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M.E.: Arnold Palmer Installed New Grand High Priest, RAM



M.E. Arnold Palmer- Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, RAM, State of New York, being introduced by M.E. Eugene Ellis, PGHP, at the Installation in Albany on March 6, 1999.

By Don Brugger

M.E. Arnold E. Palmer was Elected and Installed as the new Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons, State of New York, at the 201st Convocation of the Grand Chapter, at Albany, March 6th. The weather was not the greatest, but, most of the Companions and their ladies got through. The General Meeting was convened on March 5th with the greetings of honored guests and ended at noon after the Election of Officers. The Convocation reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday the 6th and the sessions were closed at noon after the Closed Installation of the Grand Line. A Public Installation followed the closing of Grand Chapter.

Local Masons installed were:
M.E. Arnold E. Palmer-Grand

High Priest, R.E.: Vernon L. Goodrich-Grand Treasurer, R.E.: Larry Dunn-Asst. Grand Treasurer, R.E.: Ted Diehl-Asst. Grand Treasurer and R.E.: Thomas Paglia-Grand Sentinel.

The new District Deputy for the 27th, R.E.: David W. Whiteman, did not make it through the snow and was installed by the new Grand High Priest on March 8th at Hiram Chapter. The new District Deputy for the 29th District, R.E.: Steven Licht, was there and was installed at the Saturday session with all the other District Deputies from the State.

I am sure that for many years to come there will be many stories told about the travel experiences during that particular week. You can read some of these and other information on the Convocation on pages 16 and 17 of this issue. □

J. Edward Gillott Appointed Grand Representative of Honduras

By F. Jay McCullough

M.W.: Gary A. Henningsen, PGM, Grand Secretary of Masons in the State of New York, has announced the appointment of R.W.: J. Edward Gillott to the position of Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Honduras, near the Grand Lodge of New York. This appointment became effective on March 1, 1999.



R.W.: Gillott is a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 in the 1st Monroe District. He was raised there in 1975 and served as Master in 1985 after travel through several elective and appointive offices. Ed became known in the Western part of Monroe County as a superb ritualist, examiner, mentor and shepherd over the past 15 years. He has served multiple terms as Brotherhood Fund Chairman and has been the Lodge organist for several terms.

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Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children Welcomes New Board Member



Mrs. Ann Kaczka, Director of the Center, Bette Paul, Mrs. Beryl Coleman-Frear, New Board Member and Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Chairman of the Board of Governors, of the Center.

By Rodney R. Rittenhouse

The Board of Governors of the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children welcomes Mrs. Coleman-Frear to its Board.

Mrs. Coleman-Frear brings to the Board of Directors over 20 years experience in fundraising for not-for-profit organizations. She is a certified member of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives and the Planned Giving Council of Upstate New York. She also serves on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army. Mrs. Coleman-Frear is the Director of Development for Unity Health System Foundations in Rochester. Mrs. Frear lives in the Town of Greece, NY.

The Masonic Learning Center provides free reading instruction for children with dyslexia. The School is designed so that the student and teacher are able

to work undisturbed during this difficult learning process. It has been proven that with the Orton-Gillingham Method, used at the School, children with dyslexia can improve their reading skills.

The School is located in the Masonic Temple section of the Auditorium Center on Main Street East. Parents of dyslexic children are invited to apply for the special education. Students are chosen through interviews and testing.

The mission of the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc., is to provide quality, state-of-the-art, remedial education to dyslexic children.

For information write to the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, 875 Main Street E., Rochester, NY 14605, or call 442-7290. □

New Policy

The Service Bureau will now require a \$25 deposit for the loan of wheelchairs. The deposit will be refunded when the wheelchair is returned.

Community Projects

By Vernon Goodrich

We have two possibilities for any Lodge interested in a Community Project for both men and women.

Intervol, which raises medical supplies for shipment to needy countries, needs volunteers to sort material for boxing.

The Foodlink is another organization needing groups to come and sort.

In both cases, they will supply pizza and cake.

If your Lodge would like more information about the projects, please call me at the Service Bureau, 473-4351. □

R.W.: Charles W. Simpson Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic



By Jean Brugger

R.W.: Charles W. Simpson has been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic near the State of New York. He was raised in Charlotte Lodge No. 1088 (now Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088) on March 17, 1958. He served the Lodge as Master in 1990 and Trustee in 1991. At present he is the Treasurer. From

1994-1996 he was Lodge Fellowcraft and Ritual Chairman.

In the James A. Hard Post, No. 18, Masonic War Veterans, he served as Commander in 1962-'63.

R.W.: Simpson joined the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. in 1974 and served the Valley as Most Wise Master 1983-'84, and 1st and 2nd Lt. Commander in Rochester Consistory from 1985-1987. Brother Charles directed the Feast of the Paschal Lamb for many years. He also directed the 4°, 17°, 18°, 24° and 32° and was a member of many casts.

In Damascus Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S he was 1st Ceremonial Master, on the Past Masters Degree Team, and is a Past President of the Color Guard.

Brother Simpson is a member of Rochester Chapter No. 314, OES for 35 years. He was Patron in 1980 and 1989 and at the present he is Treasurer of that Organization.

R.W.: Simpson and his wife, Effie, have one son, Paul, and two grandchildren. They are members of Trinity Lutheran Church where he is Worship Assistant. □

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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I begin this month's column on the 9th of March. Needless to say no Lodge articles have arrived yet. Enough of that!

Eagle Scout Luncheon

I attended the Annual Eagle Scout Luncheon on February 26th, at the Hyatt Hotel. There were close to 300 Eagle Scouts, sponsors and parents in attendance and there were 4 new Eagle Scouts at the my table including the one I sponsored for the day. The greatest number of the new Eagles this year were in the 17-18 year old range.

It was inspiring to hear of the 25,130 hours spent on community oriented projects and the personal participation of the Eagle Scouts of an average of 40 hours per project. It was also heartening to hear that the number of project hours has increased by over 72% in the last ten years. This is commensurate with an increase of 60% in the number of Eagle Scouts achieving that rank over the same time period.

At the luncheon Ron Mertens accepted an Award, given to the Masonic Service Bureau on behalf of the Masons of Monroe County, for their participation in funding the Eagle Scout Kits. These Kits are given to each new Eagle Scout. The Kit includes: the Eagle Scout Medal, and separate pins for the Mother and Father of the Eagle Scout.

Ron responded with a very informative acceptance message, enlightening those present about the philanthropic activities of all Masonic Bodies both locally and throughout the United States. We have to do this more often, if we are to get our message across.

Bizzard of '99

Many of our authors have mentioned the recent prolific snow accumulation. I think that calling it "the Blizzard of '99" is a little premature. We have to get through April to safely even think of that appellation. Of course, I always seem to look on the dark side of things, but, 1999 will not be behind us until midnight, December 31.

By lines

We always try to give credit to the author, if he or she is other than the Presiding Officer listed in the organization's logo. We will always credit the author, if we are given that information.

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Way of life

Masonry is not just a Fraternal Organization, it is also a way of life. A life in which caring is mutually inclusive with existing, where faith and love are exuberantly demonstrated. Lift high the Masonic Banner, that all might see our good works, that others will say, "there goes a Mason".

The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester is a visible extension of Masonry in our area. You can help! Of course we need your financial assistance, that goes without saying, but more importantly, we need the loan of your body, talent and time. We need persons to clean and repair our medical equipment (without it, our Loan Closet could cease to exist). We need persons to make phone calls to get our equipment returned when no longer in use, or when it has been in use for an extended period. Remember, the equipment is a loan, not a gift. We also need many hands to work at Camp DeMolay. Let us not forget our other activities-the Library, Interfaith Breakfast and Service, Widows Luncheon, Scholarship and Community Grant Night, and others.

Come, work in the quarries! ☐

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

No recent community events have occurred.

I am pleased to report that I have received some favorable comments of my VAMC reports in recent issues.

I express my appreciation to our Editor, Don Brugger, and the Times Staff, for their cooperation in the preparation and publishing of the photos.

I thank those who sent get well cards following my eye surgeries. ☐

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.

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When was the first newspaper published?

The first newspaper, according to recent information, was published in Rome around 59 B.C. It was called "Acta Diurna" (Daily Events). Issues of this paper were not circulated, but were posted on Roman walls. In China, a circular called "Dibao", was a genuine pass around newspaper, and was said to have been published around 700 A.D. Handwritten newspapers are reported to have been circulated during the middle ages in Europe.

The first newspaper published, in what was to become the United States of America, was called, "Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick" and was circulated in 1690. Unfortunately the first issue was its last. It is said that this was the start of the traditional hatred of politicians for newspaper editors and reporters. It was the colonial authorities who caused the demise of this first newspaper.

The first regularly published newspaper in the Colonies was John Campbell's "The Boston News-Letter" which appeared in 1704. (Information taken from the Gannett News Service "Millennium" series) ☐

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Child Support

Both parents, regardless if married to each other or not, are obligated to provide financial support to their children until they reach the age of 21, or are emancipated. By that I mean, the child moves out of the house and

is living on his own. A child who is enrolled in college and lives on campus is still considered to be living at home, unless they express an intent not to return, and act on it.

