. Won't you set some time aside to enjoy the excitement! The dates are May 30th and 31st. Look for the times in your local newspaper.

Spring Awards and Recognition Night


Tuesday evening, May 5th, brings our Spring recognition of those Brothers who have served our Craft long and well. We'll begin the evening with a Chicken Breast Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Call JW, Phil Hurwitz, at 581-1381 or SW, Dan Emerson, at 334-7730 by Saturday, May 2nd, to make reservations.

By the time our next article is published, you will have elected a new Master. I reflect on the support I have felt from you, my Brothers in the Craft. I am grateful for the gifts of wisdom, Masonic knowledge, practical advice and commitment to new ventures that I have had the honor of presiding over. It is you who have mentored me. Thank you!

Note from the Junior Warden

Save the date, May 30th, at Durand Eastman Park for the annual running of the Soap Box Derby. Cheer Josh Folino as he races Towpath Lodge's car! Race starts at 9:00 a.m. and runs all day.

**Union Star
Lodge No. 320**



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

2nd Monday
7:30 P.M.

W.: Joseph Cotteleur, Sec.
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3 North Main St.
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

By Lloyd Wood, Jr., SW

Greetings from the East

The weather is turning nice and our Masonic year is almost over. Grand Lodge is coming up fast, and I will tell you about it in the next issue.

Current Lodge news

We conferred our 1st Degree in our new Lodge room on March 23rd and all went well. Bud Ripley was in the East and he did a fine job. My thanks to all who participated. The two candidates were most impressed.

At this time the 2nd Degree is scheduled for April 27th. Our 3rd Degree will be on June 1st at 7:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. We welcome all who can make it.


Sickness

There is nothing to report under sickness and distress, which is great. Larry Millard was at Lodge and he looks great. Good to see him back. I hear that Harvey Closs is also doing well. Best wishes to Harvey.

Closing

My thanks to all the Brothers who have helped out in both the Lodge and participating in the Degrees. It sure makes my job easier when there is this much help. Again, my thanks.

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Brunch

Thank you to the Brothers for their help with the Brunch at the Lodge on Saturday, March 28th. A very special thanks to Bill King for stepping forward to fill our Senior Warden's shoes and taking over this event. Our Senior

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Warden was called out of town on business. Thanks to Ray and Kriesten Thompson and Andy Alvarez. The Brunch was a great success and there was plenty of great food.

April events

We had the 3rd Degree on April 7th with Past Master Michael Staub in the East and raised one new Brother.

On April 21st we had our Table Lodge.

May

May 5th will be our Move-up Night with SW Andy Alvarez in the East. I will be at Grand Lodge at that time.

The end


My time as Master is rapidly coming to an end. I have enjoyed this year very much. May 19th is the Election of Officers. June 2nd is the Master's Report to the Lodge, June 6th is the Installation of Officers and on June 7th the Family Picnic will be held at Camp Eastman. Have a great Summer!

Churchville Lodge No. 667

W.: George Burke, Master
293-1629

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

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



A 2nd Degree was held at Churchville Lodge No. 667 on March 25th. A great Roast Pork Dinner prepared by Chef Bill Dunn and George Pflieger started the evening.

In the East for this Degree was W.: Garry Hutcherson. With the help and support from several of our Brothers from Hesperus Lodge No. 837, the Degree was held for Churchville's two new Brothers. Thanks to W.: John Cooper for filling in at the JW Station and to Brother Chet Banach for adding the music to the Degree.

The Middle Chamber Lecture was done to perfection by V.: W.: Robert Strang from Attica Lodge No. 462. We at Churchville say thanks to Bob and the Brothers from Hesperus Lodge No. 837 who helped make this a successful Degree.

Working together

Our two new Brothers should have been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 21st at Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969. I'll say thanks now to W.: William R. Hook for allowing our two Brothers to join in the 3rd Degree at his Lodge. With the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team doing the Degree, I can safely write that the Degree was a success.

May meetings

The two meetings in May will be the Election of Officers on May 13th and a closed Installation of Officers on May 27th. For dinner reservations for either evening, call George Pflieger at 426-0603.

Brotherhood Fund

Anyone who hasn't sent their Brotherhood contribution in yet has until the end of May to do so. Remember, that this Fund Drive is to support the charities that take care of our Brothers in need.

Please give this a thought and let's make Churchville No. 667 a Lodge that cares.

Thinking of you

R.: W.: Earl Steffen should be home from the hospital and thinking about those turkeys running all over the woods with nobody to hunt them! Give Earl a call.

A visit with the Mayor at 94

By F. Jay McCullough

On April 19th, Brother Lester Merz celebrated his birthday at his home community, named "Top of the World", in Clearwater, Fl. A month earlier, he visited with "snow bird", Brother L. "Joe" Elliott and Spencerport Mayor, Robert Kincaid. Elliott shares membership in Etolian Lodge with Merz, and Kincaid being one of Lester's successors in office.

Merz was Mayor from 1949 to 1968. He had prior service as Village Trustee for ten years and a year as Vice Mayor. He had moved to Spencerport in 1910 from Cleveland, Ohio, where he was born. He graduated from Spencerport schools and then attended Simmons School of Mortuary, graduating in 1925. He worked at Walker Brothers Funeral Home before forming a partnership and operating funeral homes in Spencerport and Churchville.

Vision for future

Brother Merz was known for his vision and foresight while in Village service. Many projects started while he was in office still serve the Village today. He built the offices which are still located on West Avenue, and which was a former firehouse. The Spencerport Volunteer Ambulance facilities are one of his visions turned to reality. He and a local florist personally landscaped around it after it became operational. He founded the Monroe County Association of Villages. Several other projects were noted in a "Suburban News" article about Merz in September of 1997.

Personal

Lester is described as a caring, sincere person with personal ties as strong as professional ones. Cars are among his interests, along with gardening and baking. He was always active in the Spencerport community, being an 80 years plus member of the Spencerport White Church and a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 since being raised December 11, 1926. His 70 Year Pin was presented in March, 1996 on behalf of the Grand Lodge of NY by W.: Lee Hamilton of Clearwater Lodge No. 172 in Florida. He



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Redefining Long Term Care

By Lorrie Arcuri, RN, Director of Nursing

Health care is in the news a lot these days whether we're talking about Managed Care or health awareness issues. As a result, we, and the public, are better informed than in years past.

The Masonic Home has always been focused on quality care to our residents while at the same time advocating quality of life. We have found a need, recently, to expand services as a result of resident needs. Nursing service is now able to provide IV Therapy as well as some specific respiratory needs.

IV Therapy

In 1997 one of our residents needed a long course of IV antibiotic therapy. This presented concern for us because in the past residents had to go to the hospital to accommodate this need. In response to the need, the Nursing Department made plans to train staff in IV Therapy.

Initially, the training of our staff was to be in peripheral IV Therapy (sites identified in the arms). As the training progresses, the need for more advanced IV Therapy was identified. Residents seeking admission had IV Therapy lines situated in a main vessel of the heart or in close proximity. Staff quickly adapted to these special IV needs. Currently we have the capability of caring for residents with CVC lines (Central Venous Catheter) and PICC lines (Peripherally Inserted Central and Extended Catheter lines). These lines can be maintained for extended periods of time, thus eliminating any undue discomfort to the resident that is often associated with re-

moved to Florida in 1975. His wife, Ruth Sherwood Merz, died in 1987. They had been married since 1934.

When folks from home visit him, he accompanies them to restaurants, shops, and even night-clubs, if they desire. He is quoted by Grace Griffiee in the "Suburban News" as saying, "I never expected to live so long!" And live he does.



Retired Spencerport Mayor and Brother Lester Merz (Etolian 479), Current Mayor Robert Kincaid and Spencerport resident (when not snowbirding) Brother L. "Joe" Elliot. (Photo courtesy F. McCullough)

starting an IV. The end result is greater resident comfort while providing the resident IV Therapy and minimizing opportunities for infection.

Respiratory Therapy

This year the nursing staff has received advanced training meeting residents needs. This entailed training on CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure), and BiPAP (Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure). These are not the devices that assist the resident's breathing process. More specifically, CPAP is utilized in people with sleep apnea disorders. Sleep apnea is recognized as a disorder where the airway is obstructed. This device in particular helps to support the resident's airway. BiPAP, or bi-level therapy, on the other hand, not only assists in the maintenance of the resident's airway, but also enhances the resident inspiratory process with the exertion of positive pressure.

As a direct result of being able to provide these services, one of our long time residents has been able to continue to live here at the Masonic Home-his home!

Palliative Care

Palliative Care, or end of life care, as it is often referred to, is not something new at the Masonic Home. This is an area in which our staff has gained expertise. When a resident is nearing the end of their life, you find staff close at hand providing for their needs. This may mean providing pain medication or putting regimens in place to assure the resident is comfortable. Above and beyond that, staff has always provided companionship for residents so their last hours are not spent alone.

Palliative Care is intensified support from all disciplines designed to maintain the resident's dignity as a human being, ensure his/her comfort at all times and provide for the physical, social, psychological and spiritual needs of the resident while avoiding futile diagnostic and therapeutic interventions. It is the Masonic Home's goal that Palliative Care include intensified care, extraordinary sensitivity and heroic compassion. This is an expectation that every individual has a right to.

