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Ray Barber Appointed DDGM of the Genesee/ Wyoming District



R.W.: Ray Barber was raised on April 3, 1957 in Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263 in Java Village. He belongs to Arcade Chapter RAM, Hamburg Council No. 91, R & SM, Batavia Commandery No. 34, KT, and Genesee York Rite Collège No. 25.

He served in the U.S. Navy in the Korean War. On retiring from National Fuel Gas, after 30 years of service, he took the job of Wyoming County Historian.

Right Worshipful Brother Barber is active in the North South Skirmish Association, a black powder shooting group. He has been a member of the Java Village Baptist Church for many years. He and his wife, Joan, have been married for 45 years. □

R.W.: Dennis M. Turton, Sr. Appointed Grand Steward



R.W.: Brother Turton was raised in West Seneca Lodge No. 1111 and served as Master in 1994. He was President of the Erie County Wardens Association and Treasurer of the Erie County Masters Association. He served as Chairman of the Third Erie District Child I.D. Program and aide to the DDGM in 1997.

In 1995 he affiliated with Attica Lodge No. 462 where he is currently Worshipful Master. In 1996-97 he was President of the Genesee/Wyoming Masters and Wardens Association.

His other Masonic affiliations include membership in Western Star Chapter No. 35 RAM; Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92, R & SM; Batavia Commandery No. 34, KT; and Pond Chapter No. 853 O.E.S. □

Arnold Palmer Named to Learning Centers' Board



Commander Ralston welcomes Palmer as an Honorary Director on the Children's Learning Centers' Corporation.

Ill.: Arnold Palmer, 33, has agreed to serve as an Honorary Director on the Board of Directors for the 32° Masonic Children's Learning Centers, Inc.

The announcement was made in June by Sovereign Grand Commander Robert O. Ralston, following the conferral of the 33° on Ill.: Brother Palmer. The ceremony took place at the Syrian Shrine Oasis Country Club, Cincinnati, Ohio. The golf course, designed by Palmer, was dedicated earlier in the day.

Palmer, a well known golf professional, is a member of Loyahanna No. 275, Latrobe,

PA, and the Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh.

Palmer was named "athlete of the decade" for the 1960s in a national Associated Press poll. Throughout his career he amassed 92 championships in professional competition, and 61 of the victories came on the US PGA Tour, starting with the 1955 Canadian Open.

Palmer joins ten other Honorary Directors for the Learning Centers Corporation. They are: Norm Crosby, Bob Evans, Robert L. Giesel, Carl H. Lindner, Jr., John L. McCain, Pat Buckley Moss, Harold A. Poling, Clarence R. Smith, Jr., Charles E. Spahr, and John H. VanGorden. (Courtesy "The Northern Light".) □

Soap Box Derby Update

By Phillip R. Hurwitz

Joshua Folino proudly represented Towpath Lodge No. 163 at the 1998 Greater Rochester Soap Box Derby held on May 30-31. He ran one of the fastest recorded times on that Saturday. Joshua's keen interest in racing, coupled with his family's support and the support of the Lodge, made this a memorable event.



Towpath Lodge thanks all those in the Craft and the Eastern Star who came out and supported this effort.

If other Lodges or Chapters are interested in this type of community activity, give me a call at 581-1831. □

C. Padmanabh Kamath, M.D. to Receive 39th Distinguished Community Service Award at the October Interfaith Service And Breakfast

C. Padmanabh Kamath was born in the small town of Karkala on the West coast of South India on December 25, 1945 to Gopalakrishna and Radha Kamath. Upon completion of his high school and early college education in Karkala he enrolled in the Medical School at the college in Pondicherry on the East Coast of India.

Upon completing Medical School in 1971, Padmanabh married Amrith and the couple im-



migrated to the United States soon after. He completed his post graduate studies at the Metropolitan Hospital of the New York Medical College in New York City. In 1976 he joined the Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn as a Staff Pathologist.

The family moved to Rochester in 1979 when Padmanabh joined the Staff of Highland Hospital as a Pathologist and since 1983 he has been Director of the Clinical Laboratory there.

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Attention All Veterans

In response to incorrect information distributed by others on the Internet, the Canandaigua VA Medical Center and Rochester Veterans Outpatient Clinic is clarifying recent changes regarding veteran's eligibility for health care.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is required by law to establish an enrollment system for health-care services to be in place by October 1, 1998. While

veterans must be enrolled to receive care, it does not mean that veterans who have not applied for enrollment by that date will lose their eligibility for VA health care. Veterans who have not received VA health-care since October 1, 1998, will have an application processed automatically on their behalf.

"Enrolling for VA health-care services will provide improved access for Canandaigua and Rochester area veterans to a comprehensive package of services", said Stuart Collier, Director of the Canandaigua VA Medical Center.

Applicants will be placed in one of seven enrollment priority groups, specified by Congress. Based on the priority they are assigned, the number of other veterans requesting to be enrolled and the funds available for VA health-care, VA will determine how many veterans can be served. Veterans will be notified by mail beginning in late Spring whether or not their application for enrollment has been accepted.

After October 1, 1998, some veterans may still be treated without being enrolled. Veterans with service related disabilities and veterans who were discharged or released from active duty for that disability incurred or aggravated while on active duty may be treated for that disability within the first 12 months after their discharge.

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Update! Fifty - Seventh Interfaith Service & Breakfast

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau

Sunday, October 4, 1998

Leading Services

R.W.: and Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr.

Also Featuring

39th Distinguished Community Service Award

C. Padmanabh Kamath, M.D.

Master of Ceremonies

Monroe County Sheriff Andrew P. Meloni

Location

Logan's Party House, 1420 Scottsville Road
Service - 9:00 a.m./Breakfast - 10:00 a.m.

Your Service Bureau Representatives have tickets!
Tickets \$10.00, sales limited to 400.

No Tickets Sold After September 28, 1998

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Editor's Corner

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Of necessity some editing of articles for the *Masonic Times* is generally required. All those submitting articles on a regular basis should compare the final version as it appears in the *Times* with their original text. By doing this you can check us for accuracy and to see how you are doing in relation to our editorial policies and particular style. If for any reason you question a deletion, addition or change from the original, please contact me. Don't hesitate to question anything we have printed. We are always open to any critical comments and welcome these as an opportunity to educate or be educated.

Communications

In the past I have tried to convince Presiding Officers that their most important function is not presiding, scheduling or pontificating, but **communicating**. That means that you do not miss one opportunity to make contact with your members. The monthly articles you submit for this publication are read by not just your members or the over 5000 subscribers of this publication, but a much wider Masonic and non-Masonic audience. Not only do we distribute the *Times* to local Districts, but also to other in-state, out-of-state and foreign addresses.

Even though your Lodge publishes a newsletter your message in the *Times* reaches those of your members who do not attend regularly, those who live out-of-state and non-members who might be favorably impressed with your organization.

So think of the *Times* not only as a vehicle for member communication, but also one for advertising and recruiting. If for some reason you, as a presiding officer, are unable or feel ill prepared to write an article for the *Times*, it is still your responsibility to see that this important task is accomplished and submitted each month and by the deadline. There are probably many budding authors in your Lodge who would jump at the opportunity to do the job; why not ask? You may be surprised.

Final Round of Golf

This Columbus Day event was enjoyed by Brothers and their guests last year. A great way to end the season and help a needy cause. See ad pg. 24 or Wakan/Hubbard article.

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It is hard to believe that the Fall season is nearly here, although my August calendar of Masonic events looks like Fall has already started!

Help needed

We need workers to clean and repair wheelchairs and other loan closet equipment and volunteers to call those who have equipment on loan to see if the items are still in use.

We need many workers to help out at Camp DeMolay for clearing and cutting up tree limbs and branches. Help is also needed to work on the buildings. We have a great Camp and we want to keep it that way and improve it. Many hands make the work load seem smaller.

Speaker's list

If you are able and willing to discuss or present a topic for a Lodge or Concordant meeting, please let the Service Bureau know and we will maintain a roster. If a Lodge needs a program, we can help get you together.

Scholarships and Charities

Over 100 people attended the Scholarship and Charity Awards Night on June 24th. The event was held in the 3rd floor dining room of the Downtown Masonic Temple, where approximately \$22,000 was distributed.

Erna-Jean T. Walker presented the Scholarship Awards and each of the students told of their goals and the school they will be attending.

Larry Canfield presented the Charity Awards. Each representative explained a little about their organization's specialization.

Refreshments were served prior to the presentations. Many

thanks to Ramona Dimino, Thelma Scuffert, Erna-Jean Walker and Linda Zahn for their help.

Remember, "a brilliant idea is a job half done".

The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc. Loan Closet

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

Equip. Type	On loan
Bathtub equip.	80
Bed (Acces.)	2
Canes	101
Commodos	91
Crutches	220
Walkers	179
Wheelchairs	122
Miscellaneous	9
Total	804

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

Summer event

The only Community Service activity this Summer was the Penfield Homearama, sponsored by the Rochester Homebuilder's Association, July 11-16th.

The Homebuilder's requested the Al Sigl Center to provide volunteer services as they did last year for the Webster Homearama, for which they make a sizable donation to the Center. This time the assignment was to man the Food Concession Tent.

The manager of Special Services of the Center requested our services, representing the Service Bureau and the Masons. My wife, Sylvia, and I worked on three separate dates at the Concession Tent, serving food and beverages to the throngs of people attending the Homearama. It was a continually busy and hectic job for a very worthy cause.

As usual, the manager of Special Services of the Al Sigl Center was very grateful and appreciative of our participation and is cognizant of our role as Masons. She informed me that the Center was awarded a donation from the Rochester Homebuilder's Association in the amount of \$7,500.00.



August 5, 1998

Mr. Lawrence Canfield
President
Masonic Service Bureau
875 Main Street East
Rochester, NY 14605-2789

Dear Mr. Canfield:

On behalf of the Al Sigl Center partnership of agencies, and the 39,000 children and adults with disabilities we serve, I would like to again acknowledge the support of two representatives of your fine organization.

Harold and Sylvia Bollotin representing the Masonic Service Bureau and Monroe County Masons did an exceptional job as volunteers at the concession stand at Homearama '98. They gave support to the Center on three different occasions during the two week run of the show.

Their support of this event raised \$7,500 for the Center, provided wonderful exposure for our agencies and showed the over 25,000 participants of Homearama '98 how we *Achieve More Together*.

Our thanks to the Bollotins, and the members of the Masonic Service Bureau for your support of the Al Sigl Center.

Sincerely,

Debra J. Salmon

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Director, Annual Giving

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Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.



Dog Bites Man

If a dog bites you, can you successfully sue the owner and recover damages? As with many legal questions, the answer depends on the facts.

As a general rule, a dog owner cannot be held liable for dog bite injuries inflicted on other people.

In order to prevail in a lawsuit for injuries sustained in an attack by a domestic animal, the plaintiff has to present proof of the animal's vicious propensities and that the owner knew or should have known of this fact. The fact that an animal may have bitten

someone in the past does not automatically establish that the dog had a tendency to bite, or that the owner had prior knowledge. For example, the dog may have been provoked in the past (e.g. pulling the tail, teasing, bothering the dog while it's eating).

Testimony from others who were unjustifiably bit by this dog is how you prove that the owner knew or should have known that his dog had a tendency to bite. Another source of proof is prior complaints on file with the local dog warden or animal control.

If you are defending yourself against a claim that your dog bit someone, then check your homeowners policy to see if you are covered against such a claim.

The person suing you must prove you had notice, or reason to know, that your dog bites people. If the person suing you is unable to prove that, then their lawsuit should be dismissed.

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Dr. Kamath

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In 1986 he entered into partnership with Juliet Anderson and Richard Abbot to start the Metropolitan Funeral Chapels, Inc. on West Avenue in Southeast Rochester.

In 1987 Dr. Kamath joined the Board of the Faith Health Awareness Center where he was Treasurer for about four years. He continued to serve on that Board until its merger with the Health Association.

Since 1992 he has served on the Board of the India Community Center of Rochester, Inc. in various capacities including as its Chairman from 1993 to 1995.

Dr. Kamath has truly taken the idea of helping others. A true champion of the poor and underserved. Dr. Kamath not only contributes financially to improve life for the less fortunate, but gives equally of his precious time and talent.

As a pathologist, parent and a community activist Dr. Kamath does indeed have a very busy schedule. Yet he finds time to assist with food preparation for the needy every weekend and his pockets seem bottomless when it is time to help those who are experiencing a financial crisis.

When additional help was needed, he was instrumental in bringing several Asian-Indian families from his spiritual group to assist with cooking food, serving and cleaning the Center on Sundays and Holidays. What began as a weekend service project for this group has now grown into a true labor of love. These volunteers, led by Dr. Kamath, now provide food on Thanksgiving and toys to children in need at Christmas time.

The Doctor is also extremely active in a number of other causes. He is a leader and pillar of the India Community Center of Rochester Inc. a non-profit organization located in Penfield and has twice been voted Chairman of the Group. Under his leadership, he has encouraged this Organization to not only reach out to the growing Indian Community in Rochester, but to reach out to the larger Community as a whole through participation in volunteer projects.

He has also organized cultural shows by prominent Indian Artists to expose local residents to the Indian Culture. A deeply spiritual person, Dr. Kamath is a true believer in the equality of all people. He is convinced that we will have something to learn from and give to each other.

Dr. Kamath has now embarked on a new volunteer project - organizing weekend and Summer camps for children and young adults. He has delved into this project with his trademark zeal and enthusiasm and undoubtedly will be successful in serving those who are most in need. □

Veterans

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Veterans who are classified as being service-disabled with a rating of 50% or greater will continue to be eligible for VA health-care services without making application for enrollment.

While veterans in these categories do not have to be enrolled to be treated, they are encouraged to do so to help VA plan its services and allocate resources.

Those who are enrolled will be eligible for inpatient and outpatient services, including preventative and primary care. Other



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services include: diagnosis and treatment; rehabilitation; mental health and substance abuse treatment; home health, respite and hospice care and drugs and pharmaceuticals in conjunction with VA treatment.

Veterans accepted for enrollment will be eligible to receive care at any of the VA's more than 1,100 service sites. Enrollment will automatically be renewed unless he or she chooses not to renew, or unless VA resources limit the number of veterans the department can cover. Certain veterans will be asked to provide income information annually in order to properly classify them within the enrollment system, as required by law. All veterans experienced in dealing with the government should know that this disclaimer means that they should enroll themselves before the deadline.

To apply for enrollment, veterans should call, write, or visit the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua or the Veterans Outpatient Clinic in Rochester. Veterans and their families can also call, write or visit the Enrollment Coordinators at Canandaigua (716-396-3660) or Veterans Outpatient Clinic (716-242-0160), for more information, or visit VA's web site at <http://www.va.gov.health/elig>. □

Charities Grants Recipients Present at the Ceremonies



Charities representatives receiving Grants were: Hillel Foundation-Michael Phillips, Rochester Area Multiple Sclerosis-Kim Hoffman, Cameron Community Ministries (Kids Cafe)-Rev. Dorothy Petrie, Corpus Christi Church (Dimitri House)-Fran Morse, Family Resource Center-Alice Raymond & Starr Hodges, Meal and More-Pat von Kaenel, Open Door Mission-Paul Graham-Raad, Salem Nutritional Center-Al Smith, Salvation Army-Carol George, St. Peter's Kitchen-Sr. Barbara Kuhn, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality-Michael Childs, Isaiah House, Life Span (Regional Council for the Aging)-Ellery Reaves, Community Campership Committee-Bob Meteyer, Journey Home-Karen Mateuse, Advent House-Carol DeRue.

Masonic Q & A

From 101 Questions about Freemasonry (Masonic Service Association)

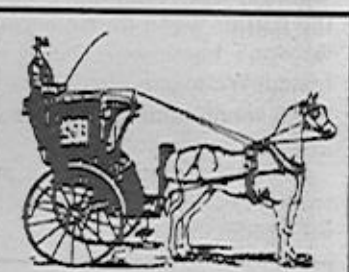
Q. How many Grand Lodges are there in the world?

A. The annual Chart of Foreign Grand Lodges recognized by the fifty Grand Lodges of the United States lists one hundred three Grand Lodges beyond the confines of this Nation. There are, then, 5047 possible "recognitions" of foreign Grand Lodges by the United States Grand Lodges (1963). □

Masonic Service Bureau Scholarship and Charities Recipients

The following are the Masonic sponsored Scholarship Award-ees. We wish all Scholarship recipients the best in their chosen fields.

Scholarship Applications will be available again in January of 1999. The Service Bureau thanks all the Committee members for their efforts. □



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District Deputy Grand Master

Genesee/Wyoming
District



**R.W. Raymond G.
Barber**
H (716) 457-3079

Well, Brothers, D Day is coming! My Official Visits begin on September 17th. I am looking forward to meeting with all of you and giving you the Grand Master's Message.

Brotherhood

As some of you may know, Arcade Lodge sustained flood damage in July. In addition to lots of mud and water coating, the hardwood floor was ruined. The Brothers from West Star and Mt. Vernon Lodges pitched in to help with the messy clean up. Their hard work was appreciated very much. I was proud to see the Brothers put some of our Masonic teaching to work.

Attica Lodge also suffered damage from the floods, but I don't know to what extent. If there are any other Lodges in the District that have had flood damage, please let me know.

Grand Lodge has made \$3000.00 available to help the residents of the County recover from the damage of the two recent floods.

Keep together

"We are in a war today. It's a war of ideas, morals, of Brotherhood. It doesn't take much research to determine we're losing the battle. We're losing because we don't know we're being defeated. We're hanging separately when we should be hanging together."

The above was taken in part from Robert's book, "The Search for Leadership".

The Gift of Love

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

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**R.W. Dennis M.
Turton, Sr.**
591-1179

As the DDGM and I travel around the District as a team, we notice many positive things going on. Lodges are conferring Degrees and raising new Brothers as a direct result of the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. There seem to be several Lodges with an infusion of "new blood" in their line of officers. This is a result of instilling interest and confidence in their newer members. On almost any given night, there is a program or a fundraiser going on somewhere in our District. These are tidings, my Brothers. This is evidence that we are on the right track, headed in the right direction and on the move.

Improvement

In order for us to be on the move for the betterment of the Craft, we need change. Even with all these good things taking place, my Brothers, we can always find room for improvement. One way to improve on something is to make a change for the better. We therefore announce, as a team, our motto for the next two years will be "Change for the Better". Of course, these changes don't have to be drastic, they can be very small, and over time, cause great improvements in the way we run our Lodges, and conduct our Ritual.

As a Staff Officer, one of my primary responsibilities to this District is education. Even though the Ritual is in the Assistant Grand Lecturer's realm of expertise, I would like to believe that to educate and improve on it throughout our Lodges could also be my goal. I believe good and proper Ritual will make us feel proud of ourselves and of our Lodges. I believe it will increase our enthusiasm and therefore get more and more of us involved in our Lodge and District activities.

This, my Brothers, will add to rebuilding the foundation of Freemasonry in our area to a level that we can all be proud of. A level to where we can hold our heads high and say, "I'm glad to be a Mason". I'm sure this pride and enthusiasm will have a positive effect on the people in our communities, and create more interest in Masonry.

Changing times

Years ago, I'm told that Masons didn't talk much about themselves in public. There seemed to be plenty of good men participating in the Craft, and wanting to become officers of their Lodges. The need for increased public recognition and recruiting for new

Brothers really wasn't necessary. Today it's different. As in many organizations, our membership is not thriving. We need to make everyone aware of who we are and what we do. We have to spark the interest of the younger man so he will want the opportunity of belonging.

The past is gone, my Brothers, and we must now deal with the present. We need to change our way of thinking. We need to change to save our beloved institution. So let's all grow together. Change, my Brothers, not for the sake of change, but "Change for the Better".

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

Summer has been passing fast, and it is time to start working in the quarry. Remember that it is the Master's responsibility to see that an article is written each month for this publication. This is a great method of keeping the Brothers who do not sit on the sidelines regularly, informed of the activities of your Lodge.

On your Trestleboard should be a time for the Assistant Grand Lecturer's Official Visit. You say that you are not sure what the date is that he scheduled for a visit to your Lodge? Well, this year things are different. Call R.W. Robert W. Strang to make his Visit fit into your trestleboard. He can be reached at 591-2888. Call early to insure your date.

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



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

Summer is nearing its cessation and the colors of the harvest season will approach us soon. So will the command of the Master's gavel gather us together with that great light of Masonry.