The Child Support Standards Act governs child support in New York State. This law is national in scope.

Support includes cash support, health insurance, and if the needs of the child justify, private school tuition, Summer camp, music lessons, etc. The needs of the child for these additional items of enhanced support must be demonstrated.

The parent who keeps the kids is considered the custodial parent for child support purposes. The non-custodial parent is the parent the children visit, and the one who pays the child support. Fighting for custody of the children as a means to avoid paying child support is a bad idea. Such motivation is not in the best interests of the children.

Child support is based on a % of the combined income of both parents. The non-custodial parent pays a pro-rata share of combined income to the custodial parent. This is the basic child support obligation. The % that the non-custodial parent pays depends on the number of children. The percentages range from 17% up to 35% of combined parental income. The percentages are: 1 child=17%; 2 children=25%; 3 children=29%; 4 children=31%, 5 or more children=35%.

As a general rule, combined parental income is gross income which should have been reported in the most recently filed Federal Income Tax Return, less Social Security and Medicaid payments. There are other deductions from gross income, such as child support payable to a child from a prior relationship. The deductions are allowed for the self-employed or for those who incur unreimbursed employee expenses.

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The law allows the court to impute income to a parent if it's found that parent is feigning poverty, or purposefully working below their demonstrated earning potential.

Working through an example helps to explain how this works. What follows is a simplified calculation. Actual circumstances can vary the outcome, even if income were the same or less. Assume all deductions or additions have been made to income for child support purposes.

Assume mom is the custodial parent and has a gross income of \$50,000. Assume dad is the non-custodial parent and has a gross income of \$30,000. Because dad is the non-custodial parent, he will pay child support. The parties have 3 kids. His yearly obligation is calculated as follows:

1. Determine combined parental income-(mom + dad or \$50,000 + \$30,000) \$80,000.
2. Determine the appropriate child support %-3 kids=29%.
3. Multiply the combined parental income by the child support % to determine the basic, yearly child support obligation-\$80,000 x 29% or \$23,200.
4. Pro-rate the basic child support obligation in the same proportion as each parent's income is to the combined parental income-dad: \$30,000/\$80,000=37.5% x \$23,000=\$8700. Therefore, dad's yearly basic support obligation would be \$8,700 or \$167.31 per week.
5. Dad's basic support obligation would then be increased by his pro-rata share of reasonable child care expenses and health care expenses not covered by insurance. In our example, dad would have to contribute 37.5% towards health care expenses. If health care premiums cost \$750/month, then dad would be responsible for (\$750 x 37.5%) \$281.25 of that expense.

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ance, must exercise the option for additional coverage in favor of their children. The court will allocate the premium cost between the parents.

Both parents are free to opt out and voluntarily stipulate to some other child support arrangement that they can agree upon. The only caveat is that this arrangement must be approved by the court, otherwise, the child support standards act formula will apply.

If payment of child support would draw the non-custodial parent's income below Federal poverty guidelines, then that parent need only pay \$25/month or \$50/month. This amount will depend upon where along the poverty guidelines that parent comes under.

An order for child support is made part of the divorce decree. If the parents are unmarried to each other, then a petition for a child support order is filed with the Family Court. A hearing before a hearing examiner is scheduled. Both parties bring their most recent paystubs (if applicable) and most recently filed tax return. With these items, calculation of child support is basically a matter of doing the math. It gets complicated where the non-custodial parent is self employed or may be suspected of hiding income.

A Child Support Standards Act income chart is published each year by the NYS Department

of Temporary Assistance (formerly Department of Social Services) and is available from the Family Court. With this chart, you can tell what your basic child support obligation will be by looking up your yearly income.

A child support order will usually provide that the non-custodial parent's wages be garnished by the employer. An employer who fails to do this can be held liable to the custodial parent. A non-custodial parent may have the option of participating in his employers group health insurance plan. If this insurance is available, a court order can be obtained, requiring the employer to exercise that parent's option to obtain health insurance for the children. The health insurance will be deducted from that parent's wage.

Getting a child support order is one task completed, collecting on it is another. My next article will cover the basics of child support enforcement.

Resources are available on the internet. I recommend the following web sites:

Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement Home Page <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cse/>

Child Support Enforcement Worksheet <http://www.brandeslaw.com/cssa.htm>

New York Bar State Association <http://www.nysba.org/public/pamphlets/childsup.html>

ability that the military determined was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, but has not yet rated by the VA.

3. They are seeking care from VA only for a service-connected disability.

VA is encouraging all veterans to apply, even if they fall into one of these categories. Their application will help us plan more effectively to meet future health care needs. It will help us provide better preventive care. (From Department of Veterans Affairs Booklet.)



At our last visit, on Valentine's Day, February 14th, the Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee, in conjunction with the USO of Metropolitan New York, sponsored a USO Show to entertain the hospitalized veterans at the Canandaigua VAMC.

It was the highlight of the year. The USO troupe consisted of 3 lovely singers and entertainers who performed a most enjoyable show that was very well received by the patients, the staff, and our volunteers, as well. They were sensational. The program consisted of memorable World War II and other popular songs in the manner of the Andrews Sisters. It evoked, in me, nostalgic memories of the USO shows that I had seen during my Army service.

During their performance they went around the room, sat on the laps of various patients and sang Valentine Day type songs directly to them. It created



Tom Paglia, Sylvia & Harold Bollotin, Kellie Mills, Stephanie Ferrari, Cora Paglia, Victoria Reed and June Moon.



The 1999 USO Show Troupe of Metropolitan New York; Victoria Reed-USO Talent Coordinator & former Miss Maine, Kellie Mills-Miss USO 1999, and Stephanie Ferrari-Miss New Jersey 1999, entertaining the Veterans at the Canandaigua VAMC.

a sensation. The USO girls were Victoria Reed, Miss Maine; Stephanie Ferrari, Miss New Jersey; and Kellie Mills, Miss USO.

Our regular volunteers were: Tom Paglia, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, and June Moon. We were accompanied by Jane Heath of the Recreational Therapy Department of the VAMC.

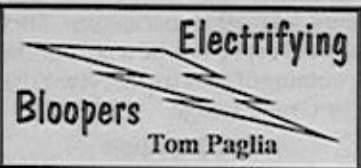
Ward visits and events

On March 14th a regular visit was made to Building 8, Ward A, with volunteers Tom Paglia, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, Larry and Marge Hood, June Moon and Tina Wahl (friend of June's).

On April 11th, the final visit of the season will be made to the same Ward at 1:30 p.m.

No further Sunday visits are scheduled until October 10th.

On Thursday, April 29th, the Annual Volunteer Awards Banquet will be held at the Burgundy Basin Inn.



This problem occurred recently and involved a person who had just purchased a home, the cost of which, was in the vicinity of \$175,000. His problem was in the basement family room. While moving into the home his wife went to the basement to put some boxes away and found that there was only one fixture working when the switch was turned on. Her husband checked it out and found all of the recessed ceiling fixtures would not work. That's when he called me.

When taking the cover off a fluorescent fixture I noticed that the ballast had leaked the potting asphalt, this usually happens when the ballast life has expired. I found the same situation in all the fixtures. Upon opening the junction box, I found that the back of the cover was charcoal black. All of the boxes were the same, and the wires had started to burn at the ends where the wire nuts are located.

I found the previous owner had done the wiring himself and connected all of the wiring in se-

was heating up the ballast and the wires like a resistance heater.


When attempting to remove the wire nuts, the ends fell off, wire nut and all. When the previous owner had put the wires together, he never twisted the wires to make good contact, did not put on a wire nut, but merely laid one on top of the other and wrapped tape around the wires. He had also wired the fixtures first with the hot wire and placed the neutral white wire onto the switch; this is the opposite of proper procedure. Consequently, the fixtures were always live and with no way to shut them off to work on them without running the risk of electrical shock.

This is the way the wiring was done when they used knob and tube or Edison wiring. Good thing I was wearing gloves when taking the switches out of the box.

What I believe saved the house from burning up was the fact that all of the ballast, switches and bulbs were hooked up in series and acted as a resistor until the first, or weakest group of wires, burned up and cut off the circuit. A complete rewiring of the basement had to be done. I also found 240 volt outlets in the shower room that were used for a 240 volt open face floor heater, a sure way of electrocuting someone, a code violation for sure. The new owner said that he didn't think it necessary to have the house inspected before he purchased it; bad decision! A complete home survey should be done after a purchase offer has been made and before the closing.

Remember, 110 volt equipment does not work very well on 240 volt!

Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



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

Congratulations

I am happy to inform you that Lawrence Hood has been appointed Deputy Representative to the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua by Edward F. Rose, Director of the Masonic Veterans Association and Moses J. Hyman, Chairman Grand Lodge State of New York Veterans Service. It was effective March 8th for an indefinite period.

Health care

To receive health care under the new program, veterans must first be enrolled. They can obtain application forms under the new program by visiting, calling, or writing to their nearest VA health care facility or Veterans Office. Completed applications may be submitted in person or by mail. A veteran who has received care from the VA between October 1, 1996 and January 30, 1998 may have their application for enrollment automatically processed. They should check with their local VA location of care to be sure.