What is new then about Palliative Care? Renovations of the First Floor Stewart Wing established four private rooms dedicated to this service. We are cur-

rently in the process of formalizing guidelines in planning for the resident's care. In addition, a resource manual is being developed that addresses prevention/management of resident symptoms, looking at all of the residents' needs. Staff will utilize this as approaches to care are discussed with the resident and team.

At the present time four beds have been identified as Palliative Care beds. Residents entering the facility, with a terminal diagnosis and who are near the end of life, will utilize these Palliative Care beds. These same principles have always been provided for our residents that meet the criteria for palliative care.

What else is new? Only tomorrow can we answer that question. As times are changing, will we? ☐



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Not only was March 17th St. Patrick's Day, but it was also the day Brother Fred Blakeslee was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at Amicable Lodge No. 664, F & A M, in New Hartford. Nine of Fred's Brothers from Acacia Village witnessed this historic event. Brother Blakeslee is the first resident of Acacia Village to join the Masonic Fraternity. Congratulations, Brother Blakeslee-we're very proud of you.

Marketing news

If you haven't been to Acacia Village recently (hopefully everyone reading this has visited us at least once), we hope you'll put us in your travel plans for this Summer. We like to consider ourselves "unofficially full". Fifty-six of the sixty apartments are occupied, with three of the remaining four reserved for occupancy by the end of June. The 4th (last) apartment, we're holding onto for as long as possible as our "Guest Apartment", so friends like you can be our overnight guest and experience the Acacia Village life-style. So, don't delay, call our Leasing Coordinator, Cindy Dardano at 1-800-593-3353 or 315-798-4775, for more information or to reserve a night in our Guest Apartment. ☐



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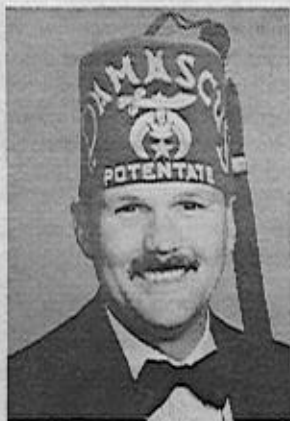
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Welcome back

As the weather turns nice, the flowers are starting to bud and the birds are returning from their

Winter hiatus. The snowbirds, that is. Welcome back to all the folks who Winter in far away places. As you can see, the sun is out more than normal. I don't know why, but I like it.

Parades

As Spring arrives, so do our parades. Our first time out this year will be in Perry for their Memorial Parade on May 23rd. There will be hots, hamburgers and "fixens" picnic beforehand at the high school. This parade will feature a full compliment of units. Unit heads are expected to rally their troops and come out and support our own. If you are a new Noble or just one who hasn't been to a parade before, this is a good chance to get your feet wet. Don't worry, George Cox has put his order in for another good day! He's done pretty good the last few years. Everyone come out and support one of the most active clubs in Damascus, the Perry Shrine Club and the mini cars.

Dinner Theater trip

We have a trip planned for a Dinner Theater trip in Rome, NY. It's at Beck's Grove and will be held May 17th. It is first come, first served, for the bus (only 44 seats), so act fast and save your place by sending your reservation and money to the Temple office (671-7701). Seats are going fast, so call today.

Membership

As you all know, we have been pushing membership very hard for the past few years. We have a retention plan in place to try and keep the Nobles we already have. About 30 Nobles are up for suspension at the end of 1998, for nonpayment of dues. We are told that it's easier to keep a member than make a new one. If you know of a Noble in this predicament, see if you can talk to him and get him to send in his dues.

Staying on the membership theme, our Hot Sands Class will be on May 6th. There will be a Steak Dinner before the Ceremo-

nial, which may entice you Nobles to come out and join in. What we really need is you to do is bring in a candidate that night. There are hundreds of Brothers in our jurisdiction who would make great Shriners if they were asked. Do your part to make Damascus' light shine. Turn someone on to the Shrine.

Erie Hospital day

The Erie Hospital Day will be June 7th this year. The biggest change this year is the location. The events will take place at ZEM ZEM Temple due to the construction taking place at the hospital. For any Noble who is interested in attending Hospital Days or would like more information about it, see one of the Divan members or hospital representatives.

Circus

Just a plug for later this year. Mark these dates down. October 8, 9, 10 and 11th. CIRCUS, CIRCUS, CIRCUS. As you see the Circus is bolded, which means "important" and we need you

there. By this time most years the Circus is behind us, but this year is something new. A Fall Circus! It's going to be a great endeavor and a great success with everyone's help.

If you sell ads, forms are in the office to be picked up. If you have never sold any and would like to try your hand at it, give the Recorder or Phil Trautman a call and they will set you up.

A lot of planning goes into making the Circus a reality and I would like to thank all those Nobles and ladies who have been spending endless amounts of energy and hard work to make this happen. Keep up the great work. See you all under the Big Top.

Turn on to the Shrine! □

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Grand Tall Cedar



Donald C. Bell, scribe

I hope everyone had a happy Easter and didn't have too much candy and goodies.

We welcome our newest member to the Forest, Paul Woodley.

Sickness and distress

John Rees has been a little under the weather. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Larry Hood is home after having surgery. We hope to see both Brothers back in the Forest real soon.

Upcoming events

Final touches are being put together for our upcoming Sausage and Steak Roast. Details will be forthcoming.

Our next meeting will be May 28th at 7:30 p.m. A dinner will be held at the Winfield Grill at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there. □

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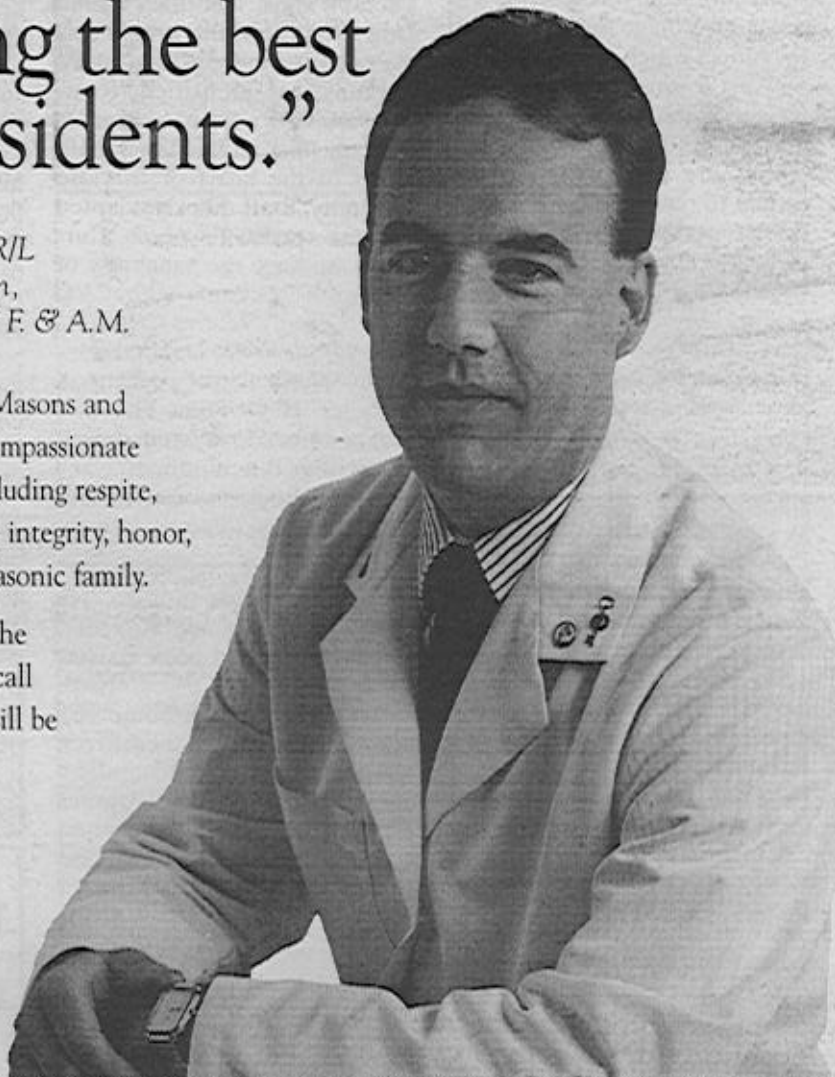
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News

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Richard Topel, Monarch

Monarch's Message

I would like to congratulate all who received a Service Award at the April meeting. When I looked at the list of Prophets who had this number of years in the Grotto, I thought what a great Fraternity we have here. It also must make our new Prophet feel good to see how many years of service these Prophets have. Our new Prophet is Paul Topel, son of Prophet Howard Topel and my nephew. I would also like to thank Prophet George Knierim for procuring a speaker for our April meeting.

Great job

Another Spring Roundup Master Mason's Night is history. Another great job well done by our Marshal, Ken Hutchinson, and MC, Leon VanHuben. The Beef Bar-B-Que, salads and the liquid refreshments made for a night of good fellowship. As of this writing, I don't have a figure on how many new members we received.

As I stated at our March meeting we need 25 people in order to receive the tickets for our day at Finger Lakes Race Track. PM Jan Lughart said, "The Shrine Legion of Honor would like to come with us". This should help us meet our quota that we need.

Golf Tournament

Letters have been sent out to 30 Lodges about our Golf Tournament on June 13th. Here's hoping we get some reservations from these Lodges. What we are trying to do is expand it to a larger Tournament.