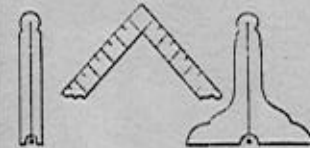
Some of your Brothers have had the opportunity to improve the necessities of the District by gathering for the final approval of the affixed amendment to the By-Laws. Ask your Master to read Article 16 of the By-Laws in Lodge. A letter of explanation on Article 16 enclosed with the amended By-Laws has been distributed to each Master and Secretary within our District.

There was a discussion about passing information via the use of a phone list between the Lodges of the District when one of our Brothers joins with the Great Architect of the Universe. If such a phone list was created, who should be notified, when should the listing be activated, and which Brothers should be cause for activation, were some of the questions raised. This discussion pointed out that it should be the decision of the Master of the home Lodge of the deceased Brother as to whether other Lodges be informed and that the family has requested a Masonic Service. The District Directory provides the necessary phone numbers.

Scout Camp Sam Wood Chapel was again noted as still being in need of repair or replacement for use by handicapped children. The appointed committee of Glen Cramer and Robert Forbs will investigate the repair costs or the possibility of construction of a new Chapel and its costs for better accessibility by the handicapped users of the camp. This report will be filed with the Council during the January, 1999 meeting in LeRoy.

Fish Fry

On October 16th, the Fall District Fish Fry will be held at Oakland Lodge in Castile. Comments the Chairman, Henry Robinson, dinner will commence at 4:30 p.m. and advance tickets will be sold to each Lodge in the District. All the usual arrangements will be implemented.



Masters & Wardens Association

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Thanks

My thanks to all who attended the April meeting. There was a good crowd and everyone seemed very interested in the program of the night. Thanks to W.: Bill Swyers for the fine job in preparing the refreshments. (I'll bet Kay had a lot to do with it!).

With this year's elections now complete and the current Masters and Wardens in place, I'd like to remind all that this Association would like to have a completed "Degree Assistance Team" form from each group. This program can only work if we all get involved. If any of you do not have a form on file, please contact the newly elected President and he would be happy to accommodate you. Thank you.

Our last meeting was the Annual Picnic and Election of Officers at Warsaw Park on August 28th. The usual Summer fare of hot dogs, Italian sausage, and salads were served. This event was a huge success and I congratulate the newly elected officers. I'm sure they will do an outstanding job for your association. Let's all get behind these Brothers who have taken on the leadership roles of this fine organization and give them our help.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and assistance in the past two years that I've been President of the Master's and Warden's Association. There are many of you who have given me guidance and direction, and I thank you! It certainly was my pleasure to serve you. Thank you, again.



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



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Wednesday
(Jan-Feb-Mar
3rd Wed Only)

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Thanks

I'd like to start by thanking the members of Attica Lodge for electing me Master. This is truly an honor and I'm looking forward to serving you for the upcoming year. Probably like most new Masters, I have ideas and programs planned to stir new interest in long time members hoping to increase attendance. If you haven't sat on the sidelines in recent months, I urge you to come on out and visit your Lodge and share in the fellowship our Fraternity is noted for. You just might be pleasantly surprised!

Another success

Our Annual Mother's Day Chicken Bar-B-Que was again a success. Thank you all who helped make this another worthwhile event. Special thanks to all the talented ladies for their homemade pies!

New Officers

For those of you who couldn't make it to the elections, our new slate of officers for the year is as follows:

Master Dennis M. Turton, Sr.
SW Jerold Brade
JW Robert Haynes
Secretary Norman Steinbaugh
Treas. William Walters
Trustee 2001 Sam Norris
Trustee 2000 Robert Strang, Jr.
(replacing Norm Steinbaugh)

My appointed Line Officers are:

Senior Deacon Chuck Lapp
JD Bruce Anderson
Sr. MC Daniel Kelsey, Jr.
Jr. MC Robert Kelsey
Stewards Frank Rechlin
Keith Countermine
Marshal Donald Wagner
Tiler Selden Williams
Chaplain Robert Strang, Jr.

We're still searching for an organist and soloist. Music adds so much to the order of Ritual, for business and Degrees. If any member wants to share their talent, please let us know.

Special thanks to two Brothers for taking up the reins of very important positions that unexpectedly became vacant this year: W.: William Walters as Treasurer and W.: Norman Steinbaugh as Secretary. I'm sure these Brothers will do an excellent job; we're fortunate to have them!

Summer Fest

Attica Lodge has participated in the 1st Annual Attica Summer Fest on July 12th. We served roast beef sandwiches and Thorpe Chapter, OES, joined us and sold slices of homemade pies. This was a successful fundraiser for the both of us and everyone who volunteered had a fun time. We're looking forward to next year's event, which promises to be even better!

Flood damage


During the flood in July the Lodge sustained water damage to the dining room carpet and walls. About four inches of water poured into the windows and

door of the Lodge, down the steps and into the dining room. If it weren't for the quick action of Norm and Ann Steinbaugh, there would be a much greater loss. Thank you both from all of us.

Others who aided in the cleanup were Jerry Brade, Chuck and LuAnn Lapp and Cathie Yohe. Thank you all for your hard work. As of this writing, the dining room carpet is still not cleaned, it may be necessary to replace it. I'll have an update for you later. Other members of the Lodge who had damage or loss due to the flood were Chet Watson and Frank Rechlin. A comforting word or a little prayer would probably go a long way in these cases.

Summer, for the most part, is behind us now and it's time to get back to "work". I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the sidelines. □

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



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Geitner, Master
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R. W. Kenneth E. Kohlhaugen,
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This Summer has been busy for all of us. I hope you have enjoyed your vacations. Soon it will be back to Lodge business as usual.

New officers

June 3rd we installed our Officers at a Joint Installation in Attica. Our new Officers for this year are:

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|------------|-----------------------|
| Master | W. William A. Geitner |
| Sr. Warden | Paul M. Baetzold |
| Jr. Warden | Dennis Parmarter |
| Sec. R. W. | Kenneth Kohlhaugen |
| Treas. | W. Glenn Cramer |
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| Chap. | R. W. Merle Robinson |
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| SMC | Fran Hume |
| JMC | Gordon Brown |
| SS | Melburn Parmarter |
| JS | Walter Youngers |
| Organist | Ed Dryja |
| Tiler | Harold Merle |
| Marshal | Don Strang |

Chicken anyone?

Our Chicken Bar-B-Que for Neighborhood Days was a great success. We sold out of dinners and the scholarship winner was Jeremy Roy from Alexander, NY.

Flood

The first part of July, Wyoming County had a bad flood and some of our members suffered a lot of damage. We are trying to raise money to help our Brothers in need.

Paint job

At the present time we have an inmate crew from Wyoming Correctional Facility painting our Lodge building. We are making several repairs this Summer. The Lodge will look real nice when we are done.


Dates

August 22nd was our Family Picnic.

Our next meeting will be September 21st and I hope to see you there!

In October we will have a pumpkin day. More details to follow as they are finalized. □

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



R. W. Robert
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Master
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1st & 3rd
Wed.

W. Robert Forbes, Secretary
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8 West Main Street
LeRoy, N. Y. 14482

Brethren

There is much to be accomplished this year. It will mean all member involvement.

As I related to you in June, the Officers and Trustees have looked into updating the heating system to a high efficiency hot water zoned system, and installing a "lift" from the dining area to the 2nd floor. We are temporarily on hold until the DEC gives us assurance about the oil contamination of the Griffith Oil Co. property adjacent to our site. It is possible that the contaminated soil will be removed. That will mean adjustments in our planning. You will be kept informed as this procedure continues.

Memorial

We mourn the passing of H. Kiel Trumbore. Memorials have been made in Kiel's name. We would like to use these memorials to install the "handicap" door and sidewalk thru the hall to the men's room. Kiel mentioned many times to get that door in. We hope to call this "Kiel's door".

We mourn the unexpected passing of George Barnard. As of June 29, 1999, George would have had his 60th year as a member of Olive Branch Lodge No. 39.

1st Degree

We have a candidate for a 1st Degree to be held on Wednesday, October 7th. There are many young men who would like the opportunity to join our Fraternity. Tell these young men what

we stand for, and that we need new young men in our Lodge.

September

The first communication for Olive Branch Lodge will be September 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting on September 16th, at 7:30 p.m., will be Rusty Mason Night, for those who haven't been around for a while. Believe me, you need to see our Lodge rooms and you will appreciate our Masonic fellowship.

The 1st Degree will be Wednesday, October 7th at 7:30 p.m. Talk to those young men you know; let's get more petitions signed.

Thanks, ladies

During July and August, the ladies of the Eastern Star served luncheons to the veterans of the Batavia VA Hospital. Each Tuesday the veterans were transported to the Fish Hatchery at Mumford to fish for trout. At noon they arrived at the Masonic Hall in LeRoy for luncheon, and their catch of trout was cooked for them. A great BIG thank you to the ladies of the Eastern Star for this wonderful program of service. This was the 6th consecutive year.

Some breakfast

During the Oatka Festival we had a breakfast for the community. There were eggs, bacon, ham, sausage, 'tators, pancakes and real Maple syrup, biscuits and gravy and SOS. What a great time we had!

Tour

In July the Masonic Hall was included in the Tour of LeRoy's older homes and buildings. All who came and saw our facility were astonished. The red brick building at 8 West Main Street, built in 1860, has opened its doors and the community has been impressed with what it saw. We intend to make our facility more impressive with our open doors, helping the community.

For sale


Top hats, small sizes 6 1/2 - 7 1/4, \$10.00 each.
Blue Lodge recruits men and makes Masons. □



Veterans from the Batavia VA facility enjoying a luncheon made with the fish they caught at the Fish Hatchery in Mumford. The ladies of the Eastern Star handled the cooking chores every Tuesday during the months of July & August.



**Mount Vernon
Lodge No. 263**



W. Mark
Hopkins
Master
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2nd & 4th
Mondays

W. Rodney Dilker, Sec.
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Main Street
Java Village, NY

I hope everyone has enjoyed the Summer, which is quickly coming to an end.

Our first meeting is September 14th, and the second is September 28th.

Suggestions

A Budget and Finance meeting was held to discuss the Lodge's financial status. Two fundraisers were suggested: 1) serving breakfast one day a month (more information to follow). 2) Having a yard sale in October. Don't throw anything out! Save it for the yard sale. A date will be set in the next news letter.

Officers


The Officers elected for 1998-99 are as follows:

- | | |
|------------|----------------|
| Master | Mark Hopkins |
| Sr. Warden | Michael Driver |
| Jr. Warden | James Allen |
| Treasurer | Ray Barber |
| Secretary | Rodney Dilker |
| Trustee | Earl Schrader |

Communicate

If anyone has any information they would like to have in the *Masonic Times*, please call James Allen at 457-3079 or me at 457-3325. □

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



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Brethren

The Summer has passed and it is now time to go from refreshment to labor. I hope this article finds everyone in good health and spirits after our trying times with the flooding in June and July. As some of you know, the Temple had two feet of water in the basement and I thank everyone who

came from other Lodges to help us clean up. They were: R. W. Raymond Barber, W. Rodney Dilker, W. Carl Fisher, Brothers Jay Dilker and Bernard Whaley from Mt. Vernon Lodge, and R. W. Kenneth Kohlhaugen and W. William Geitner from West Star Lodge. Again, I thank them for the time and effort they put in cleaning the mud from the floor and then washing the floor and walls.

We are going to have the basement floor replaced with concrete because of the flood damage.

June

During June we honored our three 50 year members, one in person, at an Awards Night. They are Brothers Robert Anwyl of Albuquerque, NM; Charles Newman of Arcade, NY; and Stanley Tarbox of Orlando, FL. Brother Newman was able to be there in person to receive his Certificate and Pin. It would have been nice if the others could have been there too.

On that same night, the Lodge honored several non-Masons in our community. The DeWitt Clinton Award was presented to Robert Brass, owner of the local Jubilee Store, for his assistance to those in need and his dedication to the community.

Douglas MacArthur Award

The Douglas MacArthur Award was presented to three individuals and one who could not be there. David Hawley was honored for his dedication to the local Scouting Program over the past 35 years. Dave is an elementary school teacher who is highly respected by the student body.


Norma and Larry Simonetti were honored for their years of work with the Pioneer High School Marching Band, and Drum and Bugle Corps. They were not only involved in the school music program, but also devoted a great deal of time outside school to help interested students. They are both retired and are still active in assisting the young people. They are very active in their church and help the youth there.

Linda Rule was recognized for conducting an after school Bowling Program for the youth of the community for over 20 years. This past year she helped one of the participants in pursuing and receiving a scholarship based on her bowling ability. Her program has several handicapped individuals taking part now. One even desired to come bowling even though he lived in Holland and had to have special transportation.

It was a privilege and honor to recognize these people with a dinner and the respective Awards. This was an Open Meeting and everyone enjoyed them.

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selves. Hopefully some of the friends of the recipients gained insight into our Fraternity.

Thank you

We received a check from the Council of Masonic Activities Benevolence Fund which was greatly appreciated.

September

The 1st meeting in September will feature a presentation on the Civil War by R..W.. Raymond Barber and Brother James Allen of Mt. Vernon Lodge.

The 22nd will be the occasion of the Official Visit of R..W.. Raymond Barber, DDGM. □

twice a month to support your Lodge. I have scheduled some very interesting events for each communication.

My theme for the coming year is: New Vision with Old Established Values.


Coming events

The Annual Lodge Picnic will be September 12th.

On October 13th we will have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program.

Our Official Visit of the DDGM will be October 27th. □

HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837



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1st and 3rd
Thursday

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Welcome back

Welcome back to all our Brothers after our Summer off and getting ready for our new year. Our first meeting is September 3rd, will be a regular business meeting. Our September 17th meeting will be the Official Visit of our DDGM with a dinner preceding it. Please call Norm Austin at 494-2223 for dinner reservations.

Thank you

Many thanks to R..W.. Holden Miller for being Chairman of our Annual Summer Steak Roast. He did a super job, as usual. We had over 60 Brothers and Sisters from the OES. Marty and Donna Krause were gracious hosts to share their cottage with us at Silver Lake. Marty and W.. John Jessop conducted tours all day on their party boats. Many thanks to Joe Chimino and Don Mattice for set-up and clean-up and to W.. Don Hargrave for cooking. It was a beautiful day and we all had a great time.

Brotherhood Fund

We look forward to getting our Brotherhood Fund going with SW W.. John Cooper as this year's Chairman. Please give him your support and help make this a big success. Also, please help JW Norm Austin by selling as many tickets as you can for our Annual 20-20 Party.

I hope you had an enjoyable Summer. We are getting ready for a great year. □

CONSTELLATION Lodge No. 404

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W.. John F. Cook
Master
237-2427
\$
1st & 3rd
Thursdays

R..W.. Charles H. Myers,
Secretary 237-5990

Welcome back

From contacts with various Brothers in the past two months, I know that we have had an enjoyable and pleasant respite. We will have an exciting year ahead if I read the news from around the District correctly. Many favorable comments were received about the beautiful flower garden in the Temple's lawn. Credit the ladies of the OES for this.

Happy Birthday

Brother Willard Chapin celebrated his 90th birthday on August 13th. At present he is at the extended care unit of Wyoming County Community Hospital in Warsaw, NY. He would welcome visitors or cards.

Recuperating

Brother Lowell Osborne, a roofer & sider, fell from a roof to the ground last week, breaking some pelvic bones. At present, he is confined to a wheelchair. He would also welcome cards and words of cheer. He anticipates being laid up for several weeks.

A new roof

Brother Osborne completed the installation of roofing shingles in early July and we have enjoyed a drier interior of the Temple during the past heavy rains. One of our first priorities will be to set up a fundraiser to help pay for the roof repair.

An appeal

Brothers, please make every effort to set aside time on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays to attend the stated communications at 8:00 p.m. □

Fish Stories

Well dressed shark

Seven pairs of stockings, 3 leather belts and 9 shoes were found inside the belly of a shark caught in the Philippine Islands. Another shark, caught in the Adriatic, had a rain coat, 3 overcoats and a car's license plate in his stomach. And a shark measuring 22 feet, caught in the Mediterranean Sea, had in its belly the headless body of a man wearing a full suit of armour.

Heavyweights

A 10-pound Bluefin tuna

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Monroe Districts



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Summer

The Lodges may have been dark, but Freemasonry took no hiatus this Summer. There were picnics, baseball games, work details, parades, awards ceremonies, community activities, golf tournaments, to name just some of the adventures of our Brethren over these warm Summer months. A personal thank you to all the Lodges that extended an invitation to my wife and I to join in their plans.

St. John's Day

One of the highlights of my Summer was the weekend at the Masonic Home in Utica for St. John's Day. What a thrill to walk in the parade, and all along its route see familiar faces providing encouragement. Thanks to all

tagged and released in 1947 weighed 605 pounds when caught 12 years later.

The largest Sunfish ever recorded was run over by a boat 40 miles off the coast of Sydney, Australia. Unable to dislodge the fish the boat limped back to port. The fish was 2 1/2 feet thick and 10 feet in length. The Sunfish weighed a startling 4,400 pounds. □

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

Wanted Alive Only!

Individuals to work at the Circus
October 8,9,10, and 11

Because of the new format of the War Memorial Arena, previous allocations may not exist. Please contact the Temple (671-7701) and let them know that you or your group are available and what shows you will be able to work.

Contact: Don Leisten, George Simon or Don Rose.

our Brethren and ladies who journeyed down the Thruway that hot Saturday in June. Those who have been to this facility know of its commitment to its residents, and the exceptional work being accomplished at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. When traveling East, the Masonic Home is only a few minutes off the Thruway at exit 31. Stop in, you'll always be welcome.

Grand Master's Address

Another event that occurred during St. John's weekend was the Address Service including the address by our Grand Master, R..W.. Stewart C. McCloud. You will hear more about his message during our Official Visits or from the "Empire State Mason". His interest is in the Brethren and the Craft. One excerpt that struck me follows: "...our goal as we approach the turn of the Century should not be to build a bigger Fraternity. It must be to build a better and stronger Fraternity. The ultimate key to that equation is the quality of our membership. Freemasonry achieved its greatest heights not due to the number of its adherents, but because of the quality and character of its members..."

The Grand Lodge Officers have been working this Summer to meet this challenge. We have a leadership team that we are all proud of, and I know that they are looking forward to supporting our District.

Future

Freemasonry has for years been committed to community activities and has worked in support of those functions. Within the Monroes we have led the community support for the Ronald McDonald House on Westmoreland Drive. For the next two years we will be leading the effort to re-commit our services and support for this community resource. With limited space available, the Ronald McDonald House will open itself up to members of our Fraternity during the months of October and November. Our objective will be to provide greater understanding of the past contributions made by Freemasons; and to establish in the leadership clear knowledge of the needs and opportunities this facility offers.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

September 17th is the date for the Grand Lecturer's Convention. It will be held at the Downtown Temple at 7:30 p.m.

Wakan/Hubbard will be working toward their 10th consecutive Howard Potts Award. Will your Lodge be among this year's recipients of this Award? Encourage your Master to be certain that the top seven elected, appointed and installed Line Officers are present, then your Lodge will also receive this Award.

Interfaith Service

The Service Bureau's Interfaith Service and Breakfast will be held Sunday, October 4th, at Logan's Party House, 1420 Scottsville Road. The Service is at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Breakfast at 10:00 a.m.

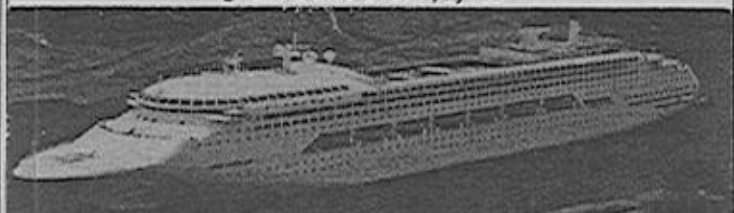
R..W.. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., will lead the Service and Monroe County Sheriff, Andrew P. Meloni, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the Breakfast.

Lodge Secretaries and Service Bureau Representatives have tickets, which are \$10.00 each. Reservations are due by September 28th.

We'll see you in the quarries! □

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By R..W.. Ruel R. Lovett
Back to work

Brothers, we are about to get to work again after a long, hot and enjoyable Summer. I, for one, did almost everything that I set out to do. There simply wasn't enough time for everything on the menu. I did what we all must do. I set priorities. This is a must if we are to accomplish our tasks this Masonic year. You must have a plan and you must work your plan or your goals will not be reached.

Give him proper instructions

Worshipful Masters, the Shepherding Program is a MUST for all new members. Be especially careful who you pick to work with the candidate. Make sure the Brother is ready, able and willing to act as a Shepherd. Give him the proper instructions or he will not be able to do his job. Materials and help are available.