Veterans may apply for enrollment at any time, even after October 1, 1998. Veterans are not required to apply for enrollment if they fall into one of the following categories:

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2. Less than one year has passed since they were discharged from military service for a dis-

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Thank you

My appreciation to all my Brothers and Sisters for the cards of sympathy on the passing of my father. As one reflects back in such difficult circumstances, I am grateful that he introduced me to Freemasonry. The teachings of our Ritual provide strength and reassurance for which I am indebted.

Time

There are many symbols of time in our Ritual, several of them come to mind. Early in our Masonic experience we learn about the 24 Inch Gauge, and much later, we hear about the Hour-Glass. You remember the 24 Inch Gauge symbolizes how we spend our time. Eight hours for our vocation, eight for refreshment and sleep, and eight for the service of God and a distressed worthy Brother. The Hour-Glass is a symbol of human life, with its grains of sand racing toward the finish.

How did you spend your time?

Unfortunately, life never seems to slow down. Many of us in retirement don't have a vocation that requires us to work every day. Our membership is growing older, perhaps there is time available! When was the last time you spoke to a widow, or the Brother you were raised with? Why not take a few precious grains of your sand to renew that friendship, to make a difference?

Passing the Jewel

I remember several recent conversations with Brethren who recounted that it took them ten years to work their way through the "chairs". What is it like in your Lodge now? More typically today, we know that a Brother is immediately placed in "line" after his 3rd Degree. Chances are that his assignment will be as a Deacon or higher up the ladder. Yes, I'm concerned! I hope you are, too!

I am delighted to see young men joining our Craft. I believe that they need some room to get their legs on the ground. One of the best ways is to get them involved. Involve them in activities in which they have an interest. Sometimes a new Brother will want to jump into "line". Let us not forget, however, that we have a responsibility to "SHEPHERD" that new Brother for a year. How well does that program work in your Lodge?

Don't we owe it to these new Brethren to give them the time to spread their wings before pushing them on and risk burning them out? Certainly, there are exceptions for every rule, exceptional men join the Fraternity.

But, I believe we could build greater strength by encouraging our junior officers to take their time and go through at least six years and six chairs.

How do we fill the holes? In most Lodges there is a core group of Past Masters, who might welcome the opportunity to get involved. Especially when there is clear evidence of strength and new talent getting on board. For those Lodges that are not attracting new candidates, perhaps you need to look in the mirror. What are you going to do?

Brotherhood Fund

Our Masonic year is rapidly coming to a close. Have you made your contribution to the Brotherhood Fund yet? There are so many options you may choose to direct your gift to. They include: Grand Master's Allocation; Masonic Medical Research Laboratory; Masonic Home in Utica; Veterans Hospital Program; Masonic Youth Camp; Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program; Child ID Program; Robert R. Livingston Library and Museum; and Masonic Benevolence. The choice is yours. Why not make your contribution TODAY? ☐

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436-0264

By R.W.: Ruel R. Lovett

Spring cleaning

We should be forming our plans for Spring cleaning in our Temples. We should have an edifice to be proud of - both inside and outside. The Master, Wardens, and Trustees should have enough interest to inspect the property together. A clipboard should be standard equipment when making your assessments. Once you have enough notes, you can properly determine the necessities. Only then can you formulate your plan.

Take pride

The appearance of the building and all paraphernalia is important, not only for the public to see, but for the benefit of all the members. We've talked about the Ritual each month and at each meeting. You know that it is an important part of the Craft. If you want to keep the morale of your members up, you must look to both. Your members will take

great pride in well done Ritual. They will take equally great pride in the well groomed Temple. If you formulate a proper plan, volunteers will help make everything ship-shape. Working together! Isn't this one of the great qualities of Masonry?

Certificates on the way

Certificates have been ordered for all who completed the "Road to the East" Program. These will be given to you in your Lodge wherever possible. The time frame will depend on "when we get them from Grand Lodge". You will probably need to be a little patient. Of course, that's another quality that a Mason should have, it is often tested.

Involvement

To all Masters and Wardens: you should involve your wife and family in your activities outside the Lodge room. This does not mean that they should help with the business of the Masters and Wardens Association. That is your job. They must be made to feel a part of the planning and ceremony that happens at dinners and other occasions. They should especially be a part of the planning of your trip to New York for Grand Lodge.

The Big Apple

There are untold thousands of things to do in the "Big Apple". The ladies will be more than glad to advise you. You will not spend all of your time working. Please give your lady a chance to share her ideas. If she understands the need to plan for recreation and enjoyment, she will jump in with both feet. Venting her rage or disappointment. Make her a part of it. She is your partner.

Learn more

I've often heard members in Blue Lodge, and sometimes outside it, say that the Concordant Bodies are hurting our Lodges. It is my opinion that the opposite is true. It seems to me that if it weren't for these same groups, there would only be about two Lodges in the Monroe Districts. Most of the Lodges could not have survived. I do not ask that you join one of these Bodies, but please give proper respect to those who are members. It might be a good idea to learn a little more about your Masonic "cousins". Abraham Lincoln was once

attributed as saying, "I don't like that man, I'll have to get to know him better." This should be true of Masonic cousins.

Good bye

In the near future, R.:W.: Bill Spillane will be saying his "good-byes". I want to get the jump and thank him for the three years that he has given. Three years is a very long time to neglect your family. I'm sure that he didn't totally neglect them, but he did spend much time with District and Lodge business. Thanks, Bill! The best of everything to you and your family. May your roads always be straight, and may God bless you! ☐

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2nd MONROE
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V.:W.: John
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1st MONROE
DISTRICT

By V.:W.: John Zabel
Perambulations

Depending on when you receive and read this column, the School of Ritual will be or was held on Tuesday, March 30th, at Churchville Lodge. The purpose of the School is to instruct current and potential Lodge officers in the floor work for the Degrees. Brother Dan and I are convinced that one of the ways to improve Lodge attendance and influence the Brothers to mention the Fraternity to their non-member friends is to do the Work of Freemasonry as well as it can be done. Although the candidate for the several Degrees does not see most of the floor work, the Brethren in attendance do. While the words of the Ritual are important to the candidate, the words, together with the floor work, make the Degree a joy to watch for the Brethren.

When a man is proud of something, it shows. When a man is proud of his membership in his Lodge, other people notice. This pride may encourage non-Masons to seek information and possibly membership in the Fraternity. This is good for the Brethren, the Lodge and the Fraternity as a whole. This is why your AGLs hold the School of Ritual and are available for Degree rehearsals, etc.

Joint Investiture

The Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York require that a Master-Elect be invested with the Secrets of the Chair prior to his Installation as Master. Brother Dan and I will be conducting the Ceremony of Investiture for all the Masters-Elect of the Monroe Districts on Friday, May 21st. The Ceremony will be held in the Downtown Temple starting at 7:30 p.m. We are in the process of setting up a dinner prior to the Ceremony that will be served at 6:15 p.m. The cost and menu will be communicated to the Lodges by mid-April. The Ceremony is open to all Past and current Masters and of course, all Masters-Elect. ☐

Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County

President:
V.:W.: John Zabel

By V.:W.: John Zabel

The trip - part two

The sun was just breaking the horizon on a lovely Saturday morning. George took a moment to enjoy it while he checked his luggage. Today was the day and his fellow Masters traveled to Grand Lodge. George was excited and a little apprehensive. He had heard about what to expect, but he did not quite believe it. George was taking his wife with him. She was just as excited about this new adventure. They left for the embarkation point right on time.

Several days later they were on their way home with the rest of the Masters group. "I sure had a great time," said Terry. "Well, some of the Grand Lodge ses-

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sions were boring, like all the reports, but I liked seeing all the dignitaries parade in," said Henry. "I liked the shopping while you boys were doing your thing," said Dan's wife, Betty. And so it went. Everyone had at least one thing about the trip they liked and most could find no fault with it. It was agreed between the Masters that they would advise their Senior Wardens to plan a similar trip the next year.

As in business, proper planning prevents poor performance. This holds true for group trips, as well as running a Lodge.

What's happening

Freemasonry is looking to the future. One of the ways it's doing this is through the world wide web or internet. The Grand Lodge of the State of New York web site has a wealth of information available. This includes the ability to download the "24 Inch Gauge", "The Road to the East", and recently, "The Leadership Development Course". In addition all of these resources and many more are available on a CD-ROM disk. The CD is available through the Leadership Services Committee. For ordering details, see the Grand Lodge web page or call me at 223-3228.

Grand Lodge also operates a list server. That is an e-mail service where New York Freemasons can send monitored e-mail to all of the other members of the list. This vehicle was used to announce the "Lodge of Confusion" program. Information on joining this service is on the Grand Lodge web page.

many activities of Grand Lodge, such as Camp Turk, Masonic Home, Medical Research, etc. Every little bit helps. One thing which has worked at my Lodge is to get non-Masons to give a gift in memory of a relative who was in the Fraternity.