Membership

By Ken Hutchinson

Our very successful Spring Round Up was definitely "Great in '98".

Token gift

Any Prophet who has not picked up their token gift of a

newly designed emblem, see me at the next meeting.

Ceremonial

Prophets, ahead is the May 20th Ceremonial. There is still time to get petitions in before then. If you need a petition, call me at 1-315-9021.

Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson, Comm.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Monarch, Richard Topel, who is being installed as Master of Fame Lodge on May 26th.

Enjoyable evening

Thanks to all who brought in their favorite joke or story to our April meeting. It certainly made the night a very enjoyable and memorable one.

Meeting night

The next Legion meeting will be the 2nd Monday of the month, May 11th, at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Avenue. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Call Leon VanHuben at 647-1391 with your reservation.

Sickness and distress

At this writing, Prophet Bill Samar is in Strong Memorial Hospital after suffering a heart attack.



Caldron News

April showers did bring May flowers. Enjoy the tulips and the lilacs. Spring is truly here!

Past events

Two of the Caldron's most important events took place in April. It was rewarding to see Grotto members and their ladies at our Prophets Night. Thank you for coming. The members hope you enjoyed the evening, especially the "Caldron, I must be crazy" players.

At the writing of this article, the Charity Smorgasbord has not been held. However, I'm confident it will be a success. Thank you, Daughter Marcia Morrison, Chairperson.

Dates to Remember

Sat., May 2nd - NY White Fez at Cartwright's

Mon., May 4th - Board of Governors Meeting

Mon., May 11th - Legion of Honor - Dutch Mill Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., May 14th - Caldron Supreme Inspection Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wed., May 20th - Grotto Ceremonial

Thurs., May 21st - Caldron Executive Committee Meeting at home of Arline Topel

**Attend Grotto Meetings
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Prophet Chuck White displaying a teacher's ink bottle at a recent Grotto L of H meeting. These were used to refill the student's ink wells, after school.

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As this event may be one of the premiere opportunities for the Masonic family to display its charitable strength before the public, every Mason is encouraged to plan to participate in one way or another. Not many opportunities present themselves to meet a man of Jim Kelly's public stature. While one Lodge has mentioned that this will be their Spring Ladies' Night, this might be a good time to dress up the grandkids and get an autograph. Tickets will go on sale to the public beginning the second week in May, in order to make sure there are no empty seats at the dinner. If you are planning to order tickets, please do so early so the event won't sell out on you.

April meeting

The Finger Lakes Chapter Annual Meeting will be held on April 29th at the Downtown Temple, 3rd floor dining room. At that time we will hold our annual business meeting and Election of Officers. Following the short business meeting, there will be an interactive presentation by Karl Kabelac, who is the Rare Books Librarian at the University of Rochester.

His presentation will include an overview of the extensive holdings of the University, guidance for accessing the University collection via the internet, a discussion of searchable databases over the internet, and how to use the University of Rochester Library for your own research. Kabelac invites participants to bring their research questions to the presentation.

Kabelac has announced that he is retiring from the University of Rochester at the end of this school year, but he plans to remain active in his interests of books and research. While not a Mason, his roots are in Aurora, NY, and he has known many of the leaders of the Craft for the past several decades. His presentation promises to be extremely enlightening.

This meeting will be open to FLC members and their guests.

The courtesy of a reservation is requested so that refreshments for the evening may be planned. Call Bill Edwards at 872-3993.

Area News

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- Sunday, May 31st:
- 8:30 Breakfast - Municipal Bldg.
- 10:00 Service Christ Episcopal Church.
- 11:15 Wreath Laying Lakeside Cem.
- 12:15 Assemble in full regalia for 12:30 Parade to Sacket Mansion.
- 1:00 pm Program.
- 3:00 Chicken Bar-B-Que - 3rd Alarm Fire Dept.

In addition a Journal is being compiled to commemorate the event, honoring the long history of the Lodge and its men in the community. Sponsors are needed.

- Front & back cover \$100
- Full page 60
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Tickets are available to Masons throughout the State on a first come, first served basis. Make checks payable to Sackets Harbor Lodge # 135.

On May 2nd the New York State White Fez Club will meet at the Cartwright Inn. Contact Daughter Susan Wilson for further details.

Thursday, May 7th, will be rehearsal for our Supreme Visit, at 7:00 p.m. Come early, there is a snow that night. This rehearsal is very important. We want to do our very best for the Supreme Mighty Chosen One.

SMCO, Florence Howlett, will make her Supreme Inspection on May 14th. There will be a dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Make your dinner reservation by May 7th. There are 3 entree choices and

the cost is \$10.00. Call Daughter Kristin DeOrdio at 288-0874 for information or a reservation.

The Executive Council will meet at the home of Daughter Arline Topel on May 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Shut-ins

Daughters Merline Bueg and Pat Slack are still not able to be with us. I'm sure a card or a call would help them keep in touch. Remember to call Daughter Arline Topel with any news, good or bad.

In closing

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Lalla Rookh Grotto

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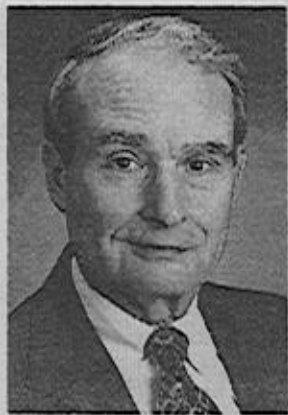


Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory
Chapter of Rose Croix
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Ill. Patrick J. S. McNenny, 33° Commander-in-Chief



Bring-a-Brother

Many thanks to Don Rose for chairing the Bring-a-Brother Night on March 20th and to Erwin Newell and Damascus Temple for the excellent meal. We had a turnout of 30 and, as of the deadline for this article, we have received 11 petitions.

Swan song

This will be my last article as Commander-in-Chief. Ron Mertens will be writing the Commander-in-Chief article starting with the June issue. For me it has been an interesting and enjoyable six years in the Consistory Line.

I have seen Steve Whittaker, 32° MSA, and Chuck Spiegel, 32° MSA, work wonders with an active, energetic Membership Development Team that has changed the character of the Valley. The Team initiated the Lodge Ambassador Program and closely monitors its effectiveness. The Class Committee and its functions have been revitalized, the Reunions have been streamlined to provide a more meaningful experience for incoming classes, and plans are ongoing for even more changes, such as a one day

Reunion and joint Reunions with other Valleys. New members are being actively and systematically introduced to participation in the Degree work and in May there will be a dinner meeting for members of the Arthur F. Maupin 32° Class and their ladies to introduce them to what they can expect from the Valley and what is expected of them.

Projects

Preparation for two major projects started during my career in the Consistory Line and came to fruition in my tenure as Commander-in-Chief. The Valley of Rochester hosted the 1997 Council of Deliberation Meeting and built the Frank and Bette Paul Children's Learning Center.

Members of the Valley, too numerous to list here, produced an outstanding Council of Deliberation Meeting last year. And, while most of the funding came from outside of the Rochester area, members of the Valley of Rochester saw to it that the ambitious project of constructing the Learning Center within two years was accomplished on schedule.

Learning Center

A Learning Center is not a physical venue or a Board of Directors. It is a teacher, or teachers, teaching pupils. I want to convey the gratitude of the Valley of Rochester to Alice Rossi, who under very trying circumstances, has been helping seven dyslexic children learn to read. Your efforts have been appreciated, Alice, and like all good teachers, you know that your legacy will live on in the hearts and lives of those children.

Award

The Valley of Rochester will receive an Honorable Mention Award at the upcoming Council of Deliberation Meeting for our Family Life Program. Brother Eldon White, Chairman, is to be congratulated.

Secretary

Ill. Bob Zabel, 33°, wanted to retire a year or two ago, but agreed to stay on as Secretary to help me, I thank him for that.

Finally

Thank you to all of the members of the Valley, including the Office Staff, whose unfailing assistance kept me from falling flat on my face in this job. □

Hospitaler's Report

By Tom Paglia, 32° MSA
James Powell had hip surgery. Hugh H. Robertson, 32° MSA, was hospitalized recently for pneumonia.

Lawrence E. Hood, 33°, had surgery and is doing well.

Brother Earl Steffen, had bypass surgery.

Brother Alfred Pulcino had back surgery.

Please remember these Brothers with a note or phone call. □

Dinner reservations

At a Scottish Rite Dinner held recently, there were 14 dinner reservations made, that no one showed up to honor. At \$7.50 per dinner, over \$100.00 extra had to be paid to the caterers to cover the cost of these dinners. Because of limited space, and 120 reservations, we had to turn away several people who wanted to attend. It is not fair to others not to show up if you have a reservation. Please call and cancel! After this, a reservation made will be a reservation paid for. Thank you in advance for your consideration. □

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

For those that like to shop, there is a large Mall across the street from the Hotel.

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Enjoy hospitality between 6 & 7 p.m. Dinner at Ken's Steak House & Sea Food. Dinner choices are: Grilled Boneless Breast of Chicken, Baked Boston Scrod, Baked Scallops or Ken's Jr. Sirloin Steak. Dinner includes Fresh Fruit Cup, Ken's famous Italian salad, warm rolls, potato, vegetable, coffee, tea, milk, dessert. Hospitality after dinner at the Hotel Till!!!

Saturday - breakfast at the Hotel (continental Incl.)