Courses

If you are a Master or Warden and you have not taken the Leadership Development Course or the Road to the East Program, you must sign up for and take them this Fall. An LDC is tentatively scheduled for November 14th at the Downtown Masonic Temple. The Road to the East is scheduled for December 5th, January 9th and February 6th. It is the position of Grand Lodge that these Courses must be taken by those aspiring to be Masters. Please enroll soon so that the materials can be ordered.

Missing in action

R..W.. Bill Spillane has been missing in action for a month, but he is back and raring to go. He's having a great time with his children this Summer. There is nothing that you can do that is more important or more worthwhile than that. If you no longer have children at home, visit with your grandchildren. It is a rewarding experience.

Visit your Brothers

One of the most important parts of Membership Retention is the visitation of the Brothers who are ill or who have not been in Lodge for a time. Just as your grandchildren need your love and support, so do your Brothers. It's important that you greet them in Lodge or on the street or in a restaurant or wherever you see them. Take time to converse with them. They are your Brothers. I will be talking to you about the Knights of the North Program when I see you in Lodge. This program assures that no Brother is left out or alone. Do we care? Do we really care? Let's give it a try. You might even enjoy it.

Job well done

I want to show appreciation for the fine jobs done last year by

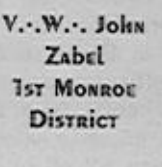
Eugene Brendel, Bill Spillane and John Zabel. They spent uncounted hours developing and working programs. The programs were fine tuned by them and will continue much the same as they developed them. I welcome Norman Austin to the team this year.

R..W.. Bill Spillane and I hope you had a good Summer and wish you the best in the coming Masonic year. Spend time with your family. Go to church and come to Lodge. We'll see you there.

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS



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



V..W.. JOHN
ZABEL
1ST MONROE
DISTRICT



By V..E.. Dan Walker

Greetings Brethren and all

As this is my first article as an AGL, I will write about something that I really enjoy. Any guesses on the subject matter? How about our Masonic Ritual.

Our Ritual and the way we present it is what sets Freemasonry apart from almost all other Fraternal Organizations. The Ritual is more than just words. It is beauty in its purest form. It is how we teach our Entered Apprentices about Freemasonry. It is how they become Fellowcraft then Master Masons.

When we open our Lodges, we use the Ritual to put us in a Masonic state of mind. It reminds us that we are in a Lodge and that most of all, we are all Brethren, one to another, in mutual dependence and support.

Memory Aide

As we strive to memorize the work, sometimes we find it difficult to learn. We tend to get hung up on the words. The best thing we can do is to understand the meaning of the passage. Remember that the Degree work is for the benefit of the candidate. If you miss a word or two, but are still conveying the message, that is what's most important.

One of the better ways to learn the Ritual is to read the whole passage through then re-read it several times. Do not attempt to dispense with the book too soon. Repeated readings will enable you to get a picture of the whole passage and its sequence of ideas.

When our Ritual is performed properly and with enthusiasm, it is our biggest selling point. Show the candidate that you, yourself appreciate the full beauty of the passage. If we get the new Brothers involved in Ritual, they have a reason to come to meetings and participate in Degree work.

Don't go overboard though and lay too much on their shoulders. Not everyone is a ritualist right out of the box. Ask them if they would be interested in doing the Working Tools or Q & A's at your next set of Degrees.

Also, do not let your new Brother flounder with the work. Make sure you have a veteran

Brother to shepherd him. This will let him know that we are interested in him, as well as in his Ritual work.

Remember too, if you have any questions about the Ritual or would like help with your Lodge work, feel free to contact V..W.. John Zabel at 223-3228 or me at 429-6572. We are here for you.

To sum it up for this month, Ritual is about Freemasonry. Freemasonry cannot exist without it so let's enjoy what we do best. Render it from your heart and see how much easier it is to learn.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Don't forget about the Grand Lecturer's Convention on Thursday, September 17th, at the Downtown Masonic Temple. Dinner will be at 6:15 p.m. and the Convention starts at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Let's see how many Lodges can qualify for the Howard Potts Award this year. We'll see you there!

Membership Retention

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

...But, I don't like the new Master

I have been involved in Masonry for a few years now. Not as long as some, but a little more than others. In all those years, I could never totally understand why a Lodge Brother would stop attending meetings because he didn't like the Master of the Lodge. He retains his membership, stays away for a year, and says he will be back when the new Master's term has ended.

Share your problem

Over the years I have dealt with Masters who, for various reasons, didn't quite have that certain something that makes a good Master. Whatever the reason, it should not stop you from attending meetings. Going to Lodge meetings gives you the opportunity to renew and share friendships, to enjoy the fellowship, and to watch and further understand the meaning of the Ritual. If there is something that is on your mind or you have a problem, discuss it with the Master or with one of the Brothers who can take the problem to the Master in a constructive manner.

No one gains

In the end, who gains when you miss meetings because for some reason you don't like the new Master? The answer is no one gains and everyone loses. Your fellow Brothers miss your presence and the Master is discouraged and confused because he does not know why attendance is low. Most of all, YOU lose.

Will I see you in Lodge this year? I hope so.

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Louis Sanfillippo 227-3898

So sorry

My Brothers, I wish to apologize to everyone for the problems with the picnic planned for June. Due to missed communications and lack of a mailing list for the 2nd Monroe District, we weren't able to get notices to everyone in time to have a successful event. Because of that, we decided if we couldn't do it right we would cancel.

July

The July social event, a picnic at my place was a great success. About 30 officers and their ladies enjoyed one of the best Saturdays of the Summer with plenty of good food, refreshments and fellowship. I hope this will be a harbinger of things to come during the upcoming year.

August

For those of you who were unable to attend, the August kickoff meeting at the Shrine was an excellent presentation by R..W.. Bruce Chilton and R..W.. Rich Friedman on Brother Bring-a-Friend Programs.

1st meeting

Our first meeting for this year will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 12th at Fame Lodge, 4275 Culver Road. The meeting will be hosted by Germania Lodge and refreshments will be provided. This meeting will be a review (critique) of recent Bring-a-Friend activities and should help us all to be more successful in our recruiting efforts during the coming year using this important tool.

In addition, there are other important topics, including changes to the Have-a-Heart Campaign, the Grand Ball and planning for the M&W social events which need to be discussed. I know that everyone will not be able to attend, but we NEED you to participate if this organization is to be effective. I look forward to seeing as many as possible at this September meeting.

Service and Breakfast

Please don't forget the Interfaith Service and Breakfast on

October 4th! It is a very short time from our first meeting and this important event and we need to get the ticket sales information to the Service Bureau. See you on the 12th!

1st Monroe District

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479

133 South Union St.
Spencerport, N.Y. 14559



W.. Dennis F.
Tiano
Master
352-9757

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

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

Brethren, I hope that everyone has enjoyed a truly gorgeous Summer here in the Monroes. If the weather continues, many Brothers may decide they don't need to Winter in Florida, but may stay here and attend Lodge year round!

Flower time

For all those who have not seen the fruits of our labor, don't forget to look at the flowerbeds on Rte. 531 at Gillette Road. Very hearty thanks for all those who helped in the planting, and those who have watered these flowers in times of need.

The Great Architect has called again

It is my sad duty to inform you that W.. Dennis Huffman was called home by the Great Architect of the Universe on July 27, 1998. A Masonic Service was held at the Burger Funeral Home in Hilton with 20 Brothers in attendance.

Blood Drive

I thank Brother Karl Reich and everyone who participated for their efforts on the Blood Drive. I do not have a report at this time.

Steak Roast and Table Lodge

The 1st meeting of the year, September 14th, will be our traditional Steak Roast. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please contact John Dyer at 733-1743 to make your reservation. This year's Table Lodge will be a more somber affair due to the absence of our Senior Deacon and Master Acc-

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cordion player, Karl Reich, who will be vacationing in Germany. The toasts this year will be from your selected Bible passages. Please come prepared with your favorite passages so we may share them.

Congratulations

Congratulations to SD Karl Reich who has been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Belgium near the Grand Chapter of New York State, Royal Arch Masons. This is an honor that I know he is very proud of and all of us in Etolian Lodge hope he can still find the time to share with us and this new found connection in Masonry. Please see article in the York Rite section of this paper.


Pancake Breakfast

The Spencerport Canal Days Breakfasts were held July 25th and 26th. We served over 200 breakfasts and raised over \$400.00 for our community projects for this year. Thanks to the following Brothers for their help: R.W. Gene Brendel, R.W. Don Darrohn and his wife, Mickey, R.W. Jay McCullough, R.W. Ruel Lovett, W. Ed Gillot, W. James Powell, W. Brian Keery, W. Clark Kunes, W. Dick Kessler, Bob Spencer, Howard Gleffe, Mike Schwartz, Patrick Schwartz, John Dyer, Karl Reich, and my son, Adam.

Interfaith Service

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Interfaith Service and Breakfast, to be held at Logan's Party House, on October 4th. This event should sell out quickly, so see our Secretary to get your tickets.

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538
30 Orchard St. Webster, N.Y. 14580



W. Jacob J. Ponshock, Master
338-2998

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

Henry Libera, Secretary
872-5427

Greetings

The words "thank you" are sometimes misplaced, or not used at all, but a big THANK YOU is called for this Summer for the Brothers of Webster Lodge No. 538 and the ladies of Webster Chapter No. 171, of the Order of the Eastern Star, for the way they united to make Christopher's Challenge a very big success. Christopher's Challenge was a Spaghetti Dinner we put together to raise money for the Bone Marrow Registry in the name of Christopher Costello. Christopher was fortunate to receive his transplant, but some are not and may have to wait a long time to receive theirs. We feel that what we did might help shorten this time in the future.

A check for \$1,650.00 was presented by Joy Woodley and John

Ponshock to Christopher's older brother, Kevin, who was accompanied by his father, John Costello, during our family picnic at Webster Park on Sunday, August 2nd. His mother, Kathy, could not be there. Everyone who attended had a good time and there was more than enough good food for all. We have to thank Emil Schirano and his wife, Joyce, for the hard work and time they spent to make this a wonderful day. Thanks to the others who furnished the wonderful variety of foods. I hope that next year's picnic can be bigger and better. Let's have some input, let your feelings be known.

Webster Arboretum Arts and Craft Show

The Webster Arboretum Arts and Craft Show was again a success. This is the 4th year that we have furnished food for this 2 day event. Again, we say thanks for the hard work of Brothers Emil Schirano, Nick Haldoupis, John Clapp, Brad Hefner, Fred Cornell, Ken Cross and Nick's grandson, Jimmy VanWuyckhuyse, our cashier for Saturday. Don't forget Paul Soltzick, who helped furnish transportation for the equipment and supplies.

Lodge parking lot

The Lodge parking lot has been resurfaced at a nominal cost of \$980.00. This consisted of a filler coat and a heavy duty top sealer that should last three to five years. I want to thank the Trustees: Vance Collom, Fred Cornell and Paul Soltzick for their effort in this project.

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order for W. Mark Fenton and his new bride, Marge. They were married on Sunday, July 19th. May they share a long and happy life together.

Webster Good Neighbor Days

The Webster Good Neighbor Days Child ID and Food Cupboard were a big success. Brother Pete Bowers spent many hours putting this together.

Adopt a Highway

The Webster Masonic Lodge No. 538 Adopt a Highway Program is going well. If you are interested in helping clean up East Ridge Road, please feel free to call Brothers Pete Bowers at 265-2526, Brad Lewis at 254-6692 or Mark Brooks at 872-0581. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Sickness and distress

Brother Norman Hilliker is at home after two stays in the hospital this Summer. This first eleven days were for a bad heart valve, the second stay was for work on a collapsed vein (artery). He still feels tired, but can get up and walk around the house. His three daughters are taking turns from out of state staying with him and Ruth. Let's keep them in all our prayers.


W. George Bracht is back with us after having surgery for melanoma in his right ear and neck. He told me they got everything and is now waiting for his neck and ear to heal. No further treatment should be needed. Let's be sure to keep him in our prayers.

Up and coming

We have a lot of interesting things happening this Fall. Please check out your Trestleboard and let's have a good showing at all of them.

IT'S COMING THIS FALL!

FAIRPORT Lodge No. 476



W. Tom Rickendorfer, Master
377-7782

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

W. George R. Bracht, Secretary
(h) 383-1947

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

Wow!! I must have driven through a time warp during one of those trips to the kids' Summer camps! That's the only explanation for the Summer going by so fast. It seems like only last week we installed the new line and closed out the Masonic year.

Summer recap

We had a busy Summer at Fairport Lodge. First, on July 11th, we had a picnic, along with the ladies of the Eastern Star at the Richenderfer ranch. Thirty-five Masons, Star ladies and family members attended. A lot of good food, games, and fun were enjoyed by all.

On August 9th we attended a Red Wing's baseball game at Frontier Field. Twenty-two Masons, family members and guests enjoyed the game. It was hot, but we were able to retreat to shade in the upper rows. We even got to wish R.W. "Chick" Becker a happy birthday (according to the announcement made, he's 25 this year).

On August 15th we held our first Brother Bring-a-Friend meeting to recruit candidates for our Fall Degree Class. Since I am writing this before the fact, I can only tell you that we hope to have three or four possible candidates in attendance. Also, some Brothers who have not been to Lodge for a while are scheduled to come to this event.

Finally, on August 20th, we held our annual Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. DSA

recipient Kel Kelsey did another fine job of organizing the event with the Red Cross and getting the Brothers to call potential donors to make this Blood Drive a success.

Upcoming events

We start off the season on September 14th with our Official Visit from our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Don Darrohn, and Grand Sword Bearer, R.W. Ruel Lovett. The ladies of the Eastern Star will provide us with a delicious dinner of Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Salad, Rolls, Coffee and Dessert. The cost for the dinner will be \$7.00 and I would appreciate everyone coming to dinner to call either the JW, W. Dwight Turner, at 377-5750 or me at 377-7782, so that we can tell the ladies how many dinners we need. We will open Lodge early at 6:00 p.m., have dinner at 6:30 p.m. and start the meeting at 7:30 p.m. This is a tuxedo night for the officers (better start those diets now!).

On September 28th we will confer our 1st Degree with SW, Doug Skelton, in the East. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. This is also a tuxedo night for the officers (can't eat too much roast beef!). As of this writing, Doug needs a couple more Brothers to fill all of the roles. Please give him a call and volunteer to help out.


As I mentioned in my Summer newsletter, a Golf Tournament has been put together by Watertown Lodge No. 49. However, the date of the tournament has been changed from September 19th to October 3rd. For more information about this tournament, contact Rich Carbone at (315) 782-4676 or e-mail him at rcarbone@northnet.org.

Additional meetings

A reminder to the officers that we will be holding an Officer's meeting on August 31st at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the Summer's activities and to get ready for the Official Visit. There will also be a combination Officer's Meeting and Degree Ritual rehearsal on September 21st, starting at 7:00 p.m. It is important that everyone taking part in the Degree attend the rehearsal so that we can present a meaningful Ritual for our candidates.

I hope to see a lot of our members out for these two important meetings. If you have suggestions, criticisms, or need transportation to get to the meeting, please call me at 377-7782 or e-mail me at tom-rich@worldnet.att.net.

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154



W. Sherwin Isaacs
(h) 377-7647

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

W. Theodore J. Snyder, Secretary
467-0165

1822 Penfield Rd. Penfield, N.Y. 14526

Brethren

I take great pride in serving as Master of Wakan/Hubbard. This I have aspired to for many years, but work related obligations prevented my continuance in pursuing this goal. Twice starting my journey to the East, once in the 1960's and once in the 1970's, only to be thwarted each time by matters, work related.

Encouragement

Well, Brethren, I suppose nothing or next to nothing is insurmountable if you put your nose to the grindstone. However, the encouragement I received from my Lodge Brothers, especially R.W. Donald Brugger, R.W. A. John Tijou, V.W. John Zabel, R.W. Stanley Peterson, W. Andrew Young, W. John Rees, W. Frank Briffa, W. Michael Adamus and W. Donald Bell was invaluable. Thank you to all for steering me along the Road to the East.

Installation

A Public Installation of our Lodge Officers took place at the Lodge on May 30th. The Installing Master was R.W. Donald Brugger and Installing Marshal, R.W. A. John Tijou. Also present was R.W. Donald Darrohn, DDGM of the 1st Monroe District, and R.W. Ruel Lovett, GSB. Also present were many family members and guests of the installed Officers.

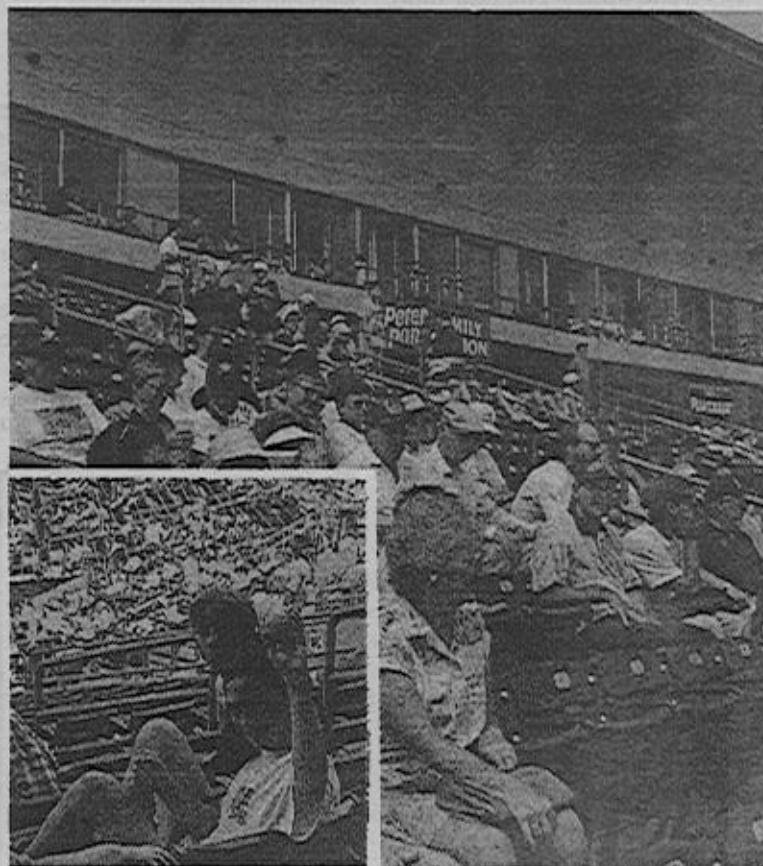
Officers for the ensuing year

- W. Sherwin Isaacs Master
- Raymond DiJames Sr. Warden
- Gordon Ball Jr. Warden
- W. Theodore Snyder Secretary
- Paul Kober Treasurer
- W. Donald Bell Chaplain
- Bill Fay Organist
- Trustees: W. Richard L. Brockmann, Sr., W. Donald Bell, W. Thomas J. Hueston, and W. Frank Briffa.
- Arthur Johnson Sr. Deacon
- Steve Xander Jr. Deacon
- Steve Maynard Sr. M. of C.
- James VanZile Jr. M. of C.
- Joseph Oelgoetz Steward
- Michael DiCataldo Steward
- Richard L. Brockmann, Sr. Marshal
- R.W. Wayne H. Slack Tiler
- Advisors to the Chair: R.W. A. John Tijou, R.W. Donald Brugger and V.W. John E. Zabel.

Following the Installation of Officers everyone partook of food and drink.

June

During the month of June, I was immediately cast into the role of Master at the School of Ritual



Some of the 22 Fairport Lodge Masons and their families who attended the Red Wings game on August 9. Some were even lucky enough to catch a foul ball.

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

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not received one, please contact R. W.: Richard Friedman.

First meeting

The first meeting will be on Monday, September 14th. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Reservations and questions about the dinner should be directed to Brother Lew Perna at 334-8265. R. W.: Richard Friedman will present a paper on the Structure of Grand Lodge.

Brother night


Our first Brother Bring-a-Friend Night will be on Monday, September 21st. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a short program. Let's have a good turnout to greet prospective candidates! Dinner is free to guests and to the Brothers who bring them. If you plan on bringing a guest, contact the Secretary so that a formal invitation can be sent.

Second meeting

Monday, September 28th is our Official Visit. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Officers, please be in tux. □

2nd Monroe District

Churchville Lodge No. 667
20 South Main St.
Churchville, N.Y. 14428



W. Louis M. Sanfillippo, Master
227-3898

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

W. George R. Burke, Secretary
392-1629

Starting off the year

For all our Brothers, I hope it has been a wonderful Summer and you are all welcome back to a new year and a full schedule. Starting with our first meeting on September 9th, we will have our Official Visit of the District Deputy and Staff Officer. Churchville Lodge welcomes R. W.: David Jones and R. W.: William Spillane. We will be having a dinner presented by JW John Hennessey and Chef, William Dunn. It will be at 6:30 p.m. Please call John Hennessey at 594-1545 with your reservation. I am sure with Brother Bill Dunn working his magic in the kitchen it will be a dining delight as always.