Ideas

For those of you who might need a fundraising idea, Cantisano Foods in Fairport will offer assistance. The company will (once a year) donate all the supplies needed to hold a spaghetti dinner.

Andy Alvarez and Phil Hurwitz are still working on getting a Child ID Program set up at the Monroe County Fair at the end of July. Once they have finalized their plans they will need our support. I know that it can sometimes be difficult to be available during the Summer, but please announce this event in your Lodge and make plans to help.

John Williams suggestion to reduce the quorum requirements for our Association from 10 Lodges to 1/3 of the Lodges was discussed. A motion to change our By-Laws to reflect this was made and seconded. A second reading of John's proposal will be done at our April meeting at which time we will vote on a change to the By-Laws. If any Lodges have concerns or comments, please bring them to the April meeting.

April meeting

This will be held on Saturday, April 24th at Clio Lodge in Hilton. This follows the tradition of the Masters & Wardens meeting at Clio for the Annual Ox Roast. If possible please join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. to be followed by our business meeting. There will be a table reserved for us so please phone in reservations to Bob Pedersen at 865-0849. See you there!

Masters and Wardens Association
 1st & 2nd MONROE DISTRICTS
 President
 Andrew McBride 224-9479
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 Louis Sanfilippo 227-3898

Our meeting of March 13th was held at the Downtown Temple. Once again attendance was very good in spite of the aftermath of the inclement weather at the beginning of the month.

The DDGMs informed us that the Purple Club will be recommending that the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts be merged. After a brief discussion, a motion to support this merger was made, seconded and approved. I have sent a letter to R.W.: Ron Mertens to include in his correspondence with Grand Lodge which advises him of our support. If all goes well, we will have a unified Monroe District at the end of this year's Grand Lodge Session.

Volunteers needed

If any Lodge has volunteers who can help with escort duty at the Widows Luncheon on April 10th please call R.W.: Don Darrohn. I know, as do many of you, that this is a fun event and one of the most important that we sponsor each year. If you can help, please do so.

Brotherhood Fund

Participation in the Brotherhood Fund is falling short of our goal of 55%. There isn't much time left in this year's Drive so please stress the importance of giving at your Lodges. This is the Drive which helps us to fund the

2nd Monroe District


Towpath Lodge No. 163
 W.: Daniel Emerson Master 334-7730
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 P.M.
 R.W.: Terry Wihlen, Secretary (h) 346-4380 (w) 458-1880 152 Commercial St. West E. Rochester, NY 14445

Thanks to all the Brothers, 16 in all, who shared a learning experience at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge on the evening of March 2nd. Paul Stillman, did a portrayal of a Civil War Soldier, Union side. Mr. Stillman stated he is Southern born, but really enjoys doing the Union Soldier (winning side).

The first week of March was not a lot of fun! I liked the whole month of February a lot better!

Mark your calendar

April 10th is the Widows Luncheon at Logan's Party House. R.W.: Terry Wihlen has tickets.
 April 24th is the famous Ox Roast at Clio Lodge. This is an all you can eat event at a very nominal fee.

Towpath Lodge #163 Soap Box Derby Spaghetti Supper

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Friday, May 7th is a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the Soap Box Derby. Dinner is from 4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Adults are \$5.00, kids are cheap!

On May 8th the Monroe County Masons will present "Down Memory Lane". The cost for dinner and dancing is \$25.00 per person. See me for reservations. No speeches.

Special event

On April 6th we will have a DeWitt Clinton Award Night, honoring Mr. Mark Scuderi. He is the Executive Director of the Rochester Soap Box Derby. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Please call JW, Lou Campienello, at 247-4480 for price and reservation.

To all the Brothers who cannot make Lodge regularly, we understand. If you need a ride or other assistance, we are here to help. Please call me at 334-7730.

NORTHFIELD Lodge No. 426
 Instituted March 1857
 1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:30 P.M.
 W.: William V. Fraser Master (h) 586-2976 (w) 473-5504
 W.: Donald C. Smith Secretary 248-5170
 17 Church Street Pittsford, N.Y. 14534

Degree

Our 1st Degree had to be cancelled due to family matters. We had a 1st Degree practice with SW James P. Weick in the East. He was escorted by R.W.: Robert L. Zahn, Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Denmark. The candidate was Brother Walter Weick, DSA, the Working Tools were done by Brother Andrew Place and the Apron Presentation by R.W.: Jack Thibaut. Brother Weick was outstanding in the East and he thanked the Brothers for a super job. The meeting was preceded by a dinner served by Linda Zahn and her crew of experts.

Visitation

Brother Dean Smith from Hornellsville Lodge No. 44 was with us that evening.

Sickness and distress

R.W.: William D. Spillane was ill and at the same time, celebrated his birthday. Happy Birthday, Bill.

R.W.: Bob Zahn became ill on his way to Florida and had to be hospitalized in North Carolina. Hope you feel better, Bob.

Communications

Grand Lodge Annual Communication will be on May 3-4 in New York City.

The School of Ritual on March 30th at Churchville Lodge will be preceded by a dinner. The subject of the School will be Floor Work. Dinner reservations should be made to Brother John Hennessy, 594-1545.

The Joint Investiture will be May 20th at the Downtown Temple. It is open to Masters-elect and Past Masters. You must make reservations for the dinner.

Award

The presentation of the DeWitt Clinton Award is scheduled for April 29th.

Remember to keep the Masonic family alive.

O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759
 W.: Gary Trescott Master 889-5424
 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:30 P.M.
 R.W.: Lawrence W. Dunn Secretary 594-8033 5 Browns Ave. Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

By W.: Don Tubman

Spring is near

After nearly 40" of snow in and around Scottsville, can Spring be far off? Despite the weather we celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 13th at our Annual Dinner/Dance. I thank all who worked so hard on this event, our principle fundraiser. Particular thanks to Chuck Crevison for coordinating the event and Terry Wright who made it possible to get near the building. Terry brought his own loader in after the plow contractor broke down.

He plowed around the lot and most of the church/village lot.

Raising

Congratulations to Oatka's newest Mason who was raised in Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088 on March 16th. We will provide pictures of him in his kilt next month. Thank you to all who helped and to R.W.: Dave Jones and also the Shrine Degree Team. It was gratifying to see the participating Brothers on the sidelines and the Degree Team. Well done!

Brampton Degree

Final details are being arranged with our Sister Lodge in Brampton, Ionic Lodge No. 229, for a Klan gathering on April 10th. We are invited to participate in a 3rd Degree and a dinner will follow. We will leave home around 9:00 a.m. to arrive there around noon. Our ladies will be entertained by their ladies. Please call me at 889-4725 if you have not made your reservation yet.

Unfortunately this is the same day as the Widows Luncheon at Logan's. Those who are not going on the trip and are able to attend and assist at the Luncheon should contact W.: Gary Trescott at 889-5434.

Sickness and distress

Brother George Gray is home from Strong Memorial Hospital following surgery.

Sadly, Brother Donald Southworth passed. The hearts of the Oatka Brethren go out to his family. Don, a former Shrine Clownologist, is sadly missed by all.

New rug

Thanks to Brother Chuck Piazza and W.: Gary Trescott for procuring and installing the new rug in the Fellowcraft room. The rug takes me back to a psychodelic past. I urge you all to see it and thank the Brothers for their successful efforts. We are thankful that they only install rugs and are not proctologists. Thanks to all who remodeled the kitchen, the "rug men" for the floor, and Brothers Larry Blazey, Mark Ellwanger, and Terry Wright for the work on the stove.

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Thanks to John Pascucci and his paint crew.

Looking forward

There are several meetings and opportunities coming up to bring your family and friends to, scheduled open meetings and Bring-a-Friend Night.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969

W.. Mike Schum, Master (h) 248-9283



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

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

By Robert Ogden

1st Degree

In a recent ceremony, 3 candidates received their 1st Degree presented by W.. Mike Schum. R..W.. Vern Goodrich presented the Aprons and Brother Norm Gauch the Working Tools. The Questions and Answers were recited by Brothers Jack Grover and Paul Lockhart and the Whys and Wherefores by Brothers Vern Goodrich and Chuck Walker.

Snowed in!

Brother Vern Goodrich and Barbara recently attended the annual Royal Arch Convocation in Albany and were delayed a day in returning home due to the Great Blizzard of 1999. However, resourceful Brother Vern rounded up some of his Poker "buddies" and a good time was had by all!

Brotherly news

Brother Joe Steffen recently changed his trick-work shift and is now taking a course at RIT. Brother Chuck Strickland and Karen attended a 1st birthday celebration for their granddaughter. The Hooks, Brother Bill and Helen, recently returned from Florida safe and sound after encountering severe wind turbulence North of Harrisburg, PA.

Brotherhood Fund

Through March 11th, 107 donors contributed \$4375.00 representing 56% of the membership. Last year at this time 117 donors contributed \$4356.00, representing 62% of the membership.

Condolences

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Brother John Walker's wife, Virginia. We extend our deepest sympathy to him and his family.

3rd Degree

April 6th will be a dinner meeting (for the men only), followed by the Past Masters Degree Team conferring the 3rd Degree on several Brothers.