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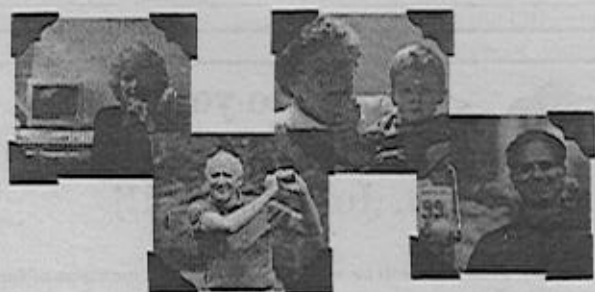
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Save The Date! Saturday, July 18th

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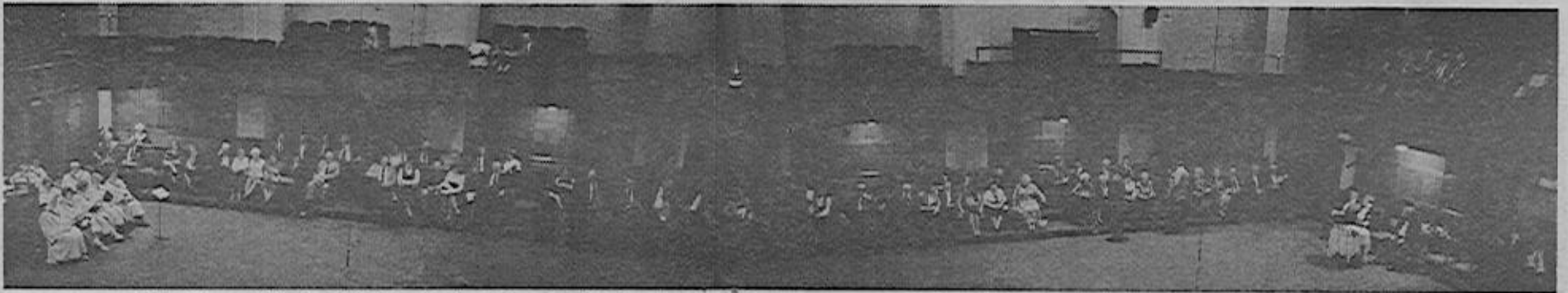
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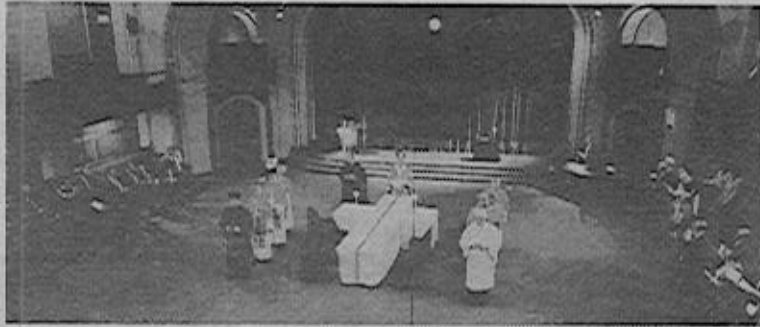
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32° SCOTTISH RITE MASONS

Rochester Chapter Rose Croix Celebrates the Feast of the Paschal Lamb



The Chancel Choir of Webster United Church of Christ (*extreme left*) and a panoramic view of the large early crowd attending the Annual Memorial Celebration. Attendance was the highest in recent history. This was due in a large part to the effort of the Brothers of Webster Lodge, Home Lodge of Paul Moore, the Most Wise Master. (Photos Don Brugger)



Officers of Rochester Chapter Rose Croix at the opening of the Annual Memorial Ceremony of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb.



Officers of Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix with Guest Speaker, Ill. Donald Vetal, 33°- Commander-in-Chief, Valley of Utica. (l-r) Steve Whittaker-32°MSA-Dir., Terry Wihlen, Ill.- Robert Zabel, 33°-Sec., Ron Mertens-1st. Lt. Com. - Herald, Philip A. Trautman-C of G, Rev. Paul Gleason, Jr.-SW, Paul Moore-MWM, Ill.- John Zabel, 33°-JW, Richard Friedman-Orator, Don Rose-Guard



Those who attended had an opportunity to congratulate the Officers on a job well done in the ante-room immediately after the Ceremony.



Feast of the Paschal Lamb guests and attendees enjoying the Reception following the Ceremony.



Valley of Rochester History

Part 2

By Lawrence W. Dunn

Organization of the Rite

The Government of the Scottish Rite is lodged in the Supreme Council, 33° for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA, each of which is sovereign in its jurisdiction and to which each and every Scottish Rite Body (Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Chapter of Rose Croix, and Consistory) in the Jurisdiction yields allegiance and fealty.

The governing Body for each State is the Council of Deliberation for that state. It is composed of the 1st three elected Officers of each Body, all Past Presiding Officers of the Bodies, all recipients of the Meritorious Service Award, together with all Active Honorary members of the Supreme Council, which meets annually.

The Presiding Officer for the Council of Deliberation is elected as Deputy for the State at Supreme Council. As Deputy he serves as its Commander-in-Chief of the Council. The Deputy for the State of New York is Ill. Bruce W. Widger, 33°, Active and Deputy.

Each state may have one or more Valleys composed of a Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistory. Some Valleys do not have all the Bodies listed, but may be composed of one or more.

Each of the Bodies is separate, with its own corps of officers, responsible directly to the Supreme Council. Where there are two or more Bodies in the same Valley, however, they usually work from a common treasury (one of the Bodies is designated as the fiscal agent for all), have the same Treasurer and Secretary, and coordinate their efforts through an Executive Committee composed of certain members of each of these Bodies.

For many years before 1975, Rochester had two Lodges of Perfection, Rochester and Germania. On May 28, 1975 the two Lodges merged, all members becoming members of Rochester Lodge of Perfection. □

Reflections on Early Training

(Part II)

By Don Brugger

Some people will spend a lot of time and effort trying to prove a premise or argument using faulty definitions. For example; those who terminate lives with bombs or guns in support of the anti-abortion cause do so with the steadfast belief that this is not killing, but, a means to an end. The same can be said for the present strife in the Middle East or in Africa where killing innocent civilians is justified religiously or ethnically.

The behavior is not new and "civilizations" have been engaged in this sort of rationalized violence ever since Adam. Even the native Americans in our own Rochester area, the Algonquins, Iroquois, Senecas, etc., were continuously warring against one another and rationalizing the action religiously or politically. It is a trait born of ego and elitism.

It seems that people, homo sapiens, condone selective morality, even though the terminating of a human life is against the tenets of almost every known religion.

Society of laws

To take what is not yours without just compensation is also a prime tenet of most religions. These kinds of behavior are not condoned in most societies and are therefore called anti-social behavior. The very essence of civilized societies is the premise that each individual is entitled to certain freedoms, but with certain constraints; constraints created by the society.

Let's consider our own Constitution and Bill of Rights. These spell out the freedoms and constraints in our society, thereby establishing the law of the land.

Most would agree that the law of the land should apply to all members of the society equally. They should apply regardless of political position, economic advantage, race, gender, age, religious persuasion, eye color, height, weight or any other individual peculiarity that may be part of an individual's physical make-up. That covers most of our human differences; if not, add your own.

The point is that each of us has been thrust into the human situation and into a particular society, by birth. Regardless of what

the advantages or disadvantages we may have been born with they should not matter with respect to the law. The laws of the city, county, state or country we live in were made to protect the freedoms of each individual even though some may believe that certain laws are unfair or biased. Be that as it may; the law is the law.

The Social Contract

A philosopher by the name of Jean Joques Rousseau, once put a name to this state of affairs; he called it a "Social Contract". The influence of the axioms set forth in his 17th Century writings can be found in almost every political system in existence today.

The terms of that contract, although interpreted differently by some philosophers, are that each of us should abide by the rules of the society we live in. If we do not agree or desire not to abide by those rules, we are then obliged to attempt to change those rules within the laws of that society or absent ourselves from that society.

Sounds simple, doesn't it? Just obey the laws, change them in a prescribed manner or get out. The problem is most individuals think in an individual way, they don't think in terms of being members of a society. They do not stop to think what effect their action will have on others, even family members.

It is unfortunate that we don't receive this societal congeniality in our genes. This not being the case, from what source does such exemplary behavior arise?

What are the implications?

The answer is obvious, you say. That's right. The source of civility is training. In fact the rearing of children in a society is sometimes known as a civilizing process. I think most would agree that this is the single most important function of the family. According to one theory proposed by Rene' Descartes, a noted 18th Century

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As we enter the Spring season, our thoughts turn to the outdoors, our lawns, gardens, and the great Summer season ahead. What a wonderful time of year!

On March 26th Hiram Chapter hosted the District Grand Lecturer's Convention, where R.E. Hobert C. Cook, Grand Lecturer, offered his help and assistance with opening a Chapter, and portions of the M.E.M. Degree. He also conferred the Order of the High Priesthood on an area High Priest who was not able to be anointed at Rochester or Albany.

All Chapters in the District were represented, with a total of 40 Companions in attendance. If you missed this evening, you missed a lot of great entertainment.

Hiram Chapter just completed Degrees for several Companions, and plans are now under way for a District - wide Degree Festival on Saturday, October 3rd. At the Festival we will have the Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master Degrees. On Saturday, October 10th, we will sojourn to Utica, when the new candidates will be exalted to the Holy Royal Arch, along with an expected total of 201 Companions. Next month I will have more details on this.