Thanks

I thank all our Brothers that have graciously accepted an office this year. I know for myself and all the Line Officers that we


are going to work hard to make this one of our Lodge's best years ever. Your support is necessary to make this happen.

2nd meeting

Our September 23rd meeting will be a special meeting as it will be our Annual Rusty Brother Night (roll call). If it has been a while since you have been to Lodge or you know of a Rusty Brother, make sure you attend and be prepared to see some renovations and changes that were done to our Lodge. There will be a light reception following.

I hope to see you all at our meetings. Remember, bring in your petitions. We have a goal of two full classes this year. □

Towpath Lodge No. 163



W. Daniel Emerson, Master
334-7730

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

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

I hope everyone has had a wonderful Summer. I'm looking forward to my tenure as Master of our Lodge.

Bring-a-Friend

On September 14th we will be having a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. This is our chance to tout the benefits of Freemasonry. Even if you can't think of anyone to bring, please come to the meeting just the same. Your participation is always welcome. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

Rusty Nail Degree

Our September 15th meeting will be our Rusty Nail Degree. Like you, I do forget some of the Ritual from time to time. The Rusty Nail Degree is a chance for




The Towpath Car, driven by Joshua Folino, waiting for his heat in the starting shoot.

all of us to become reacquainted with the Ritual in an atmosphere of brotherhood and friendship. Please come and renew old acquaintances. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Call in your reservation to me at 334-7730 or to our JW, Lou Campienello at 247-4480. Our meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. sharp. □

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

W. Andres Alvarez, Master
(h) 426-1946 (w) 722-0424

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



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

Welcome Brothers

Greetings as I step into the East. I hope everyone had a fulfilling Summer. By now everyone should have received a new Trestleboard. As you can see, we have a full schedule of events for the upcoming year and I would like to see record attendance at as many of them as possible. Our first event will be a roll call and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Events

On September 15th we will have a 1st Degree with SW Tom Grape in the East. We will open Lodge at 6:00 p.m. and have a Bar-B-Que Chicken Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please make your reservation.

On September 17th the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at the Downtown Temple. We would appreciate your attendance at this affair, so please come downtown and support our Lodge. If you are in need of a ride, please contact me at 426-1946 and we will arrange transportation for you.

Success

On June 27th the Lodge held a Child ID Program in conjunction with a garage sale during the Charlotte Harbor Festival. The massive crowds of people chose to stay near the lake, but we still did very well with both projects. We did experience some rain in the morning, but it was sunny for most of the day.

While these two events were going great, the DeMolay boys were cooking hamburgers and hot dogs under the watchful eyes of Mike Staub and Mike Gorall. As the quality control person, I did get my share of hamburgers and hots. I think Brother Staub was keeping a close eye on me so I wouldn't eat into the profits. Matt Zona did an excellent job cooking for the public. I also thank Brother Jeff Wood for all his help with these events.

Thank you

A fantastic job was done by Cliff Short and Jim DeLorenzo for coordinating the Child ID Program. Many appreciative families walked out of our Lodge clutching their ID tapes with big smiles on their faces. Some other volunteers who made that Program a success were Ray and Keirstan Thompson, Rachel and Jason Alvarez, Holly, Mike, and Kelly Gorall, and Crystal Alley.

I also thank my wife, Laura, for putting up with all the donations in our garage and house for the sale. We had fun selling the

various items. When the crowds got thin, everyone enjoyed slashing prices. Thank you, Don Fox, for the great garage sale sign. Joe Privitera was there to guide and assist me, the rookie. My gratitude and appreciation to all the Brothers and ladies who donated so much to the sale.

A great job was done by all!


Sickness and health

Our prayers and wishes go out to Harry Lake who has been ill over the Summer. □


Editor's Award for Lodge News Articles

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

NORTHFIELD Lodge No. 426
Instituted March 1857



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



W. William V. Frazer, Master
586-2049

W. Donald C. Smith, Secretary
248-5170

17 Church Street
Pittsford, N.Y.
14534

Summer activities

Here I am into my 2nd month as Master; our Summer activities were indeed a success. Our joint effort with the American Legion Post Colonial Day Sausage Stand was held June 12, 13 and 14. This was followed by our Strawberry Festival on June 25th at the Lodge. It was well attended due to the good work of R. W.: Robert Zahn and his wife, Linda. Our hot dog cooks were: W.: Rodger Wolf, R. W.: Bill Spillane, SMC Richard Trolley, and JW Michael Herrmann. Other chores were done by R. W.: Raymond Beardsley, W.: Don Smith, V.: W.: Dan Walker, W.: Dave Carbel, SW Jim Weick. Linda Walker helped along with the son and daughters of JW Mike Herrmann, Scott, 12; Vanessa, 16; and Melissa, 15. They made it happen, good work everyone!

Our Family Picnic was held at the Lodge on June 23rd. It was wonderful thanks to Mike Herrmann and Edward Brereton.

July

The Masters and Wardens Family Picnic was held on July 25th at the McBride's home. My two grandsons were with me, Treland III, 4 yrs. and Tre Shaun, 10 months. We enjoyed the evening.

Scottish Rite Awards Night


Put this date on your calendar: October 1, 1998. It is the date of the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Program. The guest speaker is Ill.: Robert O. Ralston, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The time is 7:30 p.m. in Cathedral Hall of the Downtown Masonic Temple. Our own Brother, Robert Zahn, will be recognized for his work and dedication to Northfield Lodge. Come out and give him your support.

Come on and help out

Summer is over and we will be getting started on our activities for the new fiscal year. This can

September 1998
be a great year for all of us and I am glad to be part of it. As the saying goes, through the work of many, the task is made easier and everyone benefits. □

Union Star Lodge No. 320



R. W.: Robert F. Sanford, Master
292-6383

2nd Monday
7:30 P.M.

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

Thanks

Fall is upon us. I hope all the Brothers had a good Summer and are in good health. I hope to see you all in Lodge at our regular meetings as soon as possible. Many thanks to all the Brothers for the cards and phone calls during my illness.

Many changes have taken place since January. The 3rd floor and the kitchen are completely remodeled. The windows in the dining room have been rebuilt and are being refinished to stop heat loss this Winter. Thanks to the work of a group of our members and their wives who pitched in and gave us more than moral support. Hard work, yes! The end results show it. Come to Lodge and see for yourself.

We had a successful Village on the Green Booth. Thanks to the many helping hands who assisted in this project.

Eagle Scout

Representing Union Star Lodge, W.: Ron Morthorst presented a Certificate of Merit Award to Ryan Beattie, along with his Masonic Eagle Scout Kit at the June 26th Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Tinker Park in Henrietta. Ryan is from Rush and is a member of Troop No. 401, sponsored by the Henrietta Fire Company.

Awards

We also sponsored a girl's softball team in the Honeoye Falls League and a soccer team in the R/H Soccer Program this Summer.

Union Star presented awards to six students in the Honeoye Falls School District for outstanding scholastic achievements.

Meetings

We have a great line of officers-lunch after Lodge meetings, and dinners with Degree meetings. We still meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m., with Degree work on the 4th Monday. The Fellowcraft Club is now meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the Temple for sociability and the betterment of our Lodge. Doesn't some of the above appeal to you? Why not come out and see for yourself.

If you know of a Brother in need of our aid or sympathy or has a problem getting to a Lodge meeting, contact me at 292-6383 or our Secretary, Joe Cotteleer at 624-1365 and we will assist you.

Fall meetings

There will be a regular meeting on September 14th.

The Officer's meeting is October 12th.

A Sauerkraut/Hot Dog Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. on November 9th. This will be followed by a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Lodge Etiquette. □

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W.: Mike Schum, Master
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1st & 3rd
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

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

By Robert Ogden

Ninety-four years young

On June 1st the Goodrich's and Hook's attended a party celebrating R.W.: Joe Martin's birthday. A large group of neighbors also participated in sharing a nice birthday cake with ice cream. Many happy returns, Brother Joe. It was also your birthday, Brother Vern. Again, congratulations!

Jim Kelly honored

Jim Kelly, former Buffalo Bills quarterback, received the DeWitt Clinton Award on June 10th at a banquet held at the Diplomat Party House, presented by R.W.: Ron Mertens. R.W.: Vern Goodrich presented a check for approximately \$4600.00 to the Hunter's Hope/Kelly for Kids Foundation. Craftsman/Robertson Lodge is proud to have had 46 members, wives and friends in attendance.

Maplewood Inn closing

We salute Brother Pat Mammano for his cordial manner in making Craftsman/

Robertson Lodge always "feel at home" in the many dinners and luncheons he served. It was always a pleasurable meeting place and we all wish you, Brother Pat, the very best. Thanks a lot.

Once in a lifetime

Brother Pat McWhinney plans to meet his Navy son, Dave, in Hawaii soon. Dave is aboard the Aircraft Carrier John Stennis. Brother Pat will sail with Dave from Hawaii to San Diego and if all goes well, will be met by Dave's mother, Chris, and her parents, Bill and Helen Hook. Sounds like a great reunion.

Lodge Picnic

It will be past history as you read this. We had a good turnout for our Picnic at Linear Park in Penfield on August 22nd. The menu consisted of chicken, hot, hamburgs and the usual salads.

Dinner meeting

I hope everyone had a pleasant Summer, in spite of the heat and are looking forward to our first Dinner Meeting on September 1st.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to the Brothers born in July, August and September: Bill Adams, Ed Baker, Hal Carlson, Jim Causey, Barry Cherms, Jim Clark, Ernie Coleman, Don Connor, Dave DeHollander, Warren Doerrer, Don Fetting, Cliff Field, Arnie Ford, Volney Frankel, Bob Freitag, Walt Gibaut, Acie Gillis, Bill Hook, Sid Horton, Mike Jelfo, Bob Jurgensen, Bill Kaufman, Tom Kendig, Bill Kircherer, Dave King, Chet Kowalski, Gar Kyte, Dave Lerner, Larry Levin, Bob Lindeman, Al Marshall, Stan Nash, Al Neracker, Frank

Newman, Mal Nulton, Jay Painton, Gerry Pfrengle, Glenn Post, Russ Rines, Chuck Sanford, Dick Sechrist, Bob Shartran, Bill Shelby, Elmer Smit, Cliff Smith, Bill Stark, Jr, Joe Steffen, Karl Stets, Frank Suhr, Wes Trendell, Bob Waldeck, Chuck Waterstreet, Gene White, Herb Young and Duane Smith.

September dates

The wives are invited to our September 1st Dinner Meeting. Fellowcraft will meet September 8th

There will be a regular meeting on September 15th.



Chaplain Volney Frankel.



Secretary W.: Thomas Kendig.



Craftsman/Robertson Worshipful Master Michael Schum.



W.: John Henderson supplied the "music" for the Installation Ceremony.



R.W.: Paul Robertson escorting W.: Warren Doerrer and Jasper Kennedy, appointed Marshals for the ensuing year.



R.W.: Paul Robertson Escorting Deacons Clifton Field, Jim Causey and Duane Smith during the Installation Ceremony.

Happy Birthday

The Annual Corn & Sausage Roast was held on Saturday, August 8th. Thirty of our Brothers and ladies enjoyed a beautiful Summer afternoon and lots of good food, fun and fellowship. We also had a cake for Brother Earl Bertsch in honor of his 80th birthday. Germania must have a lock on Summer birthdays though, because we also congratulated Brother Al Falk. W.: Paul Krueger, W.: John Foster and W.: Heinz Gunkel. We missed all of you who couldn't be with us and hope that you'll join us for the Steak Roast in October.

Meetings

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 15th. We will have a Pot Luck Supper beforehand and fellowship hour after. This meeting will be our Official Visit. Please come and welcome DDGM David Jones to Germania and listen to our new Grand Master's Message.


Officers, please remember that there is a meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 27th at 2:00 p.m. at my house, 127 Wyndham Road.

Lastly

Please don't forget the Interfaith Service and Breakfast on October 10th. If you need a ticket please call me at home (224-9479) or see me after our meeting.

See you at Lodge!

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Brother Harold Impson, Craftsman Lodge Tiler



Senior Warden W.: Charles Strickland.



W.: Bill Hook presenting Harold Impson with his 55 Year Pin and Service Certificate.

Wow, Summer's almost over and we're fast approaching our first meeting for this year. Where did the time go? I know that I'm looking forward to Lodge activities since they're terrific excuses to get away from the 'high maintenance' yard attached to the house that Bev and I bought last Christmas.

Quiet time

The Summer was a relatively quiet time with few activities. Your officers participated in the kickoff meeting for the M & W Association, held at the Shrine Temple in August. This was an excellent presentation on Brother Bring-a-Friend Programs by R.W.: Bruce Chilton and R.W.: Rich Friedman.

Thank you

I thank Brothers Doug Hunt, John and Dick Rehback for working on the Pancake Breakfast on June 20th. We had a good turn out.

Child ID

On July 11th, W.: Ken Rhodes and I worked at the McDonald's Restaurant in Irondequoit on the Child ID. A special thanks to our wives, Doreen and Arlene, the Triangle Girls and some of Ken's friends from the Eastern Star for all their help.

Past Master's Night

On September 8th we will be honoring all the Past Masters of Fame Lodge. W.: Mike Bell will

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be putting on one of his great dinners for this occasion. The Phone Committee will be calling you.

1st Degree

On September 22nd we will confer the 1st Degree. R.:W.: Bob Avery will be in touch with the members of the Degree Team to set up a date for a rehearsal. We could use some more members for the Degree. If you would like to take part in the Degree work, call R.: W.: Bob Avery.

Sickness and Distress

Brother Dick Rehback is home recovering from a heart attack. Glad to hear that he is getting along fine. Please report any sickness or distress to the Secretary or to me.

Rent

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

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

Worshipful Brothers

It is time to pick up the old Top Hat and climb into the ring with the lion. All of the Masonic Bodies are back to work. Grab your Working Tools and let's get on with it.

It's a good thing we don't have any lions, we left the stool and

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whip at home. We did get a guest speaker, though. Bring your best wit and aim it at the speaker. He'll enjoy it as much as you.

Our thanks to Bob Sanford, who hosted the Annual Picnic and to Vice President Larry Millard, who supplied the essentials, such as hamburgers and hot dogs. The picnic was well attended, and I, for one, had a great time. Special thanks to the ladies who prepared and brought the delicious dishes to pass.

We are looking for the immediate Past Masters to attend the meeting on September 25th at the Redmen's Party House on Lexington Ave. at 6:00 p.m. It costs nothing to attend, but we do eat off the menu at 7:00 p.m. in the dining room. At about 8:00 p.m. we will open our meeting. Please be prepared to tell the group about yourself. Time limit is 30 seconds to 3 minutes.

Call R.:W.: Bob Sanford at 292-6383 to let him know you are coming. There is NO WORK at these sessions. Be prepared to enjoy yourself. Bring your Bill Spillane jokes! All's fair. Let's have some good ones! It's time for a good ROAST. Stoke up the furnace.

Editor's Award for Non-Lodge Articles
The following article has been selected as an outstanding and well written contribution from a local author.

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By Bill Lindsay

New Officers

On April 29th the Annual Feast of the Finger Lakes Chapter of the International Philadelphes Society was held at the Temple Civic Center. The business portion of the meeting included an adoption of the Annual Reports and the Election of Officers for the ensuing year.



Bill Zufall and U of R Library's Rare Book Librarian, Karl Kabelac.

Elected were:

- President William Edwards
- Vice President Ruel Lovett
- Secretary George Springett
- Treasurer Terry Wihlen

The featured speaker for the evening was Karl Kabelac, Rare Books Librarian at the University of Rochester. Though not a Mason, Mr. Kabelac grew up in Aurora, NY, across the street from Scipio Lodge and has had a long and positive regard for the Craft and its members.

His presentation included an overview of the scope and nature of the University's collection which includes writings, letters, papers and journals from some of the most significant figures in NY State history from the early beginnings up through the present times. He shared samples of these works and guided those present through a discussion of the particular demands of conserving materials and the unique problems associated with understanding the styles and conventions used in communications in other eras.

He concluded his presentation with a review of courses available to the researcher through the Internet. In addition to providing information on how to access such sources electronically, he discussed how materials can be borrowed for individual use through the Interlibrary Loan Program.

The good news is that resources once too far away for use can now be brought into one's home for personal reading or research. He also pointed out that most public libraries now have Internet access for users free of charge and that librarians are very skilled and willing to provide use training for the novice. Which I suppose, is bad news for those who think they can escape this earthly journey in the late 20th century without having to learn how to use a computer!

I am reminded of my grandmother who was born long before the advent of the automobile and airplane. Like many of her peers, she drove a horse and buggy until well into her 40's and only reluctantly learned how to drive a car. She never did learn how to steer, and about one in ten trips ended in a minor collision, or a trip to a ditch. Fortunately, the most serious damage she ever caused was driving over someone's flower bed, or sustaining a dent. She finally chose not to renew her license when she was in her late 70's, having discovered that her social security card was an adequate form of ID.

She made it real clear that she would never get on an airplane, but in her eighties, bought a ticket to go to Florida, and got aboard. It somehow surprised me that this person who had been a tower of strength my whole life was excited much like a child getting on a plane for the first time, and

scared like an adult who is well aware of the frailties of mechanical things. I admired her courage, not only to back away from the shibboleths developed and sustained for 3/4 of a century, but the real strength it took to embrace a new experience at a time in life when many are conditioned to letting life begin to pass them by.

I am certain that had she lived into the Personal Computer era, she would have embraced the technology, learned from it, used it to enrich her life and to increase her knowledge. She likely would have used a piano bench so that her grandchildren would have learned at her side. She was one of those people who had a zest for living, sharing and loving. She knew that the path from here to there had hills and vales that were meant to be taken, not avoided.

Anyone still reading, may be beginning to wonder what all this has to do with Karl Kabelac. Grandma would not have understood everything he had to share, but she would have well understood that the unknown was well worth her time and energy to find out. Embedded in his talk was the underlying notion that "what can make you smart, can also make you happy", which may be the best reason of all to get to the library right away and learn how to use a computer.

EMESSAY NOTES

Supreme Court Justices who were Freemasons

From 1789 to the present, there have been 108 Justices of the United States Supreme Court. Depending on which source is consulted, 34, 36, 38, or 40 of them have been Freemasons.

Two Supreme Court Justices were Grand Masters of Virginia. John Blair, Jr., was a Justice of the United States Supreme Court from 1789 to 1796. Previously he was Grand Master of Virginia from 1778 to 1784. John Marshall, the greatest Chief Justice of the United States, was in that position from 1801 to 1835. He was also Grand Master of Virginia, from 1793-1795.

Another Chief Justice who had a great impact on our country, Earl Warren, served from 1953 to 1969. He was Grand Master of California 1935 - 1936. He was also Potentate of Aahmes Shrine, a 33° Scottish Rite Mason and an officer in two Scottish Rite Bodies in Oakland, California.

William H. Taft became a Mason "at sight" in 1909, while he was President of the United

States and before he became Chief Justice. It is reported that he made visits to Lodge meetings, participated in Masonic ceremonies and attended meetings of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Robert Trimble, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court from 1826 to 1828, was Master of his Lodge, Union No. 16 in Paris, Kentucky. Henry Baldwin, Associate Justice from 1830 to 1844, was Master of Lodge No. 45 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1805. Joseph R. Lamar, Associate Justice from 1910 to 1916, was Senior Warden of Webb Lodge No. 166 in Augusta, Georgia, in 1885, but apparently did not become Master of the Lodge.

Many of the Supreme Court Justices who were Freemasons also were members of their local Royal Arch Chapters, Cryptic or Royal and Select Master Councils, Knight Templar Commanderies, Scottish Rite Bodies, Shrines and Grottoes.

Did you know

United Airlines frequent fliers have proved to also be frequent givers by reaching the 80 million milestone in support of the nationwide Children's Circle of Care. The Children's Circle of Care is a network of children's hospitals in 20 North American cities, including Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles and Seattle.

As a result of this program Shriners Hospitals have received 2.58 million miles donated by United Frequent Fliers. (2.5 million miles is equivalent to 100 trips around the globe!) (Funding for EMESSAY Notes has been provided by the Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon)

What is the Regius Poem?

Its early history is unknown but apparently belonged at one time to John Thomas. The first owner of record was one John Thayer, an antiquarian who died in 1673. His grandmother, Ann Hart Thayer, offered his library to the Bodley Library at Oxford, but it wasn't accepted. Thus it was sold to Robert Scott, a London book dealer, then sold to Charles II after 1678. It was valued at two shillings! Eventually it became part of the Royal Library of Henry VII. In 1757 the Library was presented to the British Museum by George II.