From the Secretary's corner

W.. Tom Kendig states dues collection is going along nicely, however, 30 of the Brethren's dues are outstanding. Due to additional expense in mailing, we respectfully request your prompt support. Through considerable hard work and effort, the Lodge has 5 new Brothers so far this year, so Brothers - sit down and think about why we joined this

Fraternity. Please write a check for your past dues as it would really be great to end the year on a positive note. Thank you.

Annual Masonic Widows Luncheon

The 13th Masonic Widows Luncheon will be held at Logan's Party House on April 10th. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and Luncheon will start at 12 noon. The guest speaker will be M..W.. Stewart C. McCloud, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. There will be entertainment by an accordionist. This will be our 13th event and we look forward to a big turnout.


Birthdays

We salute the following Brothers born in April: Herb Becks, Earl Buckley, Tom Davis, Alois Froelicher, Glen Ide, Earl Lenhard, Howie Marchak, Earl Martin, Dick Militello, Ross Mitchell, Arnold Raymond, Christ Stock, Dick Stone, Bob Thompson, Mikolaj Tworek, Dave Ververs and Carm Vitali.

Future dates

The 3rd Degree will be conferred on April 6th. The Annual Fellowcraft Dinner and Election of Officers will take place at the Nutcracker Restaurant on April 13th. April 20th will be a regular meeting.

FAME Lodge No. 945
CHARTERED 1917
4275 CULVER RD.
ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14622



W.. Richard Topel, Master 663-2547
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30 P.M.

Leon VanHuben, Secretary 647-1391

Events

On March 9th we conferred the 2nd Degree on our two candidates. W.. Mike Bell did another great job as Master for this Degree. I would like to thank everyone who took part, for a job well done. The rehearsal for this, on Saturday, March 6th, was cancelled by R..W.. Bob Avery, due to the snowstorm.

Future events

On March 23rd, we will have our Official Visit from DDGM, R..W.. Dave Jones, and Grand Director of Ceremonies, R..W.. Bill Spillane.

On April 6th our two candidates are going to Craftsman/Robertson Lodge to receive their 3rd Degree. This Degree will be conferred by the Shrine Past Master Degree Team. There will be a Chicken Dinner preceding the Degree at a cost of \$7.00. Anyone interested in going for the Degree and Dinner can call me at 663-2547.

Saturday, April 10th, is the Widows Luncheon at Logan's Party House at 12 noon. The guest speaker will be M..W.. Stewart C. McCloud, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Our meeting on April 13th will be our Awards Night. We have two members getting their 50 Year Pins, we also have a few getting their 25 Year Pins.

News of interest

On March 2nd I went to Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge to see

Paul Stillman as a Civil War soldier. If you have never seen this gentleman do his impersonations, you don't know what you have missed. I tried to get him for our Lodge, but he didn't have any open dates.

Sickness and distress


It is my sad duty to announce the passing of Brother Raymond C. Vicinus on February 24th. Brother Vicinus was a 34 year member of Fame Lodge.

If anyone knows of someone in need of our aid or sympathy, please contact our Secretary or me at 663-2547.

Rent

Fame Lodge still has dates available for renting the facilities to any group in need of a meeting space. Contact Brother John Rehbach at 338-7918.

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

By Ron Morthorst

Lend a hand

Spring is just around the corner. Our Lodge maintenance and repair program is going well---your assistance is always welcome on Saturdays, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you can find the time to lend a hand, call the Master at 292-6383.

We have a new gate by the stairway leading to the Lodge room.

At the April meeting we will vote on the By-Laws change and dues change.


Come to vote

Election of Officers is May 10th. Come out to vote and see the improvements to your Lodge.

We meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m., with Degree work on the 4th Monday, in most cases. We meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the Temple for sociability and the betterment of our Lodge.

If you know of a Brother in need of our aid or sympathy, or one who has a problem getting to a Lodge meeting, contact your Master, Bob Sanford, at 292-6383 or Secretary, Joe Cotteleer, at 624-1365 and they will try to assist you.

GERMANIA Lodge No. 722
4275 Culver Rd. Rochester, N.Y. 14622



W.. Andrew G. McBride, Master 224-9479
3rd Tues. Sept. - Apr. & 1st Tues. My., Jr., Oct. 7:30 P.M.

Secretary W.. John H. Foster 467-1677

Condolences

It is my sad duty to report to you that two of our Brothers were called by the Great Architect this

past month. Brothers Russell Oldfield and Friedrich Griesmeier left us during March. Both of these Brothers contributed greatly to our Craft and to the lives of those around them. They will be sorely missed. Masonic Service were held for both our Brothers, and we offer our condolences to their families and friends.

Winter weather!

Inclement weather seems to be the norm for March, and I hope that all of you who were traveling got home safely without too many delays. The weather caused our officer's meeting to be cancelled, so I have no news to report from there. We will get this meeting rescheduled and keep everyone posted on our discussions regarding the future of the Lodge.

Widows Luncheon


The Annual Widows Luncheon is approaching. This will take place on April 10th. If you would like to attend, please call Ken Kassel at 663-3334 for reservations. The cost will be \$14 per person. The Grand Master is the featured speaker and his talk should be both entertaining and enlightening. I hope to see you there.

Ladies Night

Our Ladies Night this year will be combined with 'The Party' on May 8th. Tickets for this event will be partially underwritten by the Lodge. Please contact Dave Foster at Lodge or at home for reservations. In addition to a good meal, there will be excellent entertainment and an evening of camaraderie that doesn't include speeches!

1st Monroe District

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943



W.. Thomas O'Leary, Master 288-7381
2nd & 4th Mondays 7:30 P.M.

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

2nd Degree

On March 22nd the 2nd Degree was conferred. Brother Lew Penna was in the East and there was another fine presentation of the Middle Chamber Lecture by R..W.. Richard Friedman.

1st meeting

At our meeting on April 11, W.. William R. Lindsay of the Grand Lodge Leadership Services Committee, will be our guest speaker. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.


Rehearsal

The 3rd Degree Rehearsal will be held on Monday, April 19th. Practice begins at 7:00 p.m. All Brothers are welcome at rehearsals.

3rd Degree

On April 26th the 3rd Degree will be conferred with R..W.. Pat McNenny in the East. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the Degree will be at 7:30 p.m. Officers in tux or dark suit.

Seneca Lodge No. 797
Second Tuesday 6:00 P.M.



W.. Gary R. Stein (h) 544-1658
Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary 233-5953
30 Orchard St., Webster, N.Y. 14580

Congratulations

The Brothers of Seneca Lodge congratulate Brother Howard P. Stickney for having been named Seneca Lodge's newest recipient of the Dedicated Service Award (DSA). At the end of this year Howard will retire as the Tiler of Seneca Lodge, I am thankful that he elected to be this Master's Tiler. However, your retirement is well deserved after 33 years and it will be good to see your face within the Lodge room. Thank you, Howard, for all the good things you have done for Seneca Lodge throughout the years.

Ladies Night

Our Annual Ladies Night was held at the Daisy Flour Mill on February 27th. This was by far the best attended event of the year and was so well received that the format will be around for a long time as future Masters plan their Trestleboards. The ladies of Seneca were the guests of the Lodge. The evening consisted of a cocktail hour with hor d'oeuvres and live classical guitar music followed by dinner, then a few short comments and dessert. Each lady was presented a gift pack of lovely stationery. A great time for Seneca Lodge. Another stellar event arranged by Dick and Wendy Shellman.

March communication

At the March communication Seneca Lodge welcomed Mary McCarthy, Director of Adult Day Services from the St. Ann's Community, who spoke to the Lodge about alternatives to a nursing home. This is something we hardly ever think about until the time comes when we are faced with the nursing home possibility. Adult Day Services offer everything that a nursing home offers except the bed and at half the cost per day. Very enlightening and informational - thank you, Mary.


Scholarship

Seneca Lodge's Scholarship Committee has received many applications from various Monroe County school districts and has narrowed the selection process to three choices. This is a new venture for Seneca Lodge and it has been well received in the community. The winner will receive \$1,000 in scholarship money which will be paid directly to the college of the student's choice. This program has been so successful in its first year that work and improvements have already started for next year.

Big event

Our Awards Night is fast approaching - April 13th. Consequently, plans are being made for that evening, an evening which the Brothers of Seneca will long remember as the presenters of the Awards will be Grand Master, M..W.. Stewart C. McCloud and the Grand Secretary, M..W.. Gary A. Henningsen. We are very excited and busily preparing for the events of that evening.

FAIRPORT
Lodge No. 476



W.. Tom Richendorfer, 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

The Bad News

This past month was one of great sadness and loss for Fairport Lodge. On Monday, March 8th, both W.. Nelson Venette and Carol Fowler (wife of W.. Allen Fowler) passed away. In addition, we were informed at our Lodge meeting that night that Mary Fisher (wife of Brother Robert "Bud" Fisher) had passed away. I want to express the deepest sympathy of the Lodge and myself to these families for their losses.