I cordially invite any Master Mason to contact me or any RAM member if you would care to become part of our great Masonic York Rite.

Official Visits are as follows: Dansville Chapter, Tuesday, May 12th, Hiram Chapter, Thursday, May 28th, Livonia Chapter, Wednesday, June 24th.

Thought for the Month: The best time to start thinking about your retirement is before the boss does. □

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Spring is upon us: with it, the continuation of our labor here and abroad, and on the horizon, Summer social events. Before I get into that, let me give you a brief summary of what has been going on.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Convention for the 27th Capitulat District was held in Cathedral Hall of the Downtown Masonic Temple in Rochester on March 26th. In all, I counted 34 Companions from Hiram, Livonia and Dansville Chapters. A rehearsal of the MEM Degree was done with the patient direction of the Grand Lecturer, R.E. Hobert C. Cook and the AGL of our District, V.E. William Zufall.

Before the Chapter went into Labor and the Convention began, R.E. William C. Kuehne, DDGHP, was presented his Apron and given Grand Honors. Grand Honors were also given to R.E. Cook. It appeared to me, after my personal communication with the Grand Lecturer, that he was pleased with what he saw and Hiram Chapter has a "Clean Bill of Health". I personally thank all of you who were in attendance and participated.

Degree work

On Monday, March 30th, the MEM Degree was performed in Cathedral Hall. This evening being a special meeting only for the purpose of Degree work, little else was addressed.

On April 9th the officers of Hiram held a meeting in the front dining room and concurrently held the rehearsal for the HRA Degree. That Degree was performed April 23rd.

Summer events

A Summer trip is planned for the Chapter and guests to the Genesee Country Museum in Mumfords. Tom Paglia is the Chairman of this event and will provide us with the details.

RAM Bi-Centennial

A Committee is now in the process of setting in motion the commemoration of 200 years RAM in New York State. I do not have all details as yet. I will ensure that you all will be notified of Hiram's participation. A mailing to all members will be out in the next few weeks so we will have plenty of displays and advertising. I believe that this will give RAM in our State a great boost and public exposure to our benefit. A unique year is in store for us all and I look forward to your participation in any capacity that you are able.

Until next month, take care. □

**District Deputy
Grand
High Priest**

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitulat District



R.E. Daniel N. Evans

Companions

It is time to look ahead to Spring and Summer. Our Winter was quite mild, thanks to El Nino. March made up for all the snows that did not fall in February, and now we are all hoping that it is done snowing.

Future events

The 2nd Annual Planning Meeting of the 29th Capitulat District will take place on Sunday, May 17th at 3:00 p.m. The place will be the picnic shelter at Lake Hiram, Arcade, NY.

The purpose of this meeting will be to make plans, discuss programs, select committees for both the Chapters and the District. Also, to give you a chance to meet the officers of the other Chapters and get better acquainted with them. Our District Staff Officer will also be in attendance. He will be available to answer questions regarding Grand Chapter's long range plans.

The dress is casual-but dress for the weather. A light jacket or sweater may be needed. A picnic style lunch will follow. To help in the planning for refreshments, please get back to me by May 1st, so that I may finalize lunch plans.

We had a good turnout last year. Every Chapter was represented. However, I'd like to see a much better turnout this year. □

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By Paul McCullough

Greetings, Companions

Since this is my first attempt at writing a newspaper article, I will try my best not to babble on and on. Well, it's March 31st and it's 80 degrees outside and I'm here at the computer feeling envious of my wife who is outside working in the flower beds!

Since this article will be coming out after our meeting in April, I will assume everything went very well. Remember, Companions, there is only one meeting in May and it's our last meeting before Summer recess. Please, let's make it our best meeting yet! At our May meeting, we should be able to get a date from our High Priest of a Summer Picnic and where it will be held. Hint, hint, Jerry!

Dues

By now those of you who are in arrears in your dues should have received a notice of the fact. Right now we are over the three-quarters mark in dues receipts, but we should be able to do better than that. If you have any problems in paying your dues, please feel free to call or write.

Degrees

On April 14th we conferred the Mark Master Degree in Warsaw. The Past Master Degree followed. The turnout was very good and the usual good time was had by all. □

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



R.L. Stephen A. Licht
Grand Steward

Congratulations

Congratulations on the successful completion of the Cryptic Year and welcome to all the new Officers and Companions of Districts 8 and 9. Many of the Councils met the challenge of our Most Illustrious Grand Master, to greet at least four new Companions. Another objective of M.L. Nosal was to promote our Cryptic Charity, the Parkinsons Disease Foundation in every Council. The record will reflect that every Council has participated.

Web site

The Grand Council of New York has gone into cyberspace with the unveiling of their web site. The address is www.iinc.com/nonprof/bataviamasons.

Don't forget to turn on your audio and take a look. This was meant to be a billboard, a source of information for the curious, as well as, a tool for Cryptic Masons on New York. To our critics and armchair quarterbacks, an invitation is extended to assist in the further development and maintenance of a quality site. Expect updates and changes. We want this to be a useful tool for all Companions.

The District Deputy of the 8th Cryptic District has been exploring the possibility of a District Picnic in July. I would expect to hear more from him regarding this in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*. □

**Doric Council
No. 19
Cryptic Masons**
(Chartered in 1861)



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What has happened

The membership of Doric Council approved the new changes to the By-Laws in March and forwarded them to Grand Council of New York for review. They have returned from Grand Council with minor suggestive changes and were recognized as being very well done. The Grand Council appreciates Doric's effort to update its By-Laws.

Welcome

We have a new Companion among us. F. Jay McCullough was greeted at our March meeting.

Great evening

We had a great visit with our Grand Master, M.L. John P. Nosal, Jr. and his traveling Companions, R.L. Reuben Long, Grand Marshal and R.L. Clarence C. VanHorn, Grand Sentinel. Our Grand Master expressed his gratitude for a delicious meal and fellowship before the meeting and was quite impressed with the conferral of the Select Master Degree. Sorry that many of you Companions could not be present. You missed a great evening.

Finally, April's assembly was our Annual Table Council under the direction of V.L. William Zufall. It was a great opportunity for us to fellowship and conduct our business in a most relaxing and impressive manner. My thanks to V.L. Zufall and all the Companions who participated with the toasts and attended.

What is next?

Our next Stated Assembly is scheduled for May 20th for the Election and Installation of Officers for 1998-1999. It doesn't seem possible that a year has come and gone since I began my term as your Illustrious Master. Yet it has!

I personally thank all the officers of Doric Council and the Companions for their support

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and encouragement this past year. I appreciate the honor of serving you as your Illustrious Master, it has been fun. I hope that I met your expectations for service. We have made great accomplishments this past year, let us together continue to build for the future. Please attend the May Assembly and support your new incoming officers.

Finally, Companions, it is not too late to contribute to the 1997-1998 Campaign for our Grand Council Charity. We need each of you to make a gift so Doric Council can continue to lead throughout the State in charitable giving. Thank you.

of the Foundation for the dedicated work they have both done in the last year.

We have granted several loans in the last year, two of which were to daughters of Knight Templars. I receive applications from all over the world for college loans. The applications have come from as far away as Russia, South Africa, France, England and from many of the States. The Foundation is a non-profit charity. Our Foundation is one of the best known Masonic charities on college campuses. We receive requests from several educational institutions to send more information about our Charity. Our Charity is on the World Wide Web, and the information also lets people know more about who the Knights Templar are.

We recently received sizable donations from Central City Commandery No. 25, and Norwich Commandery No. 46. Several Sir Knights and Ladies have donated to our Foundation this year. We received a large donation from SK Leroy Wymann, Jr., KTCH, in memory of his father.

We are willing to come to your organization and present a program on the Knights Templar Educational Foundation. We will also come to your organization and present a plaque to any group or person who contributes \$500.00 or more. For those who contribute \$5000.00 or more, we have a very special award for the donor. The officers of your Foundation have moved the funds from a bank to another financial institution, to obtain higher earnings.

In recent discussions with SK James Ward, Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, USA, he expressed much pleasure in the progress that the Foundation is making in New York State.

I thank the Sir Knights and Ladies of New York State who have so generously donated. We are receiving very positive publicity about the Knights Templar, via this effort.

I have received requests from several people wanting to know more about the Knights Templar, and what our mission, vision and goals are. The Foundation deals directly with college and university students who want to further their education.

The Foundation has been in existence for well over fifty years. All donations are tax deductible. If you would like to make a donation or would like more information on our Foundation, please contact either: SK Courtland Andrew at 518-346-0259, or me. I may be contacted directly via the Internet at RBertie@aol.com or by FAX at 716-225-8153.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery

No. 12

Chartered in 1993

1st & 3rd Mondays

SK Robert L. Zahn
Commander
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
Recorder 594-8033

By SK Laszlo Tucza

"The traditional Easter Greeting among the Slavic people is, "Christ is Risen!" and the reply is, "He is Risen Indeed!" ... What a

beautiful and meaningful way to greet a new day in faith and fellowship! ... The Resurrection - the victory over death and the grave which was accomplished for us by Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Savior of the World, is what gives us the ability to live in the hope and assurance of Immortality! ... My Lady, Rose Marie, and I wish you a blessed Easter experience, and we hope to be able to greet you personally at the Annual Pilgrimage to Arlington."