It comes as a great surprise to learn it was as recent as 1839 when the Poem (Manuscript) was discovered to have a Masonic connection. In that year Mr. Halliwell presented a paper on the subject document; a portion of the paper appeared in Archeologia in 1840; in the same year the Poem was reprinted, and has been many times since.

The Poem was written about 1390 CE, evidently copied from an older document, and written in Middle English, making it readable only by linguists. Over the years several linguists have translated it into current English. The story it tells is that of Athelstan, King of England (927 CE after the Battle of Brunanburg - q.v.), according to the Poem, called Masons to meet, then gave them "modernized" charges and set them forth to carry them out. Anderson in his zealotry places this meeting at York, which is not mentioned in the Poem.

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The Poem (lines 61 - 62) refers to the coming of the Craft into England in the time of King Athelstan's day, but in fact, for example, masons (even Freemasons, but that is another story) had worked at Iona during the 560's CE, the cathedral being founded by St. Columba in 565 CE. This alone is nearly 400 years prior to the Poem. Hence the Poem could easily have had an antecedent.

The Poem has, since Henry VII (c. 1489), been known as the Regius Manuscript or Poem, and on receipt of the collection of volumes, including the Regius MMS, donated by George II (c. 1740) to the British Museum, the collection became known as "The Regius Collection." (From the Victorian Lodge of Research #218 11/97 Thoughts, EMMESAY Notes December 1997) □

Making Medical History

Robert Fey, Jr. had a dream - and that dream was to walk. Today, 12 years after sustaining a paralyzing spinal cord injury in a tragic auto accident, Robert can walk, thanks to monumental research in Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) under way at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia.

Earlier this year, the 14 year old from Shawboro, N.C., became the world's first child to receive a totally implanted lower-extremity FES system, enabling him to stand and walk despite his injury.

In 1986, when Robert was injured, doctors determined he had a spinal cord injury which left him paralyzed from the waist down. He has been a patient at the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia since 1993, receiving rehabilitation and treatment for problems associated with his spinal cord injury, as well as participating in clinical research in the hospital's FES program.

Dr. Randal Betz, Asst. Chief of Staff at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital and Director of its spinal cord injury unit said, "This surgery was unique in that it was the first time this totally implanted FES system had been used with a child or adolescent. While other facilities are studying the use of the FES system in adults, the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital is the only pediatric facility working specifically with children in this area. A primary focus of our mission has always been to adapt the adult technology for use with children and adolescents." (Source: News release from Shrine Hospitals.) □

Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



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

Starting of visitations

Summer is over and it is now time to get back to visiting the veterans at the Canandaigua Medical Center. Our first visit will be October 11th. Go directly to the ward by 1:15 p.m. We will meet at the elevator and go up as a group.

VA Christmas Fund

Before we know it Christmas will be here and I am back again to ask for your help in sending donations to help with the cost of purchasing gifts for the veterans. Send your checks to: VA Christmas Fund (135), 400 Fort Hill Avenue, Canandaigua, NY 14424.

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Seminar

Veteran representatives who are assigned by Grand Lodge to the Medical Centers throughout New York State will be in Terrytown, NY, in September for a two day discussion on what we can do to help the veterans in the Medical Centers. If there are any questions you would like to have answered, call me. If I do not have an answer, I will get it at the Seminar. There is usually a staff member from one of the Medical centers present to give answers.

For those of you who have a Service related medical problem, you have until October, 1998 to register. This does not mean that if you miss the deadline, you will not be taken care of. You will be put on an availability list and it may mean a longer waiting period. Sign up at Westfall Road VA Center NOW. □



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

Thanks

Our Installation of Officers was held on May 28th at Fame Lodge. A very nice Cordon Bleu Chicken Dinner preceded the Installation. W. Michael Bell, his wife Doris, and Beverly VanHuben, prepared and served the meal. Our many thanks for a job well done.

Meeting

Commander James Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of Installing the Officers, elected and appointed for 1998-99. Our Chaplain, Brad Hebner, gave the Invocation.

We had a very brief business session in which our Financial Officer, Donald McDill, gave us a very satisfactory report of the balance in our treasury to date.



Past Commanders of the Masonic War Veterans: Frank Jansson, Frank Murrer, William Golding, Robert Belt, Leon Van Huben and James Spencer.



Officers of the Masonic War Veterans for 1998-1999 (front) William Schenck-3rd Lt. Comm., George Goodman-Sgt. at Arms, William Golding-Adjt., Arthur Maupin-Marshall, Brad Hebner-Chaplain (back) Dean Marsaw-2nd Lt. Comm., Frank Murrer-1st Lt. Comm., Dennis Gallasch-Commander, Donald McDill-Finance Officer.

The Adjutant also read an Application for Membership submitted by Edward C. Miller, who is a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163. Brother Miller served in the US Army from 1943 to 1945. His request for membership was voted upon by the members present and was unanimously approved. Brother Miller will be Obligated at our next meeting on September 24th.

The Installing Marshal, Frank Jansson, presented each Officer individually and each was Obligated by Commander Spencer as to the duties of their office.

Commander James Spencer turned the gavel over to the new Commander, Dennis Gellasch, who had our Chaplain lead us in prayer. Commander Gellasch then led those present in reciting the American Creed, and gave a short closing speech. Following the Benediction we adjourned downstairs to the dining room for entertainment and refreshments.



Folksingers

We were entertained by Bob and Donna Russell, who perform under the name of the Bushnell's Basin Delegation. They are a Rochester based folksinging duo who play a wide variety of folk instruments including the guitar, banjo, Mountain dulcimer and bass.

The program was Folk and Country Music, and some snappy sing-alongs with lyrics on the humorous side.

Along with the entertainment, our Commander served cake and juice.

This very full and enjoyable evening was wrapped up at about 9:00 p.m.

Inspiring meeting

Commander Gellasch called an Officer's Meeting on June 18th at Fame Lodge. Believe me when I say this was a very inspiring meeting. We had 10 members show up and their input was something to behold. Our Trestleboard for the entire year was put in place.

The Official Visit by the Commander General and his staff was discussed at great length. A committee headed by Leon VanHuben, was formed to see to the arrangements. As far as anyone can remember, this is a first for our Post and is really a highlight occasion for us.

Some members do not have caps, so orders were taken.

A list of members who are willing to act as Color Guards was agreed upon. Eight members volunteered for this duty. That is really getting in the spirit!

Frank Murrer resigned as 1st Lt. Commander for personal reasons and Albert Pulcino III was duly elected to fill the vacancy.

I have only touched on some of the many subjects discussed and some decisions arrived at, but

for the sake of brevity, I will end this column at this point. □

Milnor No. 139 to Celebrate 150th Anniversary

Milnor Lodge No. 139, Victor, NY, will celebrate its 150th Anniversary on October 17th with a gala Reception and Dinner Party at DiPacific's Restaurant, located at the corner of Rts. 332 and 96 in Farmington. The Reception begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Please join the Grand Master, members of Milnor Lodge and local notables for an unforgettable evening that includes dinner and a live band for \$20.00 per person. A choice of Prime Rib, Chicken French or Broiled Had-dock are available.

Please contact Eldon White, 924-1603; Ken Hall, 289-3801, or Glen Thon, 924-2656 for your reservations by October 10th.

The Lodge has space available in their program advertising book, information on which can be supplied by the Lodge members noted above. □

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Memorial Day Observance

On Monday, May 25th, Tom Paglia and I, accompanied by my wife, Sylvia, had the pleasure of attending this major event at the Bath VAMC.

Parade

It was a great parade. A throng of enthusiastic watchers including children veterans' group, civic groups, townspeople, and VAMC residents, etc., lined the streets. It evoked much applause. The parade consisted of color guards of the US Army from Fort Drum and from the American Legion Post No. 173, local Army Reservists, floats and marching bands, etc. Driven in the lead car was Major General Allen Light, US Army Retires, a 32° Mason.

Masonic participation

This included the following:

1. Tom Paglia and I had the distinct honor of driving in his car, which bore signs reading, "Grand Lodge of the State of New York Veterans Service". We incurred applause from the watchers including Brother Masons.
2. Knights Templar from Hornell, including Dave Taber of Fairport Lodge and Dave Lathers of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery who joined them.
3. Local Masons with their float from Steuben Lodge No. 112, Bath, NY.

4. OES Chapter from Bath, NY.

5. Brother Mason, Major General Allen Light (as mentioned earlier).

6. W.: Donald C. Strait, Steuben Lodge No. 112, Bath, NY, Grand Lodge Veterans Service Rep. and Parade Director.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Following the Parade a meaningful observance was held at the grounds of the VAMC. The program consisted of a rifle salute from the American Legion Post No. 173, the presentations of colors by the US Army Color Guard, the singing and playing of the National Anthem, and the laying of wreaths by the American Legion. Among the various speakers were: A high ranking US Naval Officer, US Army Lt. Colonel Mark Haines, Commander of the 10th MP Battalion, 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum; and finally Major General Allen Light, US Army Retired.

It was a very meaningful and impressive ceremony. To me, the most moving event was the laying of a wreath by 75 year old veteran patient, Patrick McNally, assisted by two US Army soldiers. He is a survivor of the Bataan Death March in the Philippines at the start of World War II.

Steuben Lodge No. 112

After the ceremony we were invited to Steuben Lodge by W.: Donald C. Strait for a picnic supper. It was a most enjoyable, memorable and significant day. We were happy to have participated.

Canandaigua VAMC

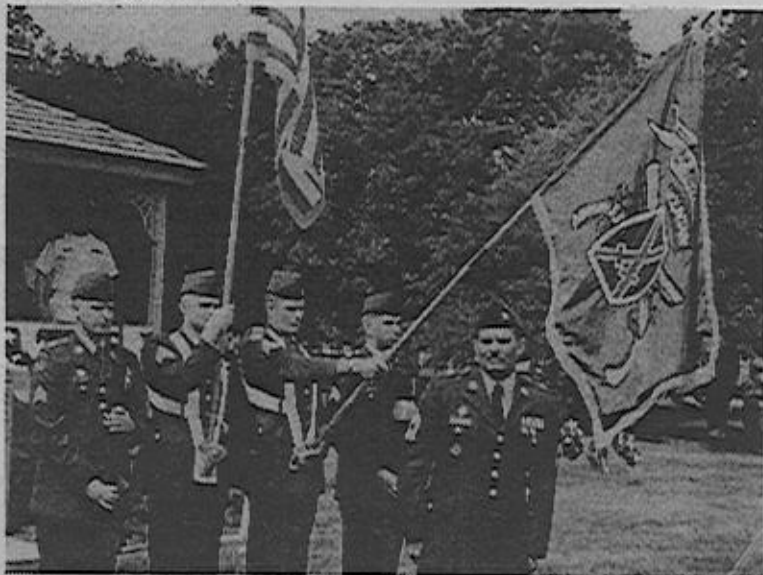
The next regular ward visit is scheduled for Sunday, October 11th. Tom Paglia has informed us that due to the continued downsizing, Building 36, to which we had been assigned, may be closed down and that our visits may be changed to another location. Tom, being a member of the Volunteer Executive Committee will keep us informed. □



Patrick McNary, age 75 and Veteran Survivor of the Bataan Death March, flanked by two soldiers from Fort Drum.



Knights Templar participants in the Bath Parade from Hornell including Sword Bearer Dave Lathers (Cyrene/Monroe) and Dave Taber (Sagoyawatha).



US Army 10th MP Battalion Color Guard from Fort Drum who participated in the Bath Parade. (Photos courtesy Harold Bollotin)



Tom Paglia, Harold Hager, Harold Bollotin and Maj. Gen. Allen Light, Jr., US Army Retired (32°) in front of Tom's appropriately decorated Car, just before the Memorial Day Parade in Bath, NY.



Masonic float with R.W. Harold Hager (left) and Brothers present and future from Steuben Lodge #112.



W.: Donald C. Strait, Master of Steuben Lodge, Harold Bollotin and Tom Paglia at the picnic supper provided by the Lodge after the Parade.

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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].

I have the real pleasure of belonging to a non-profit organization called Investor's Alliance. It is an organization which is concerned with the investment education and research for the individual investor.

As such, I utilize the material to inform my readers of some of the things I have read and learned from them. This is one of those columns.

Bull markets have a tendency to bring out more animals than just bulls. Our present market has attracted snakes, weasels, and rats. This is a normal occurrence since hucksters, charlatans, and the like see gold in those bulls.

The stock market is said to be driven by greed and fear, which are among the most powerful emotions, and they cause humans to lose their ability to think rationally. Greed makes people pay too much for stocks, while fear makes them panic and dump their stocks. Envy is another emotion that can cause trouble. You become envious of another's good fortune, and may want to force yourself into some situation in order to catch up to that person. Our current bull market has become a fertile breeding ground for these people who promote the idea that you can beat the market and make a fortune. The problem with this is that they cannot substantiate their over optimistic claims.

How many times have I said in this column that "man is the only animal that can be skinned more than once"?

A favorite ploy is to run a seminar, charge a lot of money, and then disappear when the system fails.

Others are to send videos, sell a "trade secret" system guaranteeing huge profits, and then disappear.

Do you remember the Beardstown Ladies? They were the ones who had an investment club that claimed to have achieved a 23.4% return over the last decade, and became the toast of the investment world. They sold over 850,000 books, with four more books being printed, and a variety of tapes. They also were hired or paid to be investing experts, or to speak at conferences.

It turns out that the club dues were being counted in the investment return, and Morningstar, as reported on CNN, estimated their return to be about 12 or 13%.

My grandfather used to say, "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts. Remember the story of the Trojan Horse". □

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R.E. Daniel N. Evans

Companions

It is time once again to return to work in the quarries. I hope each and everyone of you have enjoyed the Summer and that all are in good health. There are several items that we must work on in the coming year.

Congratulations

Companions, congratulations are in order for R.E. Karl-Heinz Reich of 3X3 Chapter, located in Spencerport, NY. He has been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Belgium, Royal Arch Masons.

Membership

It has been recommended to increase membership each Chapter should hold a "Companion Bring-a-Friend Night". This is working for the Blue Lodges in our area. Another way to introduce prospective members to Royal Arch Masonry is to contact the Blue Lodges in your area to see if they would like to have the "Fervency and Zeal" Program presentation at one of their meetings.

Program planning

Each Chapter of the 29th District should at this time have its work planned for the coming year. It is never too early to begin planning. A Chapter runs more smoothly if you have a program locked in, one well planned by its members and High Priest. The High Priest, with all his members and officers of the Chapter, should aid in accomplishing these goals.

Trestleboard

A Trestleboard is necessary for each Chapter so that the members know just what work is planned. This should be published and distributed to each member, District Chapters and a copy to the District Deputy. These should be out by November 1st, as I am planning my Fall Visits. The dates of these Visits will be in the November Masonic Times.

Communications

A communication sent to Companions a few times a year will make them feel as though they are part of the Chapter. They may even find a program or event you are about to hold, to be of interest to them.

Scholarships

The Grand High Priest has informed me that we are getting nearer to the goal of \$1000 Scholarship grants. He also wishes to thank us for our participation and support we gave at the Scholarship Dinner. I am very pleased with the effort put forth by this District.

Final word

As our Grand High Priest, M.E. Edward S. Newsham always says, "There is no substitute for excellence, not even success".

R.E. Karl-Heinz Reich Appointed Grand Representative



By R.E. Jay McCullough

R.E. Dan Evans, DDGHP of the 20th Capitular District, and M.E. Charles J. Reilly, Grand Secretary, have announced the Appointment of R.E. Companion Reich as Grand Rep. of the Grand Chapter of Belgium, with the congratulations of M.E. Edward S. Newsham, Grand High Priest. Karl is a member of 3X3 Chapter RAM located in Spencerport.

R.E. Reich carries impeccable credentials. His Masonic commencement occurred when raised a Master Mason in Etolian Lodge No. 479 on November, 1985.

He held several appointed offices and has always been one of the first to volunteer for temple janitorial, maintenance and food preparation chores, as well as, bussing service and cleanup.

3X3 Chapter

Companion Reich helped foster the creation of 3X3 Chapter which occurred March 3, 1990. He is among its charter members. He has held several appointed and elected positions in the Chapter, becoming High Priest in 1995.

He currently serves as Secretary and has been the "symbol" of the Royal Arch in all his Masonic doings and gatherings in this part of the State.

He is a most fastidious person and the exemplar of cleanliness! To him, Chapter settings are expected to be meticulously and spotlessly maintained. (His lady, Trudy, would have it no other way and taught him well.)

He helped initiate the idea of the Chapter members acting as the janitorial staff for the local Masonic groups meeting in the Spencerport Temple. In return, the landlord body permits Chapter convocations rent-free.

Karl has been a strong proponent of visits with all Chapter members at times other than when at convocations. He has been the spark that has caused personal telephone contact by the principal Chapter officers two or three days prior to any Chapter event as a final reminder to members to set aside time for Chapter business or to represent the Chapter in other settings. He has also acted as chauffeur to get Brothers out to functions and has been an active escort or leading officers in the District. He is an active member of the Past High Priest's Association of Western, NY.

European connection

Each year, he journeys to Germany on family business. He has made acquaintance with a number of Royal Arch Masons and attended many Masonic functions there. He has spoken to local Masonic groups on the similarities and differences in Masonic practices between the two countries. He is a native of Germany and lived there the first 22 years of his life. He is fluent in the language and dialects of the country as well as schooled in its civic and social mores. He has also authored articles appearing, for example, in the *Masonic Times* newspaper of Monroe, Genesee and Wyoming County areas. A most notable article of recent vintage is a dissertation on the flower, the "Forget-me-not", and its Masonic significance.

R.E. Reich was exalted in LeRoy Chapter No. 183, Royal Arch Masons, October 1988. He was Chapter Treasurer in 1996.

He's been a member of NunDaWaGa Council No. 92 since February 18, 1989. He had been dubbed and created a Knight in the Knights Templar, Batavia Commandery No. 34, November 5, 1988 and was a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Damascus Temple, starting on November 30, 1988. He

has been Secretary of the Genesee/Wyoming Past Master's Supper Club since 1996.

Personal

Karl was born February 27, 1934 in Ahlen/Wesfalia Western Germany. He was raised in the North Region in the small town of Emmerthal. He attended grammar school in Emmerthal until 1948. To this day, on annual trips to Germany, Karl attends class reunions.

He became an apprentice at the German Federal Railroad and worked there 3 years in several job categories. He specialized in mechanical fields, taking extra training courses, until immigration to the United States in December, 1956.

In July, 1956, he and Trudy (Scheithauer) married in Germany. They have 3 daughters and a son and four grandchildren.

Military

After 10 months in the USA, Karl was inducted into the US Army, serving two years on active duty and 4 inactive. He was Honorably discharged as a Specialist 4th Class.

Education

Karl received his high school diploma, attended California State College for one year and took automotive mechanic courses. He attended SUNY Brockport two years and was also awarded a certificate for completing the Dale 5 of 5 Carnegie Course in 1974.

Citizenship

Karl and Trudy were proud to become citizens of the United States of America in 1977.

Vocation

Karl was a vehicle mechanic in trucking companies in the Rochester area after Army discharge. He was hired at Eastman Kodak Company in 1966 as a heavy equipment mechanic. He was also a qualified Millwright and performed in that discipline while with Kodak. Disability retirement took effect on January 20, 1986, due to a vascular incident (stroke). He has since made a remarkable recovery, with only a slight limp remaining. If anything, his energy and enthusiasm for life have been enhanced by his success in working at overcoming his physical disabilities.

Sports and music

Karl has been a member of the German/American Soccer Club over 30 years. He's a musician (electronic keyboards and button accordions are in his areas of specialization, as well as harmonicas). He volunteers his musical and entertainment skills in many civic, social, and charitable arenas.

We salute R.E. Companion Karl-Heinz Reich on this recognition by the Grand Chapter of Belgium.

Western Star Chapter No. 35

RAM

3rd Thursday

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

200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

By Paul McCullough

Degrees

Well, here it is, the end of Summer and the start of the harvest season out here in Pembroke. I hope everyone enjoyed the recess from the meetings, but hope you are still in practice for some upcoming work. On September 12th there will be an outdoor Mark Master Degree at Lake Osco and on the 14th there will be Mark and Past Master Degrees at LeRoy Chapter.

Goodies

To my surprise, I was told by V.E. Steve Licht, when he stopped by during lunch time (he always knows when I am home for lunch), that at our first meeting of the season he is going to provide some wonderful homemade treats. Thanks, Steve.