The Good News

I also have some very good news to tell. A Brother, whom wishes to remain anonymous, has generously donated \$1500.00 to Fairport Lodge for the purpose of upgrading our sound system. He has specified that this donation be identified as honoring R..W.. Gerald "Chick" Becker for his many years of service to Fairport Lodge and Freemasonry.

In response to this news, R..W.. Becker has asked that this letter be included in this article to respond to the anonymous Brother:

To my Brethren of Fairport Lodge No. 476,

I would like to take a few moments to inform you what happened at our February 22nd meeting and just how I feel. It was announced in Lodge by our Trustee, W.. Dave Mawhiney, that a sum of \$1500 had been donated by a member of Fairport Lodge No. 476 to upgrade the sound system in our hall. This was done to honor me for what I have done for Masonry over the years in our quarries. To say I was misty eyed would be lying. This really shook me up to no end. I was told by W.. Dave that the donor's name was not to be given.

To say the least, Faith, Hope and Charity, and yes, I will include Love, are the principal tenets of Masonry. What I have done in my 40 some years is what I was taught in the 3 Degrees. I love Masonry and what it stands for. I don't think that I have done any more than most Brothers have done. Yes, I have helped many Brothers over the years and, as long as I live, no doubt I will continue to do so. When I was in the VA Hospital, on the brink of joining my Maker, it was you, my Brothers, with prayers, visits, cards and phone calls to Gean which is what makes Masonry. To the donor, Isay, "Well done, good and faithful servant". This is what I want when I meet my Maker. God bless you, my Brother. Some day I hope to personally say "thanks".

Fraternally, R..W.. Chick Becker

March recap

On March 8th we held our 1st Degree with SW, W.. Tom Goodrich in the East. W.. Tom did a wonderful job and I want to con-

gratulate him for the impressive Degree.

On March 15th the Lodge sponsored an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Deland Church Hall of the First Baptist Church in Fairport. Because of the lead time for this article, I cannot tell you how many pints of blood were collected.

On March 22nd the Lodge held its second Family Night of the Masonic year. After a wonderful Bring-a-Dish Dinner, we saw a demonstration of making Ukrainian Easter Eggs by Mrs. Nadia Tratch. Also, the children in attendance took part in an Easter egg hunt in the Lodge room.


Upcoming events

On April 12th we will be holding our 2nd Degree Ritual for our newest Brother. That will be a tux night for the officers. I would like to remind everyone taking part in the Degree that we will hold the rehearsal on Monday night, April 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Our second meeting in April, on the 26th, will be Move-Up Night to give the officers a chance to try out their stations and places for next year.

I hope to see a lot of our members out for all of our 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 tomrich@worldnet.att.net.

Wakan/Hubbard
Lodge No. 154



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1822 Penfield Rd.
Penfield, N.Y. 14528

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

By R..W.. A. John Tijou

Our Master is away for the month and your old Scribe has a chance to trot out a few lines. While the cat is away, the mouse will play.

Bring-a-Friend

April 8th will be our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night and we are looking forward to you all making every effort to bring in men who might be interested in learning about our wonderful Fraternity. We need your support!

No date set yet

As of this writing, we do not have a 3rd Degree scheduled for the meeting on April 26th. Further information will be coming from our Master.

News and views

Just want to remind W.. Mike Adamus that he has just two months to retirement.

Brothers Bob Betkowski and Don Defea are busy with the Humble Boys Hotel that they own and manage in Little Bay, Jamaica. Just think of them, and we had all that snow!

Don't think it was mentioned that Brother Sam Ruggeri was nominated as RBI's Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations to Brother Steve Laosa and Nancy, understand that their son, Jason, is getting married this month.

Congratulations to Brother Frank Fracassi as his daughter, Renee, is a fine volleyball player

both at school and in the Primo Team. Frank is a real volleyball dad!


Just got off the phone with W.. Wally Wright. His wife, Edie, is now home following major surgery and she is making progress.

Ran into Brother Brian and Sue Iannacone at the gas station. Doc Brian is still hard at work, understand his motto is, "I pull 'em".

Brother Don McDill and his wife are still in New England with their son. We understand he is making progress.

It has been a pleasure to come back for a short visit.

Valley/Simes
Lodge No. 109



W.. Michael G. Batz, Master
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2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

R..W.. Herbert Spencer, Sec.
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Fellowcraft

Fellowcraft will host the rehearsal for the upcoming Master Mason Degree at the Downtown Temple, April 20th at 6:30 p.m. You will be contacted if you are in the cast. If you would like to come to the rehearsal for a refresher or to give others much needed moral support, please join us.

March meeting

Due to the snowstorm and bad roads, our March meeting was nearly cancelled. Several Brothers were still in Florida and the attendance, as expected, was very low. All of the programs were rescheduled to April 13th. This is Ladies Night and we will have a nice dinner followed by a demonstration for the ladies on making flower arrangements. They will see first hand how to create unique and beautiful arrangements. Amy Masline, owner of Rolling Romance, will be giving this workshop.

After a very short business meeting, we will return to the dining area to participate in an informational presentation on health care issues and long term care needs. The talk should touch on a number of frequently asked questions on Medicare and Medicaid, as well as financial solutions to many problems. We will have a speaker from a prominent long term care company. There will also be an attorney speaking on the subject of trusts and estate planning. This is the second in a series of informational presentations, designed especially for our members and it is not a sales presentation. Please come out.


The last presentation

A third presentation may have to be scrapped because of the rescheduling. I was going to share my expertise and knowledge of investing and tax savings with you in an open presentation of investment terms and options, as well as choices you might have to make in retirement. This includes a discussion on several aspects including taxes and the impact of making a poor choice.

I don't know how many of you actually know that this is my profession and that helping people to acquire and maintain financial

independence is what I do. If there is enough interest, we might have a presentation away from Lodge. Let me know. Please join us and let me know if this is what you would like to have at a Lodge function. Your new Master will need your input.

CLIO
Lodge No. 779



W.. Sean Noonan, Master
392-8156

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

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Reflections

Greetings, Brethren and friends. As the snow mounts up outside we wonder if this Winter will ever end. Mother Nature has not yet curtailed our Masonic activities, thanks to our Brothers who plow, shovel and salt the walks and parking lot at Clio Lodge.

Condolences

Brethren, it is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Brother Roger Herbert Judd on February 14, 1999. Brother Roger was raised on November 11, 1948 and for the past forty plus years demonstrated what a Master Mason is. Brother Roger was always there to help at Lodge functions, many times alone when no one else could or would. How much we loved Brother Roger was shown at his Masonic Service, which was held at the Hilton Baptist Church. Family, friends and Brethren overflowed into the street as the church could

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not hold all wishing to pay their last respects. Our hearts and prayers go out to Brother Roger's wife, Marilyn, and family.

Degree

The 2nd Degree was held on March 16th, with JW, Robert Pedersen, in the East. Thanks, Brother Bob, and the entire Degree Team for a job well done.

Ox Roast

The Annual Ox Roast is fast approaching and Chairman, JW, Bob Pedersen, is recruiting help. Tickets will be mailed to all Lodge members to sell or use. See our ad in this issue of the *Masonic Times* for details.

Future events

April 4th is the rehearsal date for the 3rd Degree.

April 6th is the 3rd Degree, with the Worshipful Master in the East. We will open at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

April 10th is the Widows Luncheon at Logan's Party House.

The Spaghetti Dinner will be April 14th.

Past Masters Night is April 20th. Come out and see the way it should be done!

April 24th is the Ox Roast.

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April birthdays

Birthday wishes go out to Ws.: Karl Brandt, Dale Polmateer, Dave Partiss, Merle Wallace, Brothers Dana Aucter, Jack Johnson, Robert Quackenbush, Joe Ulrich, Denny Wright, Maurice Northrup, Harry DeHollander, Sante Panella and David Bruce Seeger.

Closing

Brother Carl Dole is at St. John's Home and welcomes calls and visits.

W.: Stu Brickman is feeling better.

We hope to see you at the Ox Roast and in Lodge.

we will be making substantial benefactions in the Brockport area and in the District.

Being in what we hope are the last throes of this Winter, our Traveling Colonel reports, from what he calls the "red-neck Riviera" in Florida, that the weather continues to be great. Yeah, he rubs it in all the time!


We will be honoring our Senior Past Masters with a tip of the hat. This month our honoree is W.: Wilbur M. McCormick. Hi, Bud, best regards.

am requesting all officers and Past Masters to attend this important meeting. Lodge finances, the Line of Officers for 1999-2000, as well as the planning of the Steak Roast, will be the topics under discussion.

Dates to remember

Are you aware of a number of other events that are scheduled in April, May and June? These include the Widows Luncheon at Logan's Party House on April 10th at 11:00 a.m., and another Fellowcraft dinner on May 6th. The May 13th Lodge meeting will be the Election of Officers. Our Steak Roast will be in early June. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, please stop by to say hello.

Flower City Lodge No. 910



W.: Jerry Spero, Master
334-7616

2nd Thursday
7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Phillip Averbach, Secretary
458-1817

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

Finally the weather is warming up. This is a sure sign that some of our snowbirds will be returning to the Rochester area. While they were gone we had a busy year, capped by having a 3rd Degree on March 15th. We had two Brothers scheduled to reach the Master Mason Degree at that time. I want to thank the Shrine Degree Team for their assistance.