These excerpts were taken from the words of greeting of our Grand Commander, SK Ronald S. Januszkiewicz, in his Easter Message for 1998.

To which the Eminent Grand Prelate, SK Allen C. Lang, added, "Easter morning declares the irresistibility of authority let loose among men in Jesus of Nazareth. The apostle, Paul, writing out of his experience, said, 'God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself' - not authoritarianism, religious or otherwise, but Christ. ... In order for Easter to make a difference it must mean more than Springtime, flowers, bunnies, eggs, new clothes and semi-annual trip to church. In order for Easter to make a difference, its truth must be witnessed in lives lived according to God's plan, to accomplish God's purposes. Such a life can make a difference and can never suffer any permanent loss. Such a life has made a difference, can make a difference, will make a difference in a world where right is so often hung on a cross".

Easter Observance

Cyrene/Monroe Commandery held its Annual Easter Observance Program on Monday, April 6, 1998. The program, coordinated by Zone Commander SK & Rev. Charles Roberts, was a reflection on the thoughts and practice of the early Knights Templar concerning the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Assisting were SKs Lawrence Dunn, Donald Brugger and David Lathers. Program centered upon the extinguishing of six lit candles and a seventh which remained burning.

The Grand Commander's and Grand Prelate's Easter Messages were read and the Celebration of the Lord's Supper was enacted. The Program ended with prayer and the asking for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to live the Easter faith in our time.

The meaning behind each of the extinguished candles was explained as follows:

1st Candle - represented the darkness of violence of the unchristian life-style and attitude faced by the ancient Templars.

2nd Candle - represented the darkness, persecution, and death the Templars had to endure.

3rd Candle - represented the gloom of illness and affliction upon God's people.

4th Candle - represented the pain and cry for charity and hospitality from the people of God.

5th Candle - represented the fears of all individuals.

6th Candle - represented the hopelessness and attitude of despair that the world generates.

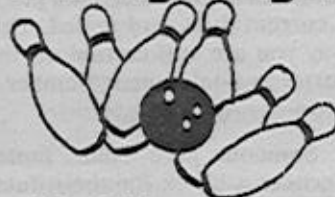
7th Candle - which remained lit, represented the Victory of Jesus Christ in overcoming all of the wrongs and evils represented by the candles extinguished. It burns brightly even unto our time to remind Christians of Christ's birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension, so that God's creation would be renewed and that all of humanity would have a way to redemption.

Thank you

A special thank you to the Ladies of the Schicker Club for hosting the reception that followed the program.

On May 4th we will have our Annual Election of Officers. There will be a Public Installation Ceremony on May 18th. Families, friends and neighbors are especially invited to attend. A reception hosted by the Schicker Club will follow.

Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

Several league bowlers have earned ABC Awards since my last column. Don Weis rolled 11 strikes in a row after starting with a spare to earn an "Eleven In A Row Plaque" for his 290 game. This also earned him a Senior Award Patch for a game 79 pins over his average. Don, who is leading the league with a 213 average, also rolled three more 700 series - 726 (248, 234, 244), 721 (236, 290) and 705 (234, 246, 225).

Mike Bell rolled a 243 game that was 89 pins over his average to earn a Senior Award Patch. Also earning the same Patch was Gerry Spero for his 224 game that was 81 pins over his average.

Since my last column there have been 40-600 series and 189-200 games rolled. 600 series were rolled by Don Weis-691 (225, 244, 222), 682 (255, 224), 665 (223, 258), 636 (225), 635 (244) and 606 (238), Rick Flanagan-668 (265), 609 (235) and 602 (245), Glenn Keenan-657 (247), 640 (241), 618 and 604 (220), Rich P. Ehrne-655 (226, 237), Rex Edwards, Jr.-651 (276), John Harris-641 (223, 237), 621 (244), 611 (246), 611 (256), 604 (231), and 601 (245), Bud Crane-639 (224, 225) and 625 (232, Bill Rubert-634 (230), 623 (228), 603 (223) and 602 (230), Mark Noto-633 (257), Dick Topel-629 (222), John Blodgett-622 (232) and 612 (220), John Flynn-613 (222) and 613, Heinz Gunkel-607, Harold Reynolds-603 (220), Mark Leathersich-603 (223), and C.T. Gillens-600 (234).

Notable games were rolled by Bill Rubert-245, 236, and 234, Scott Weis-245 and 223, Gary Bonisteel-239 and 222, Dick Topel-237, Al Kerber-234, Mike Noto-232, Dave Mawhiney-228, John Flynn-226, Heinz Gunkel-225, Mike LaDue-224, Rick Flanagan-223, Gerry Duell-223, John Blodgett-222, C.T. Gillens-220, Corey Kent-218, Richard Lattuca-217, Joe Flanagan-212, George Franklin-210, Rich Mosher-206, and Steve Neitz-202.

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The league bowls at 8:45 p.m. at Maiden Lanes. Both Masons and non-Masons are welcome. Stop in and see us sometime.



22nd Capital District to Sponsor Keuka Lake Cruise

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

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

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

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The Degrees of Royal Master and Select Master were conferred at the Assembly held on April 27th. Congratulations to the new members of Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92 and Hornellsville Council No. 35.

Congratulations

Election and Installation of new Officers for the coming year will be the order of business at the Assembly to be held on Monday, May 11th. The Nominating Committee has been at work and will present the slate of officers for election that night. The Installation will again be presided over by R.I. Layton Vogel. Best wishes are extended to the new officers for a successful year in office.

Reminder

Don't forget to make your donation to the Grand Council Charity Fund. R.I. Layton Vogel will be happy to receive your contribution. He is hoping to have the Council receive the Award at Grand Council for the ninth consecutive year.


Grand Commandery Knights Templar

State of New York

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SK Ronald S. Januszkiewicz
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SK Ronald J. Bertie
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SK Charles Roberts
621-3796

Knights Templar Educational Foundation Division of New York

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of New York, has had another very successful year. The Foundation received donations of approximately \$10,000 again this year. This is the second year that the Foundation was able to report a significant increase in the value of our funds. I want to thank SK Courtland Andrew, KTCH, Chairman of the New York Division, and SK Richard Clark, PC No. 37, and member



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266-2384

course for 1998-1999. All those involved will be notified either by phone or by mail.

Dues

The primary duty of the Adjutant is to keep the records of the Post. Dues checks should be made out to: James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12, and be mailed to me at 245 Cranbrook Drive, Rochester, NY 14622.

The reason for the above information being that some of you have passed dues on to fellow members you have met either socially or at a meeting of a Concordant Body. These dues have then been given to our Finance Officer, thereby bypassing the Adjutant and your paid dues are not recorded in the Dues Book nor is a current dues card issued. This way you are still carried on the roster as a delinquent member.

Was it you?

Someone gave Cmdr. James Spencer a check for their dues, that check was deposited by the Finance Officer.

Neither one can remember who that check was written by. I cannot record the person involved as a paid up member or issue him a new card. I would appreciate a phone call from that member so that I can bring my records up to date. Please call me at 266-2384.

Foot note

One good thing about being a procrastinator is that I can look forward to having something to do to tomorrow. □



By Harold Bollotin

On Sunday afternoon, April 5th, the fourth and final Ward visit for the current season was made at the VAMC.

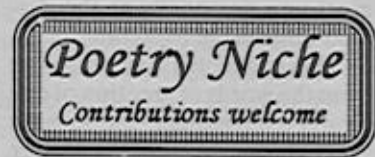
The seven Masonic volunteers and ladies consisted of Tom and Cora Paglia, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, Paul and Doris Robertson and June Moon.

Regulars Larry and Marge Hood were unable to attend and we wish Larry a speedy recovery from his surgery.

Regular Ward visits will be resumed on Sunday afternoon, October 11th.

Future events

The Annual VA Voluntary Service Awards Banquet will be held on April 30th at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Tom Paglia will be presented an award for devoting a total of well over 5,000 volunteer hours of service at the VAMC. Congratulations, Tom! □



Roll call of Remembrance

Distant gunfire? no, drums.
Drum roll, distant as yet.
The music of horns added coming closer.
The bright sound of brass; closer still.
Then, suddenly you see it, the first flag,
Stars, Stripes, snapping proudly in the breeze,
The sight recalls: many late Spring days, spent this way.
Then for some, unbidden memories come;
Chateau-Thierry, Argonne Forest, the Marne;
For a few, very few, these days.
Pearl Harbor, Coral Sea, Midway,
Anzio, Cassino, Utah and Omaha Beaches,
Manila, Iwo Jima.
Some of the names conjured in other memories.
Pusan, Inchon, Kelly Hill, Heartbreak Ridge,
Are some of the names,
That Strike some younger memories.

And younger still the memories that recall,
Exotic names, carefully scripted, on the TV evening news:
Gulf of Tonkin, Ma River, Hue, Da Nang, Tet Offensive.
Sample names of places where dead comrades lie.
Under white crosses, or under the sea,
In rice paddies, bunkers or fields.
Memories go back to pain and the loss;
And remember our honored dead.
Thoughts then turn;
To ones who made it home, but not in one piece.
An arm or a leg, or a mind left behind.
The price already paid.

And to the one remembering; unhurt, perhaps, but not unscarred.