Come on out

Well, here's to a good start on a great year in Chapter. From what I've heard and been told this should be a very interesting year at Western Star. So, with that little tid-bit, I hope to see all members come to the opening meeting on September 17th.

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Royal Arch Masons
27th Capitulat District



R.E. William J. Kuehne
671-8774

Where has this beautiful Summer gone? I hope you enjoyed it as much as Kay and I have.

The Annual Summer Picnic and Officer's Meeting was great and we thank all who could attend, especially our Grand High Priest, M.E. Edward S. Newsham and his wife, June.

The weatherman cooperated, food was exceptional and a good time was had by all. Kay and I wish to thank all for the fine help for this event. To those unable to be with us, we hope you will make plans for the first Sunday in August next year for this event.

With the approach of the Fall season, it is time to return to our labors. Many events are being planned for the coming months.

September 24th is the important date to set aside. On that evening, we will have a District wide visit to Hiram Chapter by R.E. David Stoy, as we do the MMM and PM Degrees. As this is a District affair, I encourage all Companions from within the 27th District to attend and help in the Degrees. I will be sending our a flyer to all High Priests in the District in the near future.

Thought for the month

The bigger the Summer vacation, the harder the Fall. □



Kay Kuehne gave the Grand High Priest a ride, and everyone else it seems, in her new golf cart.

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R.E. Karl-Heinz Reich providing a little entertainment at the Annual District Picnic.

Hiram Chapter

No. 62

2nd & 4th

Thursdays

E. Bruce Horncastle, High Priest
607-347-4680

Richard J. Oliver, Secretary
594-2380

875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14805

I trust that everyone has had as lovely a Summer as I did. Lots of sunshine and warm weather of which I, regretfully, did not get enough of as a result of a busy schedule. I found the time to enjoy brief amounts of it, though.

As we approach the busy schedule for the next two months, let me take the time to tell you what is planned.

Degree work

The Mark Master Degree and the Past Master Degree will be conferred in Cathedral Hall at the Downtown Masonic Temple on September 24th. All should be there before 7:30 p.m.

The Most Excellent Master Degree will also be conferred in Cathedral Hall on October 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree will be conferred on the 10th of October at the Masonic compound in Utica, NY. All Companions who are to receive that Degree are to make plans to go to Utica on that day for the conferral. This will be part of the commemoration the Bi-Centennial of Royal Arch Masonry in New York State. It is an event that you will not want to miss.

All Companions and candidates, will be carpooling there. Make sure that you make the appropriate arrangements through the Chapter. Any and all are welcome to contact me as to the driving arrangements, so please don't wait until the last moment.

Orient Chapter visit

Our visit to Orient Chapter will be October 23-24th in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. For some reason we have not received specifics on the arrangements.

All Companions going should contact Tom Paglia at 227-2046 or me, to get further details. Don't worry, it won't be expensive. Our Canadian Companions are planning a great reception for all of us and plan to confer a Degree for us to see while there. The ladies will have some arrangement made for their enjoyment.

This trip has the makings for a lot of fun and enjoyment and great Companionship with the Canadians. Don't miss this opportunity for a very obliging and social experience. We will all notice your absence if you are not there. The Hospitality Room will be open from late Friday afternoon on to...

Bi-Centennial Commemoration

Hiram Chapter will be observing the Bi-Centennial of RAM in New York State on the 17th of October. Displays, lectures and other will be set up in the 3rd floor dining room at the Masonic Temple. The event will open from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. All guests and interested parties are welcome to join with us for this important epoch.

St. John's Day

What a turnout! It appeared as though just about everyone was at the Masonic Campus for St. John's Day on June 20th. There must have been over two thousand people there. There were tours of the facilities, a parade, and many displays.

It was HOT! Very HOT! No shelter from that punishing heat was found, save for the air conditioning in the building as the thermometer approached the 100° mark. Despite it, so many Brothers from all the different Masonic Bodies in full regalia were there to parade. It was fun and informative and I finally was able, with my pal, Janet, to take the entire tour of the fine Research facilities.

Janet was duly impressed and rated the health care facilities second to none she has seen in the US (she was an active Registered Nurse for 33 years). We have a lot to be proud of from what I witnessed there. I no longer have a fear of living in Utica, if I

am ever in need of such care it should be awhile before I will be concerned about that.

That is it for now. Until later, travel East carefully. □

Grand Council Cryptic Masons State of New York



R.I. Stephen A. Licht
Grand Steward



Rt. Ill. Horace Wilder, recipient of the Grand Council's Adult Leadership Award.

At the 175th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, held on August 15th at Owego, Rt. Ill. Horace Wilder was honored by the General Grand Council International. Rt. Ill. Wilder was the recipient of the Adult Leadership Award. This honor is presented annually by the General Grand Council International to a person who has done outstanding work with youth organizations recognized by the General Grand Council, namely: Order of DeMolay, Order of Rainbow for Girls or Order of Job's Daughters. The Medallion was presented by M. P. Orville Wesseler, the General Grand Master of the General Grand Council International, Rt. P. Charles VanEtten, Deputy General Grand Master, and M. Ill. John (Jack) Nosal, Most Illustrious Grand Master of NY.

Rt. Ill. Wilder was recommended for this Award by the officers and members of Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council No. 92. He has served the Rainbow Girls since 1965, when his oldest daughter became a member. In 1967 he became a member of the Advisory Board and has continued to serve in many capacities. He has served, and is currently serving, as Assembly Dad.

The Grand Cross of Color was bestowed on Horace, which is an honor presented to girls and adults who have given unselfishly of their time and talents for the betterment of the Order.

He served as District Deputy (now called Grand Deputy) of the Erie/Genesee District to the Supreme Inspector of New York State from 1982 to 1986. In this capacity, he traveled the State with the girls to attend Rainbow functions. He rarely missed a meeting of the three Assemblies in the District.

Still active with Rainbow and working with the second generation of girls, he has just finished making wind-chimes for Supreme Assembly which will be held in Buffalo in the year 2000.

Rt. Ill. Wilder has always enjoyed working with youth and had served as an advisor to DeMolay. Perhaps his involvement with our youth organizations has kept him young.

In addition, Horace has presided in all York Rite Bodies and is a member of KYCH. He remains active in all organizations, always willing to take a role in Degree work. With the support of his wife, Maude, the two Wilder's will continue to serve the Rainbow Girls for many years to come. □

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered in 1861)



3rd
Wednesdays

Paul B. Josephson, Ill. Master
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L. Edward Walker, Recorder
647-2382

875 Main St. East
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It is time for the gavel to sound in the East to call the Craft from refreshment to labor once again. I hope each and every one of you had a safe and prosperous Summer break.

Grand Council

On August 14th and 15th I attended Grand Council in Owego, NY and will give a report on the proceedings at our September 16th meeting.

Fall Class

We have candidates! There will be a Fall Degree session. Keep urging all of your Royal Arch Companions to join Council. This is a great organization and we can use more ACTIVE members. We have two petitions, but we need more to keep our Council growing and prosperous.



R.E. Vern Goodrich-Grand Treasurer (left), R.E. William Kuehne DDGHP 27th (center) and E. Bruce Horncastle High Priest of Hiram Chapter with the Annual Scholarship Recipients Tyler Gellasch and Andrea McCullough.

The Royal Master Degree will be on October 21st and the Select Master Degree on November 18th. Get your petitions in, we need your support.

Dinners

With the cooperation of Lalla Rookh Grotto we will be having a dinner at every meeting this year. In September and October Doric Council will be hosting the dinners. Linda Zahn will serve her delicious Swiss Steak Dinner on September 16th and reservations are a must. Please call Edward Walker at 647-2383 or me at 334-7353 for your reservation. **NO RESERVATION-NODINNER!**

Attention!

Your attention is directed to the following dates:

September 10-Conclave at 8:00 p.m. As this will be our first Conclave with our new officers. Our Zone Commander, SK Kohlhagen, will assist in directing the Ritualistic work of Opening and Closing. This evening will be a learning experience, a start toward our Inspection in March. All officers and Sir Knights are urged to attend. There will be fresh baked fruit pies and ice cream as an added inducement to attend!

September 24-6:30 p.m. for a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. The Conclave is at 8:00 p.m. I will give my report on Grand Commandery, which will be brief as I anticipate most of Batavia's Sir Knights will have been in attendance. The Inspection requirements will be reviewed and work will be assigned to all willing volunteers.

Please give me a call if you are coming for dinner, that we may prepare appropriately. Your own table service is appreciated.

Goya-Watha with their opening and closing, and give them moral support. This is a good opportunity to hone our skills at the same time.

After closing Commandery, we will have lunch at The Blue Ribbon Smoke House and Restaurant. We will order from the menu. Call Larry Dunn at 594-8033 for your reservations. The Ladies will NOT attend this session.

College will meet at Se-Goya-Watha after lunch at 1:30 p.m. We are looking for a good attendance, because this is the "kick-off" of a new season. Dress for officers is Commandery uniform. Dress for all others is business suit or sport coat.



OPC Recipient Pre-eminently Distinguished Brother, E. William Whittaker.

Cyrene Monroe Commandery
No. 12
Chartered 1993
1st & 3rd Mondays
SK Laszlo Tuczai
Commander
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
Recorder 594-8033

By Don Brugger

The Summer Picnic at Berties' was well attended and everyone enjoyed the fellowship, although the weather was a little hot. The Commander wishes to extend his appreciation to the Berties' for their hospitality and to the ladies of the Schicker Club for a delicious repast.

The schedule for the Fall is tentatively set with our first Conclave September 21st. A Pot Luck Supper will precede the meeting and the Schicker Club will also meet to discuss business.

Annual Conclave

The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery will take place in Buffalo at the Marriott, Millersport Highway, September 18-20. All top Officers should attend; all are welcome. For more information contact Ron Bertie 225-6348.

Pilgrimage

The tentative Fall Pilgrimage will be held on November 14th. Preparation for the Pilgrimage will take place on November 2nd. If you are involved with the conferral of any of the Orders, please contact the directors: D. Lathers-Red Cross, D. Taber-Malta, C. Roberts-Order of the Temple.

Since I will be writing this column by default, please keep me informed of any news or schedule changes.

Sympathy

We extend the sympathy of the Commandery to the family and friends of Ethel Mosher on her passing.

Batavia Commandery
No. 34
Knights Templar
Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays
Stephen A. Licht
Commander 343-1517
SK Allen L. Capwell
Recorder 786-3897
200 E. Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

Greetings to all Sir Knights and their Ladies

The time is fast approaching for us to resume our activities in the Asylum. Since our last Conclave, the Commandery has participated in the re-dedication of the War of 1812 Cemetery on Flag Day and the Annual Masonic Church Service in Java Village. The bi-weekly rehearsals of the Zone 12 Drill Team have given me a new perspective on confusion, my own that is! My first time out as Sword Bearer, I almost marched the flag detail into a brick wall. I am confident that at Grand Commandery our Drill Team will execute the prescribed Ritual with the highest degree of precision.

Dinners with the Ladies

Please make a note that a dinner will precede the Conclave held on the fourth Thursday of EACH MONTH, unless otherwise directed. I encourage all Sir Knights and their Ladies to dine together. I will attempt to have a program of interest for the ladies while the Sir Knights are conducting business. Suggestions for dinner themes and programs are appreciated and will be welcomed.

Relocating

The subject of relocating Batavia Commandery has again been brought up for discussion. The physical limitations imposed by the Batavia Masonic Temple are well known to all. If the Commandery receives a bona fide offer from a new site, we will discuss and evaluate the benefits as well as detriments to the future of our Commandery, should we relocate.

I hear the voice of the membership growing louder about the limitations imposed by a fourth floor dining area as well as a second floor meeting area. The steps become more of an obstacle each year. We must evaluate any proposal for change in light of what our present situation provides us. Please give thought to this subject and ask questions, that we may arrive at the best solution to this problem.

York Rite Sovereign College of North America

By Stanley Peterson, OPC

The 41st General Assembly of the Sovereign College was held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Thursday thru Saturday, July 22-25, 1998. Officiating in the East was Most Preeminently Distinguished Brother Donald A. King, KCPC, Governor General. Serving the Sovereign College as Treasurer General for several years and as Secretary General, Pro tem for the past year was MPD Roy E. VanDelinder, Jr. Past Governor General. VPD Rev. Don C. Markham, Primate General, conducted in the devotional services. MPD VanDelinder and VPD Markham are members of Genesee York Rite College No. 25.

The 1998 General Assembly was by far the largest Assembly on record and Companions Knights and their Ladies enjoyed the meetings and festivities of the occasion. There was an attendance of over 600 at the Saturday evening Grand Banquet. Those in charge of the occasion are to be commended for the conduct of all phases of the session. Noteworthy was the conclusion of business sessions at scheduled times.

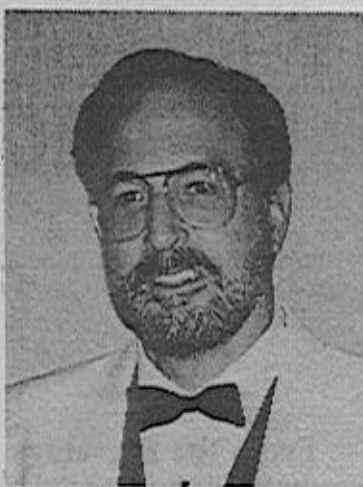
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Rochester, New York
(Chartered July 14, 1962)
Ruell R. Lovett
Pre-Em. Governor 494-2546
Lawrence W. Dunn
Secretary 594-8033

For a change the news will reach you before it happens. This column could easily be called "The Early Edition". The cat, however, will not be doing the writing. This will be very tricky as I don't have the cat's insight.

Our York Rite College Seminar was held in Utica on August 8th. I will report on the several sessions at our next communication. For your reference, the Governor is to give a three to five minute talk on the state of our College, our plans for the coming year, and a look at the long range plans.

For the benefit of the Companions who cannot often attend, we have four meetings each year. Our Ladies do not attend our meetings, but have their own sessions. Afterwards we retire to a local restaurant and enjoy a fine meal. The Ladies are very happy with this arrangement, because they don't have to prepare anything and have no dishes to wash. The Knights are happy because the Ladies are happy. That's a definite win-win situation!

Our next meeting is at Se-Goya-Watha in Phelps on September 12th at 9:00 a.m. This will be under the direction of Companion Knight Bill Jones. Those who can should be in Commandery uniform. We will assist Se-



OPC Recipient Pre-eminently Distinguished Brother, Arnold E. Palmer, Jr.



Pre-eminently Distinguished Bros. Bob Zahn, Jerry Brade, William Whittaker (back), Stanley Peterson, Arnold Palmer (back), Vernon Rupert and Most Pre-eminently Distinguished Roy E. VanDelinder, Jr.-Past Governor General and Secretary General Pro tem.

Mid-Day Bowling League
John Specht, Secretary
548-2694

Daylight Bowling resumes in Spencerport

By Jay McCullough

For the third season, the Senior Masonic Bowling League resumes play at the Spencerport Bowling Lanes at the intersection of Routes 31 and 259.

Take the x-way 531 West to the Union St. exit. Go North on 259 to the Rte. 31 light. Take a left and the Spencerport Bowl is less than a quarter of a mile on the left.

Expect to begin at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, October 5th and continue each Monday thereafter for the season. This is a regularly sanctioned League of the ABC. Secretary, John Specht [548-2694], or the President, Buz Lovett [494-2546], can answer any questions you may have. The coffee pot is always on and the camaraderie is excellent.

Join us. All are welcome.

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Scottish Rite NEWS

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Ronald D. Mertens Commander-in-Chief



As we prepare to resume our labors in our Lodges and Scottish Rite activities, let us reflect for a moment on what has occurred during the Summer months.

Council of Deliberation

During the weekend of July 10-12 a group of Brethren and ladies from the Valley of Rochester enjoyed some time together at the New York State Council of Deliberation in Syracuse. It was our pleasure to be present for the Ceremony in which Robert E. Cameron was honored as a Meritorious Service Award recipient. Congratulations to you, Bob!

It was also during the C. of D. Meeting that we learned that Donald A. Rose has been designated to receive the Meritorious Service Award at next year's session. Don was not in the meeting at the time of the announcement so it was the pleasure and privilege of several members from Rochester to inform him of his selection in an informal manner. Unfortunately, no one had a camera to record the look of surprise and pleasure that Don displayed.

Family Picnic

Our Family Picnic on Saturday, July 18th, was a tremendous success. Nearly 190 people were in attendance and enjoyed an af-

ternoon of good fellowship and good food. It was our privilege to have Andrea McCullough with us and be able to present her with a scholarship check from the Abbott Scholarship Fund. A special thanks to Eldon and Denise White for all their hard work in setting up this event.

Summer Outing

As of this writing, our Summer Outing has not yet taken place. However, I know it will be a success and will report on it next month.

September meeting

Our first meeting as we resume our labors will be on Thursday, September 17th. This is an All Bodies Meeting for the purpose of receiving Annual Reports. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. and then attend the Grand Lecturer's Convention in support of our Symbolic Lodges. M. W. Calvin G. Bond, Grand Lecturer, always has some interesting information to share and I solicit and encourage your support and attendance.

Symbolic Lodge Awards Night

Our meeting on October 1st will be a special occasion for our Valley. We will be honored with the presence of Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, as our principal speaker. Illustrious Brother Ralston is noted for being a dynamic person and we are excited about having him with us for this special evening. We are also expecting to have Ill. Harold L. Aldrich, 33° Active, M. W.; and Ill. Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active and Deputy for the State of New York and M. W. Gary A. Henningsen, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York in attendance. Plan on being with us for a great evening of Scottish Rite and Symbolic Lodge Masonry! □

Orator's Response

By Robert D. Kimmel

The following was read at the Scottish Rite Banquet, April 18, 1998.

Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, Distinguished guests, Brothers of Scottish Rite and Ladies.

It is certainly an honor and a pleasure to have been selected as this year's Orator for the Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA Class. On behalf of my Brothers, I would like to thank the members of the Scottish Rite who have given their time and energy to the wonderful Degree presentation this past November and arranging this Banquet to honor Arthur Maupin. These exciting events bring together Brothers from many Lodges for a period of learning and fellowship. Having achieved the honor of a 32° Mason, we are proud to walk in the footsteps of the others who have gone this way before us and have dedicated themselves to turning Masonic beliefs into reality.

We are here tonight to honor Arthur F. Maupin, a man who has given his time to help others become better. Brother Maupin has exemplified the true spirit of Masonry. He was raised in Charlotte Lodge No. 1088 in 1962 and received the 32° of the Scottish Rite in 1970. In 1992 he received the Meritorious Service Award and has been the faithful Tiler of the Valley of Rochester since 1984. Brother Maupin has been an active participant in the 16° and 32° presentations. Also active in the Shrine, he is a member of the Legion of Honor, Greeters, and the treasurer of the Shrine Lunch Club of Damascus Temple.

Brother Maupin is also a veteran of the US Army, a graduate of RIT, member of the American Legion, and in the coming months will celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary.

It is the noble man who dedicates himself to a noble cause. Each Brother here tonight has dedicated a part of their life to a noble and worthy cause. As we apply the lessons that Freemasonry teaches us, we become stronger in such ways that allow us to make others stronger. In Freemasonry you're never as good as you're going to get!

Thank you! □

From the Secretary

I thank Ill. Robert Zabel, 33°, for his help in making a smooth transition as the Valley's new Secretary. Bob did an outstanding job for many, many years and his help has been invaluable.

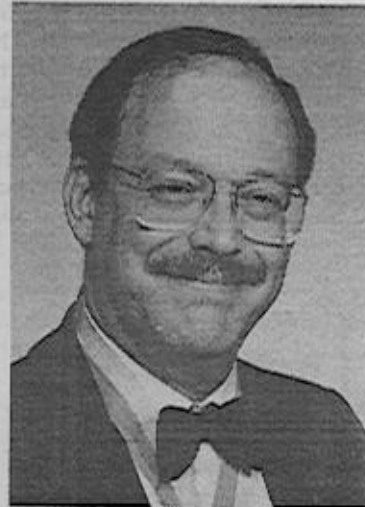
Be sure to look over the new Calendars for upcoming events. The new member (last 5 years) Dinner/Reception is on Friday, September 11th; the All Bodies Meeting and Annual Reports are Thursday, September 17th (after which we will join the Lodges at the Grand Lecturer's Convention). October is a very busy month starting with the Symbolic Lodge Awards Night on Thursday, October 1st; the Boston Trip on October 16-18; and the Selke/Zabel Testimonial Dinner on Friday, October 23rd.

Please let me know how, and if, the Scottish Rite Office and I

can be of any assistance and what you would like to see us doing.