While I am very pleased that we had a 3rd Degree in Flower City Lodge, it is necessary to remind our Lodge members, as well as any Mason reading this article, that we can't stop here. It is essential that we bring in new applications so we can continue to grow.

DeWitt Clinton Award


R.: W.: Jerry Glaser is working on an open dinner meeting for April 15th. A Roast Beef Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., with the program set to start at 7:30 p.m. Please contact R.: W.: Phil Averbach or me for reservations. Further details will be in my April letter.

Fellowcraft meeting

Please note that the April Fellowcraft meeting will be moved to April 29th due to the Jewish Passover Holiday in early April. I

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538

30 ORCHARD ST.
WEBSTER, N.Y. 14580



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

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

Henry Libera, Secretary
872-5427

By Moe Schirano, JW

Well, March lived up to its reputation and came in like a Lion. Webster Lodge had to shut down a couple of days for a few events. On March 4th we had to cancel our meeting for the first time in a long time. We had to do this also for our Spaghetti Dinner on the 5th. There was so much snow in the parking lot the snowplow had a hard time finding a place to put it.

Job well done!

At our Fellowcraft meeting, 5 Brothers showed up for a work detail. They scrubbed down the kitchen stove and refrigerator and cleaned up the kitchen. Our thanks to Brothers Nick Haldoupis, Brad Hebner, Hank Libera, Fred Cornell and Emil Schirano. Thanks, guys. A job needed and a job well done.

Great event!

On March 13th we had our Steak Dinner and Euchre Night. This event went over great and I thank everyone who helped in putting this together. There were so many that helped it would take this whole column to mention all the names.

Enough about March; on to the future. I hope April lives up to its reputation and brings April showers and ultimately, May flowers.

Special event

Our first meeting in April is Past Masters Night. This is a very special event, so let's all support them with a good turnout.

April 8th is Fellowcraft meeting. Come and support our new President, Nick Haldoupis. He has a lot of good ideas.

3rd Degree

April 15th is the 3rd Degree for two Brothers. Put this date on your calendar. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and reservations can be made by calling me at 265-3932. Please don't put off your call. Our Sisters of the Eastern Star need a count for the dinner.

Brothers, let's get out for this 3rd Degree and show our new Master Masons that we are there for them and that we are not a lot of talk.

This will be our last Degree until after our Summer break. Don't forget dinner at 6:30 p.m.

May events

May 8th is the Masters and Wardens Party called "Down Memory Lane". This will be held at the Mapledale Party House, the cost is \$25.00 per person. There will be a cash bar and the band, "Celebration", will play for our dancing and listening pleasure. A gift will be given to everyone in attendance.


This party is for our ladies, families and friends, so let's party! There will be no head table, and no speeches. Dress comfortably, a business suit or sport coat will suffice.

The Social Hour starts at 6:30 p.m., Buffet Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please call John Ponschok at 338-2998 or me at 265-3932 for tickets. Let's have a good turnout from Webster Lodge.

May 20th will be Election of Officers. More about this in our May column.

Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

Harrisburg, PA



James D. Benson
Supreme Tall Cedar
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Public Relations

By Albert H. Hensinger, PSTC

At a Mid-Winter conference held at the Lancaster Host Hotel and Convention Center in Lancaster, PA, in January, Brother Donald H. Knode was installed as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.



Brother Knode is a member of Mt. Ararat Lodge No. 44, AF&AM, located in Bel Air, MD, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1982. He also served on the Board of Trustees of his Lodge as President, where he was instrumental in creating an endowment fund that continues to grow yearly. He's a 32° Mason, holding membership in the Valley of Baltimore Scottish Rite. Brother Don is also a member of Hartford Chapter No. 83, OES, where he served as Worthy Patron from 1989 to 1990, and was advisor for Hartford Chapter, Order of DeMolay for several years.

Brother Don joined Har Ce Forest No. 142, meeting in Perryman, MD, in 1976. He has served his Forest as a member of the Rangers, the Royal Court, as a guide and as Forest treasurer for two years. In 1986 Don was

electd and served as Grand Tall Cedar, and was named "Grand Tall Cedar of the Year" for 1986. He is a life member of the Tall Cedar Foundation for Muscular Dystrophy and served as Secretary of the Foundation Board, as well as serving as District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar of District No. 14 from 1993 to 1995.

Brother Don and his wife, Jane, have been married since 1956 and have two children, Gail and Don, Jr., and two grandchildren. They have been members of Bel Air United Methodist Church since 1967, where he has served in many capacities, including Chairman of the Church's 200th Anniversary Celebration.

Brother Don retired from AA1 Corporation in Hunt Valley, MD, in 1991 as a supervisor in the Logistics Services Division. He is presently employed by Servicemaster of Bel Air performing sales and marketing functions.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organization with over 20,000 members in 110 Chapters (called Forests) throughout the United States and Canada. Since 1952, the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, contributing over \$12,000,000 to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, and have the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



1999 Tall Cedars Goodwill Ambassador

Kevin S. Mahan, Jr., was born November 4, 1988 and was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy at the age of 3.

He lives in Havre de Grace, Maryland, with his grandparents, Alvin and Patricia Mahan.


Kevin is in the fifth grade at Meadowvale Elementary School. He enjoys school and does well. Kevin likes all types of construction and farm equipment, as well as trucks. He is especially interested in trains. He loves insects and animals, and has a dog named Heidi.

Kevin attends Sunday School at the Hopewell United Methodist Church and participates in the activities with the other children. He has been the guest of Har-Ce Forest No. 142 at the Annual Convention and various Forest activities for several years. He enjoys riding the Har-Ce float and participating in local parades.

Kevin is looking forward to being the 1999 Tall Cedars Goodwill Ambassador.

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By Roy D. Goold

Cancellation

We had to cancel our Roast Pork Dinner on March 6th because of the inclement weather. Nothing was stirring, not even a snow plow! We are rescheduling it for the first of May, pending arrangements with the Methodist Church. Hold your tickets and whet your appetites, full details will be coming your way shortly.

Widows Luncheon

The invitations are in the mail for the Widows Luncheon on April 10th. We hope to have a good response and look forward to being chauffeurs for the ladies of our departed Brothers. They will be our guests.

Approval

The 1999 grants for the Wood-Quackenbush Fund have been suggested and approved by the Lodge. As has been our practice each year,

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Donald C. Bell, Scribe

By the time you read this, according to the calendar, Spring will be here. Tell that to the four foot snow we dug out from.

Sickness and distress

Gordon Ball is recovering from pneumonia. We hope to see him out and about soon. If anyone has news of a Brother ill or in need of help, please let me know.

Where are you?


We would like to hear from our snowbirds. You know what we have been up to, but how about you?

Future events

We will be holding our Sausage and Steak Roasts at the Shrine Temple, but have not confirmed the dates as yet. We will keep you posted.

Here's to at least seeing our street corners before too long. See you at our next meeting April 28th

Masonic Gothic
Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
 227-6106

Over the past three weeks, league bowlers have rolled 7-600 plus series and 32-200 games. 600 series were rolled by Rich Flanagan - 653 (220, 234), Gary Bonisteel - 639 (244) and 619 (221), John Flynn - 633 (215), Don Weis - 628 (247) and 619 (235), and Bud Crane - 601 (221).

Notable games were rolled by Don Weiss - 244, Rick Flanagan - 233, John Flynn - 222, Phil Averbach - 209, and Derek Masi - 203, 210, and Jim Flanagan - 207.

The league bowls at 8:45 p.m. at Maiden Lanes. The league is open to both Masons and non-Masons. It is not too early to be thinking about the upcoming Fall season. We are in need of new teams and individual bowlers. We would like to see every local Lodge be represented by a team. It is a fun night out for only \$10.00 per week. If interested, contact me at the above phone number.

District Deputy
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Genesee/Wyoming
District



R.W. Raymond G. Barber
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Sad fact

On making out my Annual Report, the sad fact came out that the membership in Genesee/Wyoming District has decreased from 869 to 796 members, a loss of 73 members. Only three Lodges had a gain, Mt. Vernon, Triluminar and Hesperus.


Write your Senator

We must all get behind Senate Bill No. S.2078 and the New York State Assembly Bill No. A3559. This is an act to amend the real property tax law, to exempt benevolent orders. I don't know a Lodge that couldn't use some tax relief. I would encourage each Lodge member to write his State Senator and Assemblyman. In my case, the 59th Senatorial District, Hon. Dale M. Volker, L.O.B., Room 708, Albany, NY 12247 and the 147th District, Hon. Thomas Reynolds, L.O.B. Room 933, Albany, NY 12248. Tell them Masons provide homes for the elderly and for orphans. We provide college scholarships to promising young men and women. We contribute to blood banks, fund medical research, and maintain hospitals for crippled and burned children.

"Aspire to inspire before we expire!"

God Bless you.