A quiet peace comes, for the moment,
A prayer is sent up to thank all of these,
And others who've gone before;
To the sound of distant thunder, in all too many wars.

And those of us who can only say a prayer,
Of hope for peace and thanks for sacrifices given,
Silently Honor all of them.
And then return to bright music, under a Spring blue sky.
As sadness gives way to joyous freedom
A Memorial Day Parade.
Evelyn Ann Heller

Reflections

Continued from page 15

psychologist, we are born with what he called a "Tabular Rasa" or blank slate. All we are taught or experience in our early development, is inscribed on this blank slate. That means everything. Not being fed on time, being stuck with a diaper pin or being cuddled, smiled at, associating certain experiences with either pleasure or pain; anything we experience during early development.

Sounds awesome doesn't it? Everything you do to a child is recorded along with the associated tactual or auditory experiences. It goes on this blank slate for all time. Of course many of these experiences are repressed and may only surface when triggered by extreme stimuli later in the individual's life. Some we may never be conscious of or remember. Most of them, however, influence our behavior whether we are conscious of them or not.

Using this proposed mechanism we can put in prospective the profound responsibility that the parent has in shaping the future of their children. Of course we all know that learning doesn't stop in childhood; we retain the ability to learn throughout a normal lifetime. We can be changed and Freemasonry relies on that possibility in its quest to make good men better.

What does this tell us?

That brings us to the whole purpose of this discussion. Since people can be taught and assuming this process is dynamic or on-going, almost all individuals can learn to change their ways. They can even learn to overcome traumatic childhood experiences so that they are

not a disrupting factor. The only thing that is needed is incentive.

Remembering that a large part of training or learning is by example, just think what a challenge and opportunity this presents to the Masonic Fraternity. "You may never know how far your influence may spread beyond the circle of your close associates"; sound familiar? This paraphrase from one of our Masonic Charges is your clue.

Therefore, Brothers, be the best that you can in your dealings with all people so that the Light of Freemasonry, through you, will illuminate the path of all mankind. We are judged and therefore believed via our actions, not our words. This bit of wisdom, although unheeded by some in leadership positions, has never been more valid than it is today. Let us not, as preservers, vindicators and advocates of the Craft and its mission, make that mistake. □

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. □

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By Wthy. Barbara Spano
Something to be happy about; sapphire mountains set into emerald valleys.

Hello everyone

Time is fast approaching for Monroe District's Grand Official Visit. We are looking forward to Most Worthy Peggy Grupp's and Most Worthy Earl Aldrich's Visit on May 16th. The Luncheon for the Line Officers and their guests will be at 11:30 a.m. The evening schedule is: 5:30 p.m. Cocktails, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Your Chapters have all been sent an invitation with the other information and reservations must be given to Rt. Wthy. Mary Hall by May 1st. It looks like a great evening.

Meeting in Hilton

The next Line Officers meeting will be on May 2nd. This is also the West/East Luncheon at Hilton Temple. We hope to see you all there.

Official Visits

Rt. Wthy. Mary and Rt. Wthy. Jim have been to four Official Visits. By the time you read this article there will have been six more. They have enjoyed each and every one.

May schedule

Irondequoit - May 4th-8:00 p.m.
Monroe - May 5th-7:30 p.m.

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 Leah - May 26th-8:00 p.m.
 Webster - June 2nd - 7:30 p.m.

Walk-a-Thon

The District Walk-a-Thon was April 18th and we thank everyone who participated in this venture, especially Why. Debbie Leipold who did such a wonderful job of planning for it. The monies raised from this will stay in Monroe District and will be used to help a child in need.

Another one

The State Walk-a-Thon is May 23rd at Olean. If possible, please try to support this. We still need food supplies and clothing for The Center for Youth. Monies collected from the banks will go for a TV/VCR, whatever is left over will be used for a scholarship for a needy child going on in school. Be generous, every little bit helps.

Labels and stamps

We are still collecting Campbell labels and stamps.

Luncheon

The Lilac Luncheon will be Thursday, June 18th at 11:30 a.m. Invitations for this will be mailed this month.

More dates

The next Peaches meeting is June 30th at 7:30 p.m. at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in Penfield. Leah Chapter No. 183 is having a Chicken-n-Biscuit Dinner on May 9th at Clio Lodge, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. \$5.00 will get you in the door for this delicious dinner. Mary Jane Holmes Chapter will be having a Roast Pork Dinner on May 2nd. \$7.00 will let you in for this delicious dinner. Contact the Secretary for the time.

Nonsense, now and then, is pleasant. Until next time, I wish you peace.

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The weather didn't cooperate with us and we had to cancel our March 21st Study Club meeting. Our Care Bears Study Club met April 18th at Stebbins Chapter, Pike.

Official Visits

Our Official Visits coming up thru May are: May 5th, Perry Chapter No. 497, at 7:30 p.m.; May 8th, Vernon Chapter No. 611, Java Village at 8:00 p.m.; May 13th, Batavia Chapter No. 267, at 8:00 p.m.; May 18th, Olive Branch Chapter No. 509, LeRoy at 7:30 p.m., and May 20th, Stebbins Chapter No. 503, Pike.

Sympathy

Our hearts reach out in Sympathy to Carole Makowski and her family on the death of her husband, Richard "Mack" Makowski, on April 6th. He will be greatly missed by all.

Coming soon!

Our District Fun Night was Saturday, April 25th at the Perry

Masonic Temple in Perry. This was not only an Eastern Star Fun Night, but was open to the public.

Thank you

Thanks to all who supported the Perry Chapter and Constellation Lodge at our Swiss Steak Dinner. The funds raised will give us a start for a badly needed roof on our Perry Masonic Temple. □

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By Why. Avis Theis

May

I'm convinced God chose this month for showing off His best.

Our prayers

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Why. Mary Jane Parry and her family on the death of Brother Enoch.

Concerns

Brother Ken Robinson is now home from the hospital and we wish him well.

Meetings

May 5th is our Mother's Tureen Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, table service and your family. Following the meeting we will show slides of Nola's past. You won't want to miss them!

May 19th will be Draping the Altar/Memorial Night.

The Committee is Rt. Why. Carol Wynings, Why. Susan Mason, Why. Joan Jacobs, Why. Sheila MacDonald, Sisters Kim Morici and Beverly Reed.

Happy Mother's Day

At lilac time, in sweet bouquets
 Fond memories I trace
 And find within their loveliness
 My Mother's smiling face. □

Rochester Chapter No. 314

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Why. Evelyn Ann Heller
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Rt. Why. Barbara Mertens
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A reminder to all officers that May 2nd is Memorial Night. Ladies, please wear white.

Birthday Banquet

One final reminder on our Birthday Banquet. It will be Sunday, May 3rd at the Maplewood Inn on East Avenue. We will gather at 5:00 p.m. and eat at 5:45 p.m. The choices are London Broil, Chicken Marsala, and Boston style Filet of Haddock. They are all \$17.50, including tax and tip. Reservations need to be in to Barbara Spano no later than April 26th. It will be a fun evening, so please join us.

Thanks

My thanks to all who helped make the Candy Sale a success. I would like to make special mention of our best sales person, Sis-

ter Phyllis Prill. Her efforts took the sale over the top.

Bazaar

The Spring Charity Bazaar was greatly affected by the bad weather we had. I would like to thank all who helped by working on it in any way. Special thanks, once again, to our co-chairs of this project, Rt. Why. Audrey Zufall and Sister Norma Gingold, who spent hours in craft sessions and even more hours at the mall.

Projects

Please remember to save your Campbell Soup products labels for the Eastern Star Day Care Center. If you have any, get them to me, and I'll get them to the proper person. Save your canceled stamps and get them to me, also. Those are used towards the Grand Matron's projects.

Men's Bake-Off

June 6th is a regular meeting and Master Masons Night. All Master Masons are welcome. Please let me know if you are planning to attend. We will also be having a men's bake-off that evening. It will be judged by the Past Matrons. Come on, guys, let us see what kind of bakers you are.

Once again, remember, "Set a stout hert to stay brae". The harder the task, the more determination is needed. □

Editor's Award for Non-Lodge Articles

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

Fidelity Triangle No. 4
2nd & 4th Saturdays

Beloved Queen
 Melissia
 DuBois



Even though we have been very quiet, we have been very busy, serving dinners, taking a trip to the Festival of Lights and Hard Rock Cafe in Canada, attending dances at Rochester Chapter DeMolay, having sleepovers, attending Masonic youth nights and Installations and the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House. We also went to Albany to see our State Director at her Grand Matron's Official Visit.

This, as my 3rd and final time as Beloved Queen, (I reach majority in November), has been a very special one to me. Serving along with me was my brother, Peter, as Master Councilor for Rochester Chapter DeMolay. My brother, Jason, joined earlier in 1997. My mother became the Jr. Deputy of Fidelity Triangle. My grandmother is the Sr. Advisor of the Monroe, Niagara District and my grandfather is the Patron of my OES Chapter. That's called all in the family!

For me it has sincerely been an honor to have served as Jr. Advisor and the 1996 State Representative, an experience that will last a lifetime!

Soon it will be time for me to pass on what I have learned as a member of New York's finest youth group.

The Organization of Triangles has given me more than I could have ever imagined and has truly been the best years of my life.

Thank you to all of my Supervisors and Daddies and the Senior Advisory Council for helping me to grow into what Triangle stands for, "A finer American Womanhood".