Please notice the Learning Center's Banner on the hallway wall leading to the Center on the 3rd floor. One learning hour costs \$50.00, and for each \$50.00 you contribute, your name will appear on a label on the Banner. □

Robert E. Crystal Thrice Potent Master



Born in 1949 in Michigan, the son of Evelyn Gregory and Richard Crystal, Bob has a double Masonic heritage. His mothers' parents were immigrants from England, with a Masonic tradition, and continued that tradition in Wisconsin. His uncle, Sam Gregory, was a member of a Lodge in Denver, and his grandmother and mother were Eastern Star members. His paternal great-grandfather, Charles Haber, was active in Composite Lodge in Manhattan; his grandfather died in the 30's, but his father, Richard Crystal, was Master of Suffolk Lodge No. 60 on Long Island and served his District as Grand Steward.

Bob's parents encouraged his membership in the Scouts, and took pride that he served as Master Councilor of Nissequogue Chapter Order of DeMolay in 1966. His sister was Beloved Queen of Smithtown Triangle.

Bob went on to College at Cornell University, moving to Rochester in 1971. He worked at Endicott Johnson Shoes, J.C. Penney, Wiard and Burwell Architects, Security Mutual Ins. and three construction firms before finding his calling at Monroe County Dept. of Social Services. He now works there as Supervising Examiner of a Temporary Assistance Unit serving the Westside, Hilton, Brockport, Spencerport, Gates and Chili. He has been a volunteer arbitrator for the BBB, and is active in Christ Church, Episcopal, downtown.

Bob joined the Rochester area Masonic family in 1986, was raised in Seneca Lodge No. 797 and served as Master in 1993-94. He became an Advisor for Rochester DeMolay in 1987. He was elected Vice President of Masters and Wardens Association in 1991 and was Chairman of the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign for two years. Bob was invited to join the OES in 1994 and has served as Patron of Corinthian Fellowship Chapter No. 322 twice to date. He was recruited into Scottish Rite and the Shrine by Brother Cecil Hill in 1986.

An advocate of urban living, Bob was active in the renovation and restoration of his own house at 305 South Plymouth Ave. and several others in the Cornhill District, and is still a resident of the City. He lives now in the Ellwanger Barry neighborhood near the South Wedge. He and his lady, Evelyn, have a cottage on Canandaigua Lake where his Lodge, OES Chapter and ODM Chapter are invited every year.

An advocate for youth groups, Bob will help arrange a meeting topic for the Master of any Lodge in the readership of the *Masonic Times*. He has helped transport DeMolays to meetings in Niagara, Buffalo, Canada, Southern Tier and Hudson River Valley, and brought DeMolays to work at the Shrine Circus, Spaghetti dinners and to serve as Honor Guards for Installation Ceremonies. □

Lawrence W. Dunn Sovereign Prince

Brother Lawrence W. Dunn was raised in Warren C. Hubbard Lodge No. 954 in June, 1954. He affiliated with Oatka Lodge No. 759 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1983. He served as Secretary of Oatka Lodge No. 759 in 1985 and was again installed as Secretary in May, 1998. He was DDGM of the 2nd Monroe District in 1989-90.

In the York Rite he has served as High Priest of Hamilton Chapter, RAM, is currently the King of Hiram Chapter, and the Assistant Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, RAM. He has been the Illustrious Master of Doric Council No. 19 of the Cryptic Masons. He served as the Eminent Commander of Cyrene Commandery and is the Recorder of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, KT. In the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, KT, he is the Grand Representative of Kansas, Inspector General and Past Zone Commander of Zone 11. He served as the Sovereign Commander of Genesee Council No. 51, AMD; is a member of Empire State Priory No. 46, KYCH; Past Pre-Eminent Governor of Genesee York Rite College No. 25, where he currently serves as the Secretary, and is the recipient of the York Rite Sovereign College's Order of the Purple Cross.

In the Valley of Rochester, Brother Dunn received his 32° in 1960. He served on the Stage Crew and assisted the Wardrobe Master, each for a number of years. He has been the Assistant Secretary of the Valley of Rochester since January 1996, and was installed Sovereign Prince of the Council, Princes of Jerusalem, at the Public Installation, May 9th.

Larry and his wife, Carm, are members of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, OCA, and has served as the Treasurer of that church for the last 7 years. They have two sons, William and Thomas, and 5 grandchildren. □



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Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr. Most Wise Master



Brother Gleason was raised in Olive Branch Lodge in Millbury, MA in 1955. He later affiliated with Frank L. Simes Lodge No. 990. He served that Lodge as Master in 1984 and has been a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New York since 1972.

He joined the Valley of Rochester in 1992 and immediately went into the Chapter of Rose Croix Line, currently serving as Most Wise Master.

In York Rite he is a member of Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM; Doric Council No. 19, R&SM; and is an Honorary Past Commander of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, KT. In Grand Chapter he has held the Office of Grand Chaplain since 1987. He was a Grand Chaplain in Grand Commandery from 1978-1981. Rev. Gleason is a member of St. Mark's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, where he currently serves as Prelate. Paul is a Chaplain of Damascus Temple No. 2 A.A.O.N.M.S.

Brother Gleason served as President of the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester in 1990-'92.

Awards

Reverend Gleason is a recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, Community Service Award and the Grand Lodge Wendell Walker "Builders of Men" Award.

He has been a dedicated member of the Monroe Districts for many years. In his quiet way, he has been there for the leaders of the District. As a mentor and a guiding light, he is willing to help in any way necessary. In the Lodge and Chapter rooms, his divine blessings are from one who Lives and Walks the Talk. His love for the Craft has no bounds and his devotion for its members is unparalleled.

In the U.S. Navy he was a Fireman First Class and is a member of Sampson WW-2 Navy Veterans.

At present he is a retired Minister of Immanuel Baptist Church. He is also a Financial Councilor. Paul and his wife, Dottie have two children, Donna and Stephen. □

Hospitaler's Report

By Tom Paglia, 32°MSA

John Owens-in hospital for an aneurysm in his stomach.

Roy Dementin-now home after a hip replacement.

Guy Parry-in Park Ridge for knee surgery.

Harold Bollotin-home after cataract surgery.

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

Vernon L. Goodrich Secretary Valley of Rochester



In May, 1998, Vernon was elected Secretary, Valley of Rochester. He has previously served the Valley as Thrice Potent Master in Rochester Lodge of Perfection.

Vern has been a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 for over 40 years, where he has served as Master four times, along with working on different functions of the Lodge and Fellowship Club. He is currently the Financial Advisor for the Lodge.

In the District he has been Chairman of the Interlodge Fellowship Committee, VP of the Past District Deputy Association and the Purple Club.

Vern has served as the Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau since 1994 and was Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee.

The Office of District Deputy Grand Master was his in 1986-87 and he has served on the Grand Lodge General Committee.

Concordant Bodies

In the York Rite Bodies he is Past High Priest of Hiram Chapter No. 62, Past DDGHP and is currently Grand Treasurer, Grand Chapter, RAM. He is an Officer in Doric Council No. 19, R&SM, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, KT, and is a member of Genesee York Rite College and Damascus Temple.

Charitable organizations

Vern served on the Board of several charitable and educational organizations, both local and national. Namely: Cystic Fibrosis, National Cut Glass Association, Hospice and Brighton Reformed Church.

Professional

He is a Certified Public Accountant and Financial Officer, and has been a member of the Board of Directors for many corporations in the private sector of the US and Puerto Rico.

Vern has been Vice President of Finance of several corporations in the private sector, President of 3 private corporations, President and CEO of a public

corporation, a partner in a large CPA firm and an Adjunct Instructor at SUNY Brockport.

He currently belongs to AICPA, NYSSCPA, Who's Who in Finance and Industry and Phi Kappa Phi.

Personal

Vern and Barbara have been married for 45 years and are the parents of three grown children, Sue Bink, Ken and Alan, and 5 grandchildren. □

Meritorious Service Award

At the New York Council of Deliberation meeting held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Syracuse, NY, Brother Robert E. Cameron was inducted into the prestigious group of Meritorious Service Award recipients, receiving his Plaque and Medal at the Annual Banquet. Bob was one of many "Red Caps" from New York State who were honored this year.

At the New York Council of Deliberation meeting, it was announced that Brother Donald A. Rose was elected to be the recipient of the Award at the 1999 New York Council of Deliberation meeting, also to be held in Syracuse, NY. □

Abbott Scholarship Awards

Leon M. Abbott Scholarships have been awarded to:

Naomi Beth Cameron, granddaughter of Robert E. Cameron, a Junior at the University of New Hampshire, majoring in Marine and Freshwater Biology: \$1,000 awarded.

Christine Sanfilippo, daughter of Louis M. Sanfilippo, the Secretary of the 1999 Class at SUNY Geneseo, where she is majoring in Biology, with Chemistry as a minor: \$750 awarded.

Andrea Lynn McCullough, granddaughter of Frederick J. McCullough, a Sophomore majoring in Equestrian Studies-Teacher/Trainer, at Lake Erie College: \$500 awarded.

Abbott Scottish Rite Scholarships are given to the children or grandchildren of Scottish Rite Masonic families or to young people who have been active in Masonic related activities, such as DeMolay, Rainbow and Job's Daughters. The grants are made throughout the fifteen state Jurisdiction.

Funding for the growing Scholarship Program comes from the Supreme Council Education and Charity Fund established through the generous legacy of former Sovereign Grand Commander, Leon M. Abbott. In recent years the Fund has been strengthened by sharing in the annual contributions to the Blue Envelope Appeal by the Fraternity's members. In addition to the Abbott Scholarships, the Scottish Rite Masons of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction also support the nation's oldest and most prestigious private sector Schizophrenia Research Program; the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, MA; and the recently established Scottish Rite Children's Learning Centers, the newest dedicated Center being our own Frank and Bette Paul Center in the Rochester Masonic Temple. □

Jim Kelly Receives DeWitt Clinton Award

By Bill Lindsay

Jim Kelly, former Quarterback of the Buffalo Bills, received the DeWitt Clinton Award on June 10, 1998 at the Diplomat Party House in Rochester, New York. Kelly and his wife, Jill, were honored for their efforts to raise research funds and public awareness of Krabbes (crab-a's) disease, a leukodystrophy which afflicts infants and is usually fatal by age 2. The Kelly's young son, Hunter, has been diagnosed with the disease.

Krabbes disease is a neurological disorder which causes a variety of symptoms including rigidity, seizures, gastric distress, high fevers and abnormal developmental patterns. Secondary symptoms include various systemic failures such as pneumonia and renal infections. The current level of understanding of the disorder is limited, but doctors believe that inadequate development of the myelin sheath surrounding the spinal cord leads to

disruption of usual synaptic impulses. On the day of the Award, the Kellys had spent much of it in the hospital with Hunter who had suffered a collapsed lung.

In his remarks following the presentation of the Award, Kelly and his wife spoke about their personal sadness in learning of their son's condition; how devastating it was to be a parent to know that one's child is afflicted with a serious illness. Kelly continued to describe how the love they felt for Hunter motivated them to use their access to the public to work toward a cure for this disease. "Just think of the power of this little boy," said Kelly, "to bring us together and unite our efforts toward a common goal. Hunter's Hope is our lifelong commitment to him, and other children, to overcome this disease."

The Dinner and Awards Program was sponsored by the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philaethes Society and the Monroe Masonic Service Bureau. Over \$5000 was raised in the Masonic family as a donation to Hunter's Hope. Co-chairmen of the event were Vernon Goodrich and Bill Lindsay. Guest Master of Ceremonies was Rich Funke from Channel 10NBC. The event was widely covered in the local media. □



Jim and Jill Kelly receiving the DeWitt Clinton Award for their efforts in raising money for Krabbes Research from Ron Mertens, who presented it on behalf of the Philaethes Society, Finger Lakes Chapter.



Jim Kelly receiving a check for "Hunter's Hope" from Vernon Goodrich, Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau.



Rich Friedman explained the DeWitt Clinton Masonic Award



Rich Funke of Channel 10 NBC was the M.C. for the evening.

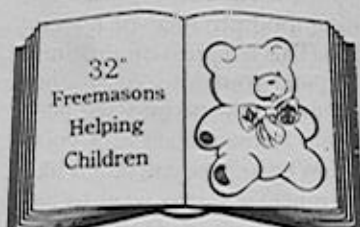


Some of the many fans who waited in long lines to get Kelly's signature on various objects.

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Shrine News



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From the Potentate



Joseph E. Bourcy III

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I am sitting looking out the window at another beautiful Summer day. The sun is shining and it's in the upper 80's. It is hard to believe that this is Rochester. The days just seem to be flying by. August was here with its dog days Summer and our cool crisp Autumn is not far behind, with still a lot ahead of us at Damascus Temple.

Picnics

At the time of this writing the club and unit picnics are in full swing. It has been great having everyone out to so many events. Those of us who went to Orlando had a great time trying to avoid the heat and smoke. The parades were short, but boy was it hot. Drank gallons of water that week. I thank all the Nobles for coming out to the Webster Parade on July 16th and the Chili Parade on July 18th. A tip of the fez to those who participated and those who helped with the festivities beforehand.

Golfing

The golf outing at Whispering Hills was a real treat. We had a great day to chase the little white ball around, and somehow Jim Lynch got the rain to stop. The company was great, the golfing was better than usual and the meal was superb. Nice job, Jim.

Events

The Potentate's Reception is on September 12th. I have been told by Co-Chairmen, Donald Rose and William Baldwin, that it will be a great event. Call the Office with your reservation.

The Temple Family Golf Outing is on September 19th at Old Hickory Golf Club. Looks like the price is right and all the right ingredients are available, good friends, good food and a great time. Put your winning foursome together or we'll fix you up with one. Whichever you choose, it'll be a great time. If you can't play golf, come out and join us for dinner. Sign up today.

Circus

The biggest thing ahead of us is the Circus. It is our biggest fundraiser for Damascus Temple.

This is where we derive most of our income to operate the Temple and make things happen. I ask each and every one of you to try and help in whatever way you can to make this year's Circus a success. Check your schedule and give whatever time you can to help us in this great endeavor. You will not be disappointed.

September

The September meeting will be our Circus meeting. There will be dinner preceding it (Pork Roast a la Jim Prey) for \$6.00. Reservations are a must, call the office. Circus tickets will be available that night for those Nobles who would like to purchase them in advance. Posters are available at the office, stop in and pick up a couple. Help us get the word out.

Thank you

Thank you, Circus Chairman, Erwin Newell, and all those Nobles working on this Circus for your hard work and dedication to the Temple. Without everyone's help, the job would not get done. See you all at the Big Top.

Turn on to the Shrine. □

Shrine Membership

By Bruce Chilton

To all the new Masters: I offer good luck and congratulations on the challenge you face for the next ten months. Unlike the years when the Masonic calendar year ran from January to January, yours runs from May to May and you are in essence just beginning your run. You will charge hard to 10 months straight and wind down your year with your trip to New York to attend the Grand Lodge session.

The Shrine wants to remind you of the help that we offer to accomplish your goals. First, we have given each Lodge in our geographic area two audiotapes entitled, "What is Freemasonry" that were professionally produced and packaged. The tapes were narrated by our own R. W. Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr. These tapes are an excellent tool to be given to anyone you think would make a good prospect. Just give him the tape and ask him to listen to it, and make arrangements to pick it up at a later date. Tell him it is fine to have his wife and family listen to it with him if they want. When you pick up the tape ask for his impression and if he would be interested in learning more. If the answer is yes you could invite him to a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night or try and answer any questions he may have. The tapes were sent to your Lodge Secretary last year. If they can't be located, more tapes can be purchased at cost for \$3.00 each by calling the Temple Office, 671-7701.

Second, we have a presentation that we have developed that will tell your members the story of Shrinedom. If you need a program call me and we will be happy to accommodate you and work out all the details.

Potentate - Joseph E. Bourcy III

Our Past Masters Degree Team has been having a great time going to different Lodges and putting on the 2nd Section of the Third Degree. If you want the Team to do the Degree for you call the Temple and the Team will be made aware of your request.

The Potentate, Joe Bourcy, has been gracious in allowing the District Deputies and Masonic Lodges the use of the Temple for free for some of their educational meetings and he will continue to do so.

We want you to look to the Shrine as an ally. We are an arm of the Masonic Family and we know our roots. The Masonic Lodge and its success are very important to us. Damascus Temple and the surrounding Masonic Districts have worked very closely together over the years and we all have the same goals. We are all very proud of the wonderful services that are provided every day by **Our Family**. Damascus Temple is very fortunate to be able to provide the tools that we have offered you in this article. If you don't use them then we all fail. We ask nothing in return and we sincerely hope you will take us up on what we have to offer.

Together we can do it! □

Shrine Circus October 8 - 11

By Erwin Newell

Damascus Temple is about to present its premier fundraiser for 1998. An all new Circus at an all new Arena. Excitement is in the air - as I close my eyes, I hear the laughter, smell the fresh aroma of popcorn and the scent of the animals. This makes me feel like a kid again. It is kind of nice to have that feeling of being a kid once again, no matter how old you are. A circus is one of the few shows left that is still a family event. The circus gives people of all ages a special feeling, like you are in a fantasy world. In this day and age, we all need to have that feeling occasionally.

Although the Shrine Circus is for the benefit of Damascus Temple and its Nobility, we are very proud to say that we have always given something back to the community. During the four days of the Circus, we will entertain approximately 30,000 guests - school children, nursing home residents, special people, etc. This is \$150,000 which we give back to the community.

To you, our Masonic Brethren, as Circus Chairman, I extend a 25% discount when you purchase 25 tickets or more for a performance. For more information on group ticket purchases call the Office at 671-7701 and the Group Sales Chairman will contact you.

Working at the Circus is a lot of fun. If you would like to volunteer to help, we would like to have you join us. We have all types of jobs available from boxing popcorn to working in a stand selling food products or novelty items. This is a great opportunity to expand your Masonic friendship, meet new people, see people you know and have a good time. Who knows, you might like it so much, you may want to become a Shriner. Remember, Shriners are Masons first. □

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Damascus Temple Shrine Circus



October 8, 9, 10, 11

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Richard Topel, Monarch

Monarch's Message

The Summer is winding down and it's now time to get back to work. I hope everyone had a good Summer.

Past events

On June 30th PM Bob Young, PM Ken Milner, Ron Morthorst, Master of Ceremonies Leon VanHuben and I attended an Open House at Hillside Home. This was for the donation that we made at the ESGA Spring Meeting for their Dental Facility. Now they can take care of the children's teeth there instead of taking them to the Eastman Dental at Strong Memorial Hospital.

On July 26th, 42 people attended the Finger Lakes Race Track for a day of fun. The day was great, the food was great, but for some of us, the betting wasn't that great!

Future events

Our first meeting on September 16th will be Past Monarch's Night. There will be a dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

On September 17th, 18th and 19th, the Fall ESGA Convention will be in Elmira, NY. If you are going to attend, call PM Ken Milner or me for a Reservation Form.

Sickness and Distress

Prophet Bob Sanford had triple by-pass surgery. Prophet Don McDill had another operation on his knee. He is doing just fine. If anyone knows of someone who is sick or in need of our aid, please contact the office or me at 663-2547.

Master of Ceremonies

The Grotto dinner is September 16th at 6:00 p.m. The menu is Swiss Steak or Chicken at \$7.00 per person. Reservations must be in by September 11th.

Remember

A reservation made is a reservation paid. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations to be made with Leon VanHuben at 647-1391.

Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson

On July 25th the Legion members and wives sojourned to Don and Winnie McDill's cottage on Conesus Lake.

There we were entertained royally. Our thanks to both, and their daughter, Donna, who piloted the "Party Barge".

Joining us there was our newest Legion member, Wm. Fredenburg, of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge, and his wife, Dorothy.

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 21st, at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Avenue. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. meeting at 7:30 p.m. We will have a speaker.

Attention

Master Masons, Masonic veterans, candidates, potential candidates-you are invited to our Fall Stampede.



Prophets Mike Bell and Chuck White at play at the Annual Grotto Legion of Honor gathering.

Each year our Grotto holds a Master Mason Night before the Fall Ceremonial, to welcome our Brothers in "Grottoism".

This is where we present ourselves and our charitable and humanitarian objectives, for you, a fellow Master Mason to see, observe, and of course, to join.

We wear a black fez proudly...as a man...as a Mason.

Hope we can greet you on this Fall Stampede to be held Monday, September 28th, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. at the Roberts Cabin, Henrietta Park, off Calkins Road.

For reservations call Leon VanHuben at 647-1391 or me at 315-589-9021.

Monarch's Ball

Prophets, now is the time to take your lady out for a great night. Our Monarch's Ball, honoring Monarch Dick Topel, is being held on November 7th at the Country Party House, 321 Linden Ave., East Rochester, NY. Great food, with music by the Keith Clark Trio, makes for an enjoyable evening for you and your lady.

See the ad in this Masonic Times. Remember the deadline for reservations, and checks, please.

Fall ESGA Meeting

The ESGA meeting will be in Elmira, NY, September 16th to the 20th and is open to all Grotto members. Parties, parade, ladies breakfast, bowling, golf, nightly



"All aboard the Party Barge." Don McDill and his daughter (left) prepare to shove-off with a load of members and wives.

entertainment, plus more. Special rates at the Holiday Inn. For information, call Chief Justice Ron Morthorst at 334-4196.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 16 - Grotto Meeting
Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 17, 18 & 19 - ESGA

Sept. 21 - Legion of Honor

Sept. 10 - Caldron

**Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship**

Board of Governors

The Board will meet on Monday, August 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Grotto office. All Officers and Board members should plan to attend.

Important Announcement

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

Caldron

Resume our labors

The lazy days of Summer have come and are almost gone. Autumn is just around the corner and it's time to resume our labors. It is my hope that all members enjoyed the Summer and are ready for the Fall activities.

Coming events

The first order of business will be our meeting on September 10th at 7:30 p.m. It will be Move Up Night and all line officers will advance one station. Daughter Kristin DeOrdio will preside. The week of September 14th thru the 20th many Daughters will be in Peoria, IL for the Supreme Sessions. If you need help or information, our Rodeval, Daughter Susan Wilson will be available.

The Executive Council will meet September 24th at the home of Beverly Murray.

Sunshine

Daughter Pat Slack is still not able to get out. She would love to hear from you. If anyone has been ill this Summer, I hope you are improving. If we don't know, we can't help. Our Sunshine Lady is still Daughter Arline Topel.

Closing

I'll be looking for you in September 10th. Don't disappoint me! Remember, kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life.

Some Masonic Secrets

Many students of statistics have turned their attention to the plight of fraternal organizations. The causes for the decline of these organizations are: loss of membership through death, loss of membership through lack of interest and loss of membership due to non payment of dues. In short loss of membership.

It seems a simple matter then to cure the situation by remitting the dues of "indigent" members, stop members from dying and rejuvenate interest in the organization.

Are we addressing the right subjects here

Statistics by their very nature deal with past events. Without reference to past events there would be no statistics. This kind of analysis is reactive. I'm not saying that we should abandon this line of analysis, but, why not be proactive. This is one of our more

popular "buzz words" these days and I don't want to be pejorative, but, let's take another look at our approach to the membership problem.

It seems silly to say "if only we could keep the members from dying" we could solve the problem. The truth of the matter is that the Fraternity has been dying for quite some time. "How often [can] we be reminded that we are born to die." If an organization is not growing it is dying, or at the very least stagnating in preparation for death.

Every member should remember his first experiences with Masonry. These can be either positive or negative. Some may have no special recollection at all of these events; which says something about the Lodge they joined. We won't go into that right now. The main thing is that if a Brother's first experiences with Masonry are negative or non-memorable, they probably did not become very good Masons.

What to do

What we as Masons have to do is firstly, make a Brother's first impression a good one and next, keep his interest with fellowship, programs, brotherly love and support.

Ritual: Make it the best you can do. Make it impressive.

Interest: Put the Brother to work. Give him a reason to come back.

Programs: Make them interesting. Get the family involved or at least the spouse.

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

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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.

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HiLights

Order of the Eastern Star

GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT

Rt. Wthy. CHARLOTTE BARNARD, DDGM

Rt. Wthy NORMAN STEINBAUGH, DGL

We welcome everyone back from Summer vacation. As our year draws to a close, Rt. Wthy. Norman and I wish to express our thanks to all who supported our Official Visits and the Grand Official Visit in June.

Certificates of Service were presented to Rt. Wthy. Mary and Edward Degenfelder, and Rt. Wthy. Waneta Krauss of Stebbins Chapter No. 503 for their dedicated service.

Walk-a-Thon

Many from the District joined others at the Olean Mall for the Walk-a-Thon. We will be receiving a check from Grand Chapter for their part to be added to the Robert M. Zinni Medical Fund.

He is the 11 year old boy from Batavia, whom we are sponsoring to help defray some of his medical expenses. He is expected to be in treatment for Leukemia to the year 2000. You can still support this worthy effort with your donations by sending a check payable to: Genesee/Wyoming District OES, c/o Mrs. Charlotte D. Barnard, 26 Bradford St., Perry, NY 14530.

Friendship

In July Rt. Wthy. Newton and Rt. Wthy. Thelma Shaw opened their home at Rushford Lake for our District Picnic. The day was filled with good food and we were entertained by Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss on his guitar and Eastern Star friendship. No words can express our thanks to you both for your great acts of kindness and friendship.

Oriskany

We joined with other Districts at Pilgrimage Day in Oriskany. The Maple syrup was a great hit as usual. Over \$800 was donated to the projects at the Home. Thank you to all who assisted at the booth and made another memorable day for our year of 1998. The weather has been cooperating for all of our efforts this Summer.

Other money raised from our Projects this year has been forwarded to Grand Chapter to be used for the Grand Matron's projects at Pounder Hall and the Batavia Veteran's facility.

Bad news turned into good news

The weather didn't cooperate when we had the tornado in Perry, or the floods in Arcade and Attica. People have pulled together to help each other and three families have been helped by our Grand Chapter Emergency Relief Fund.

Go to Church Sunday

The Eastern Star joined with the Masons for the Annual Go to Church Sunday at the Congregational Church in Java Village.

Future dates

All Chapters will be starting meetings again in September. Perry Chapter No. 497 will meet September 15th, with Friendship Night at a 7:00 p.m. open meeting. Come and bring a relative or friend. Perry Chapter welcomes all to come and join us at the Perry Masonic Temple.

The Care Bears Study Club will meet Saturday, September 19th at the Masonic Temple in Bergen. Hesperus Chapter No. 823 will host lunch at 12 noon, meeting to follow.

September 24th is the Homecoming for Rt. Wthy. Florence McBride, Associate Grand Warden and Rt. Wthy. Charlotte Barnard, District Grand Matron. It will be held at the Perry Masonic Temple, with an open meeting at 8:00 p.m. and refreshments to follow.

October 6, 7 and 8th will be Grand Chapter in Niagara Falls. Rt. Wthy. Norman Steinbaugh, DGL, is taking hotel reservations. We congratulate and look forward to upcoming Installation of our 1999 Grand Officers, Rt. Wthy. Carole Makowski, of Vernon Chapter No. 611, Java Village, as Associate Grand Marshal. Wthy. Nancy and Wthy. John Specht, husband and wife from Hesperus Chapter No. 823, Bergen, will be DDGM and DGL.

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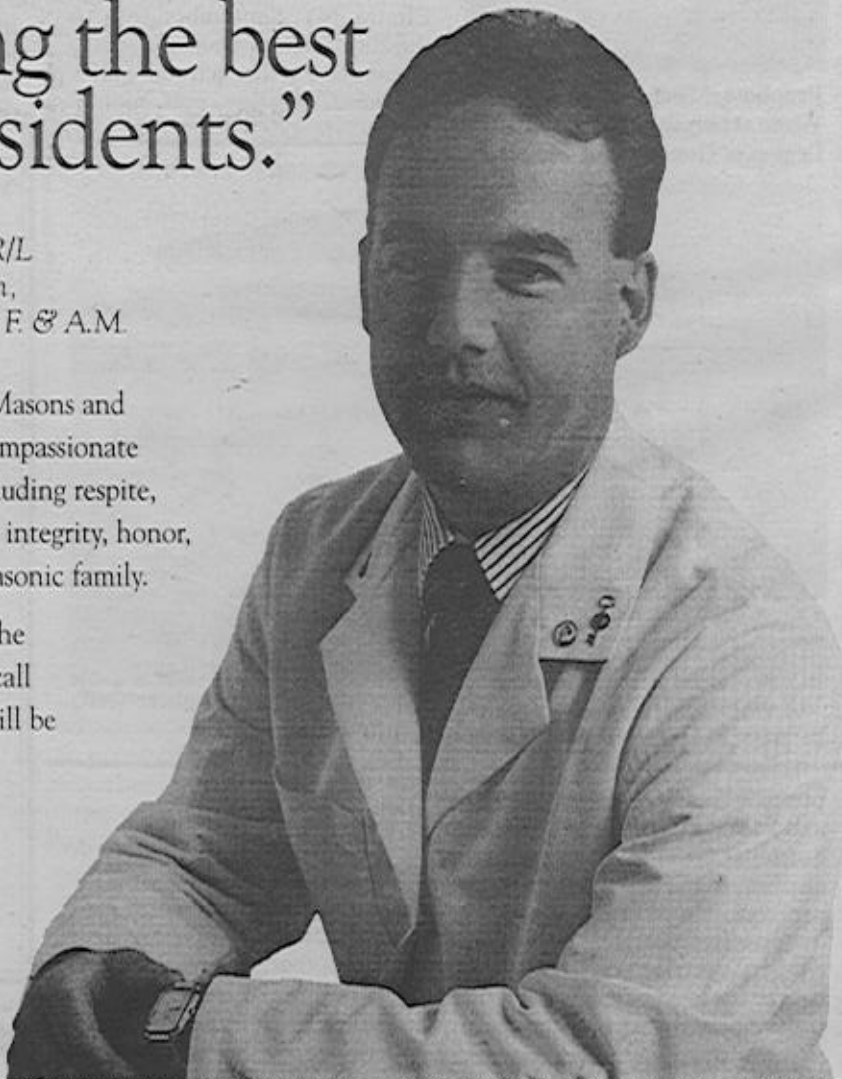
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By Wthy. Barbara Spano
Something to be happy about: remembering when leaves were raked, jumped into, or burned and not put in plastic bags or giant vacuums.

Late Summer greetings from Rt. Wthy. Mary and Rt. Wthy. Jim. We hope your Summer was happy and safe. Now it is time to begin again.

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Oriskany

The Pilgrimage to Oriskany was wonderful. The weather could not have been more perfect. On Friday night, there were 44 Sisters and Brothers in attendance, the dinner was very tasty and the entertainment was extremely funny with the 1998 Matrons and a Patron all dressed up as playroom toys. All the ladies wanted to take the Toy Soldier home with them! A good job by Wthy. Bill Mattern.

It was very nice to have some of our friends from the Albany-Rensselaer District with us. Of course we were all waiting for the announcement of who next year's Grand Officers would be:

DDGM - Barbara Spano, Rochester Chapter

DGL - James Coleman, Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter

Grand Electa - Ruth Beard, Webster Chapter.

Saturday morning the field at the Home was filled with all kinds of booths filled with craft items, books, jewelry and, of course, many food booths. A good feeling of fellowship was everywhere. It was just a wonderful day.

The Memorial Service was so nice it brought back memories of our Sisters and Brothers who had been such faithful members of our Order and who served with such love and care and are now with our Heavenly Father.

Banquet

Our District Banquet will be on October 29th at the Party House, 667 Beahan Road. Dinner is at 7:00 p.m.; choices are Orange Roughy, Chicken French, or Roast Duck. The price is \$17.50. Please give your reservation to your Chapter Secretary by October 15th. This is always a fun night, the more the merrier. This is the night the Associate Matrons receive their pins, so let's get out and give them our support for the coming year. Please make checks for the dinner payable to: MONROE DISTRICT, OES.

By the time you read this article, the Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que will be over and I am sure it was a great day. If you have never been, you are missing a great day of fellowship and delicious food. The fresh homemade peach pies and jams are more than worth the trip out to Webster, and the peach shortcake, well, what can be said, it is absolutely grand!

Beverage rings

A big thank you to all the members and friends for saving their

beverage can rings. On June 30th 100 pounds of rings were taken to the waste materials company and \$33 was sent to the Kidney Foundation in the name of Monroe District, Order of the Eastern Star.

Thanks

A very special thanks to the members of Monroe District who gave monetary donations to the Children's Corner on Pilgrimage Day. A grateful thank you to the members who took over for us so we could get something to eat and do other important things. It is so nice to have someone come up behind you and say, "would you like to take a break?". We are proud to say that this year Monroe District turned in \$103.75 to help support our "Home". Thanks again for all your help.

As you all know, these thank yous are from Wthy. Debbie and Rt. Wthy. Karen Leipold. A great big thank you to them for all their hard work and wonderful ideas.

The Peaches II group will meet September 30th at the Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in Penfield at 7:30 p.m.

"There is no security quite as comfortable and undemanding as the kind you feel among friends".

If you have any information that you would like put into this article, please let me know.

Until next time, I wish you peace. □

Rochester Chapter No. 314
Order of the Eastern Star
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Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff
 Matron
 Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings
 Secretary

20 South Main Street
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Dear members
 We will start our Fall program with Move Up Night for Sister Kim Morici, Associate Matron. The Committee is Sisters Barb Heeg, Doris and Brother Charles Daycock.

Sympathy
 Our chain was broken by the death of Rt. Wthy. Rick Erickson. He joined Nola in 1936 and was DGL in 1938-39. He was a dues paying member these many years and did his share in supporting the Good of the Order.

Concerns
 We hope all had a good Summer. We send our best wishes to Wthy. Bernie Riley and Brother Harold Boughner, who were on the sick list.

Projects
 The Chapter will have a space at the Fairport Craft Show on October 17th. We will need small items or crafts. Rules of the show, no food. Wthy. Susan thanked the members who contributed to the "At Home Tea" mailer. If you have set it aside, there is still time.

Meetings
 Our first meeting is September 15th.
 October 6th is a regular meeting.
 October 20th is a Tureen Dinner. The Committee is Wthys. Anita Drake, Sara Stephens, Sherre Albright, Sisters Diane Drake and Karen DesJardin.

son, Mitchell, her daughter and the rest of her family for all the work they did to make the picnic such a huge success.

July 21st was the Past Matrons' Picnic at the home of Rt. Wthy. Barbara and Rt. Wthy. Ron Mertens. We were able to surprise Wthy. Gladys Geith with her 35 Year Pin and Certificate. I was very pleased to present these to her. What made it so special was the fact that she was Matron when I joined Rochester Chapter.

Sickness and distress
 Rt. Wthy. Audrey Zufall is recovering very nicely from her hip surgery. Sister Bea Buck is, at last word, still hospitalized awaiting transfer to a nursing home. We lost Sister Jennie Hanna at the end of July. Some Chapter members were able to attend her memorial service. If you know of any other sickness or distress please contact me.

Remember
 A few things and dates to remember: The Fall Bazaar will be in October and I hope you have been making things for it over the Summer. Our October meeting will be in Ample Form. The Memorial Night will be in November and a candy sale in the Fall.

Save your cancelled stamps and Campbell soup labels.
 Most of all remember, set a stoot hert to stay brae. (The harder the task the more determination is needed.) □

Back home
 Every Summer we look forward to seeing some of our members and friends back here. This year it was nice to see Wthy. Alta Smith and son, Brother Bob Hickok from California and Brother Gordon Hill and wife from Florida. It is good to know so many enjoy the Masonic Times.

Oriskany
 Wthy. Susan enjoyed the OES Home and Bazaar, as always, and thanks the Chapter for the opportunity. Congratulations to all the new Grand Officers and we wish them well.
 "Be yourself, you are the only one that can do it!" □

In Memoriam
June

Jacobs, Stanley B.
 Stanley was 79 years old when he passed away in Florida on June 17th. He was a member of Damascus Temple Shrine and is survived by his wife, Dorothea, 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Klingenberger, Walter R.
 Death claimed Walter on June 18th in Bradenton, Florida, at the age of 94. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163 and is survived by his wife, Maude.

Mason, Hugh A.
 Webster Lodge No. 538, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery and Damascus Temple Shrine all lost a member with the passing of Hugh on June 19th. Survivors include his wife, Linda, and one son.

Silverman, Charles
 The Grand Architect Above called Charles Home on June 24th. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. He leaves many family members and friends.

Smith, Frank G.
 June 25th was the date that Frank went to his Heavenly Reward. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. He leaves his wife, Mable.

Hartzell, Graham B.
 A member of Seneca Lodge No. 797, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine, Graham died on June 29th. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

July

Leckner, John H.
 Towpath Lodge No. 163 lost yet another member with the passing of John on July 7th. He was 79 years old and is survived by his wife, Ellen, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Page, Herbert W.
 Herbert was 87 years old when he passed away on July 9th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Pauline, children and 5 grandchildren.

Braun, Paul F.
 Death claimed Paul on July 11th. He was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797.

Goodrich, Warren D.
 Warren was also a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797 when he passed away on July 13th. He is survived by many family members and friends.

DeMersman, Richard O.
 Richard was a member of Livonia Chapter No. 311, Royal Arch Masons. He died July 17th and is survived by his wife, Carolyn, children and 10 grandchildren.

Levinson, Stanley
 Flower City Lodge No. 910 and Damascus Temple Shrine lost a member when Stanley died on July 19th. Survivors include his children and grandchildren.

McNab, John C.
 Death claimed John on July 22nd. He was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 and is survived by his wife, Cosette, daughter and 3 grandchildren.

Barnard, George W.
 George was a member of Olive Branch No. 39 and went to his Heavenly Reward on July 25th. He is survived by his wife, Eileen, son and 2 grandchildren.

Lupo, Victor R.
 A Past Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, Victor joined the Great Architect Above on July 25th at the age of 84. He is survived by his children, 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Huffman, Dennis F.
 Dennis was 60 years old when death claimed him on July 27th. He was Master of Etolian Lodge No. 479 in 1981. He leaves his wife, Susan, 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

Balco, Robert W.
 A member of Germania Lodge No. 722, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Temple Shrine, and Lalla Rookh Grotto, Robert passed away on July 27th. He leaves many family members.

August

Demler, Charles
 Death claimed Charles suddenly on August 1st. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Ruth, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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

Snyder, Joseph B.
 Joseph was a member of Flower City Lodge No. 910 and passed away May 19th.

Fletcher, William K.
 William died at his home in Phoenix, Arizona on June 15th. He was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163.

Wilkinson, William H.
 A member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, William's death was reported.

Zollweg, Robert F.
 Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Rochester Forest 133, both lost a member with the passing of Robert on July 31st. He lived in Tennessee. □



Wthy. Gladys Geith receiving her 35 year Service Certificate from Wthy. Evelyn Ann Heller.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead


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

- 1998
- Oct. 4 Interfaith Service & Breakfast, Logan's, Service-9:00, Breakfast-10:00 a.m.
 - Oct. 12 Last Round of Golf, Lakeside Memorial Foundation Benefit Tournament
- 1999
- Apr. 17 Grand High Priest's Reception, M.E. Arnold Palmer, Thruway Marriott, W. Henrietta Rd.

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Donald C. Bell, scribe

Ange DiCataldo and Don Bell. It was nice to have our DDSTC, Doug Draker, with us!

September

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Thank you

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

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Sept. 11, 1998**

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Columbus Day
Monday, October 12, 1998
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Sept. 23 Spaghetti Dinner, Clio Lodge, East Ave, Hilton, NY 4-7

September Flower - Aster
September Gem - Sapphire

Calendar September 1998

○ November Deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 FALL DAYS		Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castle Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw Germania OES - Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy	Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster		
 6	7 Labor Day	8 Arcade Batavia Craftsman/Robertson - FC Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming	9 Service Bureau Luncheon Churchville - OV Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia	10 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Lalla Rookh Caldron	11	12 OES - Rochester
13 Grandparents' Day	14 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport - OV Mt. Vernon Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Grotto LOH OES - Mary Jane Holmes Shrine - Lunch Club	15 Charlotte/Corinthian-1* Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton Germania - Irondequoit Towpath - E. Rochester Valley/Simes - FC Warsaw OES - Nola, Perry, Webster	16 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Grotto RSM - Doric Council	17 Citizenship Day Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite Grand Lecturer's Convention RAM - Western Star, Batavia ESGA - Elmira	18 Annual Conclave, Grand Commandery, Buffalo ESGA - Elmira	19 Annual Conclave, Grand Commandery, Buffalo ESGA - Elmira
 20 Rosh Hashanah (Starts at Sundown) Annual Conclave, Grand Commandery, Buffalo	21 ERAC - BAF West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine - Lunch Club	22 Arcade - OV Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Valley/Simes RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah First Day of Autumn	23 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Clio - Spaghetti Supper OES - Culver, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship, Batavia	24 Eagle Valley - Bliss RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia	25 Past Masters Supper Club	26
27 ERAC - OV Etolian Fairport - 1* Mt. Vernon Union Star Wakan/Hubbard - 1* OES - Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	28	29	30  Yom Kippur	