Please help this Organization continue to grow by giving us 100% of your support. Remember, today's youth are the leaders of tomorrow.

If you know of any girl between the ages of 11-21 whom you think would make a good Triangle girl, please call our Sr. Advisor, Mrs. Rhodes at 621-6051. □

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DeMolay International

Approval of 501 (c) (3) Tax Exempt Status

DeMolay International Chairman and Grand Master, Tony Krall, announced that the Internal Revenue Service has granted the organization a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status allowing DeMolay International and its subordinate Chapters to accept tax deductible gifts.

This will allow gifts of cash or property to be accepted by DeMolay and be tax deductible by the donor. Mr. Krall said, "I am excited about the Internal Revenue Service's decision granting DeMolay this tax deductible status. This will allow our hard working volunteers as well as donors, to receive a tax deduction for DeMolay related activities and contributions."

DeMolay International, an international organization for young men age 12 (and completed seventh grade) to 21, utilizes local Chapters or clubs as a "laboratory" setting for members to learn leadership skills, public speaking, time management and financial management. In addition to these skills, DeMolay offers an expansive social and athletic program.

Over 30,000 young men in the United States actively participate in DeMolay today and well over one million have benefited from the DeMolay experience since it was founded in 1919. Famous DeMolays include: Walt Disney, Gary Collins, John Wayne, Walter Cronkite, Fran Tarkenton, Astronauts, US Senators, Governors, business leaders and successful minded leaders.

For more information, contact: DeMolay International, 10200 N Executive Hills Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64153. □

In Memoriam

March

Parry, Enoch W.
 A member of Churchville Lodge No. 667 and former Mayor of Churchville, Enoch passed away March 17th at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, 2 sons, 4 grandsons and 2 great-grandsons.

Olmstead, Robert B.

March 21st was the date that Robert joined the Great Architect above. He was a member of Fame Lodge No. 945 and is survived by his wife, Evelyn, 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Tinsley, Glendon D., Sr.

Glendon was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 when he died on March 21st. Survivors include his wife, Mary, one son, grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Holt, Joseph H., Sr.

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine all lost a member with the death of Joseph on March 24th. He is survived by his wife, Reta, 2 children, 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Bell, John T.

A member of the former Henrietta Lodge No. 526, now Union Star Lodge No. 320, John died March 25th at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, Anna, 2 daughters, 2 grandsons and 3 great-grandchildren.

Crane, Gilbert M.

Death claimed Gilbert of March 26th. He was a member of Flower City Lodge No. 910 and is survived by his wife, Adell, 3 sons and 4 grandchildren.

Craib, James M.

James was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and Rochester Consistory. He was called Home on March 30th. Survivors include his wife, Gail, 3 sons and his father.

April

Aroesty, Albert

A member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, Albert died April 7th. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia, children and 5 grandchildren.

Howland, Bruce N.

Bruce was 86 years old when he went to his Heavenly Home on April 7th. He was a member of Germania Lodge No. 722 and is survived by his wife, Jane, children, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Bauer, William W.

William was a member of Lalla Rookh Grotto and Damascus Temple Shrine when he passed away on April 8th. He played in the Shrine Band for 45 years. Survivors include his wife, Mary, children, grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

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

Konieczny, Howard J.

A member of Fame Lodge No. 945, Howard died March 19th.

Davidson, Stanley

Stanley was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163. Survivors include his wife, Ethel.

McLain, John R.

A member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 and Rochester Consistory, John passed away on April 1st.

Makowski, Richard C.

Richard was in Florida when he died on April 6th. He was a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263. □

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

1998

Jun. 6 Triluminar Golf District Tournament
Jun. 10 Finger Lakes Chapter Philaethos/Service Bureau
Jim Kelly/Hunter's Hope Benefit Dinner, Diplomat PH

Oct. 12 Last Round of Golf, Lakeside Memorial
Foundation Benefit Tournament

1999

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

Program Speakers

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

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to clean and maintain loan equipment. Won't you help. Call the Service Bureau 473-4351. ☐

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Etolian	
Monroe	
Oakland	
Churchville	4/14
Clio	4/13
ERAC	4/14
Flower City	4/14
Germania	4/14
Mount Vernon	4/13
Seneca	4/16
Union Star	4/14
Valley Simes	4/13
Warsaw	4/13

The Deadline for the June issue is:
May 11, 1998

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

Save the Date! Fifty - Seventh Interfaith Service & Breakfast

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester, Inc.

Sunday, October 4, 1998
Service 9:00 a.m., Breakfast 10:00 p.m.

R.-W.- and Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr.
leading the Service

Featuring the
39th Distinguished Community Service Award
Master of Ceremonies
Monroe County Sheriff, Bro. Andrew P. Meloni

Logan's Party House, 1420 Scottsville Road
Mark your calendar now, invite family & friends
Clip out & put on your refrigerator!

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Sat., May 2nd
Ukraine Dance

Mon., May 4th
Stomp Load-in
Tues. - Sun., May 5 - 10
Stomp
Tues.-Thur. 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 8:00 p.m.
Sat. - 5:00, 9:00 p.m.
Sun. - 2:00, 6:00 p.m.

Thur., May 14th
Air Force Band

Mon., May 18th
Chamber Theatre
Fri., May 22nd (tent.)
Whispers
Sat., May 23rd (tent.)
Fundraiser
Fri., May 29th (tent.)
Gospel Play
Sat May 30th (tent.)
Comedy
Sun., May 31st (tent.)
Gospel Play



May 1 Spaghetti Dinner, Webster Lodge, Webster, NY

May 13 Spaghetti Dinner, Clio Lodge, East Ave, Hilton, NY 4-7

May 16 Chicken Bar-B-Q, Hesperus, Bergen-Info. 494-1395

May 27 Spaghetti Dinner, Clio Lodge, East Ave. Hilton, NY. 4-7

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

This is the last opportunity that I shall have to say to you how much I have enjoyed this year as Master of Seneca Lodge, and that I hope the incoming Master will enjoy his year. The only request I have is that the members of Seneca support him in his effort to create enthusiasm for his programs and events. The best possible programs cannot succeed without the members of the Lodge taking advantage of the work and effort that is expended on their behalf.

Seneca had an Awards Presentation on April 26th at the Maplewood Inn. We honored those who for years have contributed to the strength of our Lodge. This event was open to the wives and families.

I now close feeling that my brevity should reinforce the message I have thus presented. Support your Lodge and reward those who serve you well. ☐

It's Coming!

May Flower Lily of the Valley
May Gem Emerald

Election of Officers - E
Installation - I

Calendar May 1998

○ Masonic Times Deadline

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1998 APRIL 1998 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1998 JUNE 1998 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	217th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge - May 3 and 4th The following amendments were passed on the first reading at last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge: Section 600.8 "Every Lodge shall pay for each of its members annually \$17.00 to pay for the expenses of Grand Lodge authorized by appropriations at an Annual Communication, and any other expenditures for duly authorized projects of Grand Lodge." Section 600.9 "Every Lodge shall pay for each of its members annually, which shall be appropriated to the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, \$0.50."	1	2	Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. 30 Orchard Street Webster, NY	OES - Rochester
3 Shrine - NYOSA, Utica	4 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - E OES - Etolian, Irondequoit Shrine - Lunch Club Divan/Board	5 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw - E Germania - E OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	6 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine Hot Sands Nurses' Day	7 National Day of Prayer Constellation - E Hesperus - Bergen Northfield Webster AASR - Elec. Off.	8 Shrine - NYOSA, Utica	9 Scottish Rite - Open Installation of Officers Daughters of the Nile Shrine - NYOSA, Utica
10 Mother's Day	11 ERAC - E Etolian - E,I Fairport - E Mt. Vernon - E Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Arcade RSM-Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council - E,I OES - Mary Jane Holmes Shrine - Lunch Club	12 Arcade Batavia - E Craftsman/Robertson - FC Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes - E,I RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming	13 Service Bureau Luncheon Churchville - E Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia	14 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City - E RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Lalla Rookh Caldron Wayne County SC, Greeters	15 Scottish Rite - New Member Orientation Nile - Partners Bridge Tea	16 Shrine - Ismailia Reception Legion of Honor - Commander's Ball Armed Forces Day
17 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner May 13 & 27th East Ave. Hilton 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.	18 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - I OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine - Lunch Club, Clowns, Auburn SC	19 Charlotte/Corinthian - E Craftsman/Robertson - E Clio - Hilton - E Germania - Irondequoit - I Towpath - E. Rochester Valley/Simes - FC Warsaw OES - Nola, Perry, Webster Shrine - Wheelers Victoria Day, Canada	20 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Grotto RSM - Doric Council - E,I Patrol	21 Constellation - Perry - I Hesperus - Bergen - 3rd Northfield - Pittsford Webster - E RAM - Western Star, Batavia	22 Past Masters Supper Club	23
24/31	25 Memorial Day Observed	26 Arcade - E Batavia - I Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Valley/Simes RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah Shrine - Director's Staff, PMDT- Wayne	27 Churchville - I Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike - I OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia Shrine - Horse Patrol, Perry SC, Color Guard	28 Eagle Valley - Bliss RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia	29 Monroe Districts Joint Investiture Downtown Temple Dinner - 6:15 p.m. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Master's pictures before dinner only	30 Memorial Day