Grand Steward
Genesee/Wyoming



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

Snow storm

How long does it take to drive to Albany? For many of us, it took twelve (yes, twelve) hours! March 4th a snow storm hit the Western end of the State during our drive to attend Grand Chapter, RAM. I'm told it took others even longer, and some didn't make it at all! Fighting the weather and snow, white-outs and road closings, made getting there a real challenge. I wonder if it was Masonic dedication or the fear of

losing money on reservation cancellations that made us all press on? Whatever the case, those of us who did make it had a great time. Congratulations to all those who received the Degree of "Old Saratoga".

State of the District

During my travels throughout the District, I've noticed several things. On one hand I'm somewhat disappointed in regard to District support. I've been preaching this during the DDGM's Official Visits and at the Installations, as well as other times when visiting a Lodge. In order to prosper and grow, we have to support each other as much as possible. This is not happening on a District wide level. I'd like to see all the Lodges supporting all the other Lodges in the District.

On the other hand, there seems to be a lot of activity going on. Lodges are conferring Degrees, the District Deputy, Staff Officer, and the AGL are all making an effort to visit Lodges frequently. Breakfasts, dinners, and other events are continually being held by many of our Lodges. This is a good sign.

On the whole, I think the District seems to be doing well. With a little more work in support and united effort, ours can become one of the better Districts in the State.

Annual Communication

If you haven't contacted me about New York City reservations yet, you're probably too late. If you did, we'll see you in the "Big Apple".

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G/W
Communications
 W. George R. Springett
 Chairman

Morality

During the past decade, there has been an ongoing transition within our government that apparently is forthcoming from the entire populous. The government has taken the position that citizens are no longer a moral society of the highest level. Cheating, lying, perverted acts, and half truths are now the norms for today's society.


Where will this lead our Country in the next millennium? Have the standards of our Founding Fathers been lost in the fast pace of today's society? Do you trust your friends, neighbors, coworkers or politicians? Is the door to your house locked and protected by an alarm? Could you leave money or private papers on top of your desk? Is the spoken word meaningless?

These are questions that have passed through the minds of men of good faith and high morals.

Now is the time Freemasonry should display the values that we regard so highly. Those landmarks of our Fraternity that make us determined to keep our lambskins pure and white. Speak out and prove that in today's society there are men among us who live by a standard higher than the norm of society. Tell those who agree with a policy that undermines today's society that is wrong. Seek out the truth for all mankind. Prove to your friends, neighbors, coworkers or politicians that truth, honesty, morality and a strong belief in the Grand Architect of the Universe are the ways to achieve a better community and Country.

Take all opportunities to show everyone that the lessons of Freemasonry are for the betterment of every Brother and mankind. This will leave our enemies behind and make our future in the next millennium the secure success that it deserves.

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Greetings from the East

I hope this article finds all of our Brethren in good health, and for you Brothers who are not, please drop us a line or have someone do it for you so we know how everyone is doing. I would like to hear from all the Brothers of this Lodge, either in person or by letter. I would like to report to the Body how each of you are doing. As I said in last month's article, it is time to look ahead and plan our Spring chores. At the first communication in April I would like to discuss the repairs to the 2nd and 3rd floors. If anyone has any input on this matter, please attend the meeting.

Special dinner

Our Annual Widows and Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 8th, at Bohn's Restaurant on Clinton Street Road. Refreshments will be at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. There will be three entrees to choose from: Roast Sir-

loin of Beef au jus, Stuffed Boneless Breast of Chicken and Stuffed Haddock. Invitations will be sent to all the widows and Brethren of Batavia Lodge who reside in the area. Each year the Secretary makes every effort to contact all of our widows, but try as we might, we may miss someone and for this we apologize. We will be recognizing those Brethren who have longevity anniversaries of 50 years or more. This has always been a nice evening for conversation, laughter, and remembrances. Please join us if possible. We would love to see you there.

Special thanks

Thank you to R.W. Robert Dagen for the presentation of "The William Morgan Mystery Solved". It was a very nice presentation and a delight to hear yet another version of the life of Capt. William Morgan.

Other things of interest

Please check your dues card and see if it is current. If it isn't, contact the Secretary. The Brotherhood Fund Chairman would like to remind everyone, when making your individual contributions, be sure to indicate where you want it applied. Be sure to include your Lodge number, located on the upper right corner of your current dues card, on the envelope.

I recently received a letter from R.W. Leonard Mason, he is looking for volunteers for the Child ID Program. He is looking for Brothers who would be available during the day so that an effort can be made to provide this service at schools. If you are interested and available, please let me know or contact Len Mason at 492-1813.


I have applications for our youth camping sessions at Camp Turk. This is open to boys and

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girls. If you or someone you know is interested in this program, please call me for an application.

Until next time, may God bless and keep us safe. □

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



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1st and 3rd
Wednesday
(Jan-Feb-Mar
3rd Wed Only)

W. Norman Steinbaugh,
Secretary 591-2073
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Attica, N. Y. 14011

Success!

Thank you, thank you. Thanks to the many generous friends and members of Attica Lodge, our donation drive for the new dining room chairs was a complete success. All 100 chairs have been "sold" and tagged. Because of this, the Lodge has re-couped 75% of the total cost. Now, I invite every-

one who participated to come on out and sit in "your" chair! Check out the next Lodge bulletin for a complete list of contributors. The response was so overwhelming that we are considering purchasing new chairs for the Lodge room! I'll keep you informed.

Time warp?


On March 17th Attica Lodge awarded Masonic Anniversary Certificates and Widow Pins at a public Ceremony. R.W. Raymond G. Barber, DDGM, was present and awarded 50 plus Year Certificates. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the Roast Beef Dinner prior to the program. It was good to see the Lodge room so packed with people. Maybe we should buy those additional chairs for the Lodge room!

A reminder

Our Annual Mother's Day Chicken Bar-B-Que is getting near. Please lend a hand and inform the Secretary or me that you want to volunteer. Also, won't you please bring a home-made pie to the Lodge for that day? □

Communicate

**Olive Branch
Lodge No. 39
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8 West Main Street
LeRoy, N. Y. 14482

Brethren

We are ready; are you ready for the exciting communications at Olive Branch Lodge No. 39?

On Wednesday, April 7th, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a discussion of the Child ID shoot in LeRoy and Pavilion. The success of the Fish Fries gave us the necessary funds to buy the video tapes. There will be a discussion of the "Findings" of the NYS (DEC) concerning the contamination of the soil under our Masonic Hall.

On Wednesday, April 21st, at 7:30 p.m., we will plan for the Annual Awards Night. Brother

Bill Calnan will receive his 50 Year Award and Pin. There will be a DeWitt Clinton honoree, and many of our members will receive Membership Certificates for their many years in the Craft. We will be honoring our Masonic widows, so mark May 8th on your calendar, 5:00 p.m., for the Awards Dinner!

Very important

In the last issue (March), of the ~~Masonic Times~~, there was reproduced William Delgarno's letter on Tax Free Lodges. Read this article. I have copies of a letter to be sent to your Representatives in Albany. These are the addresses: 60th District State Senator, Mary Lou Rath, 817 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12247 and 147th District State Assemblyman, Daniel Burling, Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248.

I will have some copies for you on Wednesday, April 7th.

Historic Registry

For your information, we have started a dialogue with the Landmark Society (Mrs. Catherine Roth), for the Masonic Hall, LeRoy, to be included in the National and State Registry of Historic Places. This procedure will take about a year.

Our location is a very historic site in Western New York, the lot was purchased in 1815 from Herman LeRoy for \$150.00. The "Round House" was built, and then torn down in 1859, and our present building erected in 1860 as a church. The Masons reclaimed the building in 1906 as a Masonic Hall.

Dues


Thank you so much, Brothers, for sending your dues so promptly. Your loyalty is really appreciated.

All you Brothers who are sitting home evenings, now is the time to get excited about Masonry. Our new candidates came to us because of our integrity. We have many projects to do. Come and enjoy good Masonic Brotherhood!

See you in Lodge. □

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

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W. William A. Swyers, Master
493-2962

2nd and 4th
Wednesdays

W. Richard Anderson, Sec.
493-2203

Congratulations

To our three new Brothers, John Copeland, David Hassen and James Swatt, who completed their Degrees on February 24th. Thanks to all the Brothers who helped with the Degree. Thanks to Stebbins Chapter, OES, for the great meal.

Euchre report

W. Chuck Krauss will not be the Champion this year. Chuck has been busy at his job and was unable to attend. As of this writing, the champion has not yet been determined.

District Fish Fry

The Genesee/Wyoming District Fish Fry was held March 19th at the Arcade Temple. The food was excellent, thanks to Arcade Lodge for hosting this year's event.

Table Lodge

On March 20th, R.W. Steve Wing, R.W. Keith Granger, W. William Swyers, W. Dennis Quackenbush and a number of Brothers from Triluminar Lodge traveled to Olean Lodge in Cattaraugus Co. to help put on the first Table Lodge. A great time was had by all-VIVA!

Good Friday Fish Fry

The Annual Good Friday Fish Fry at Oakland Lodge No. 379, Castile, will be held on April 2nd. Come and enjoy a great meal.

Golf Tournament

The Annual Triluminar Lodge Golf Tournament will be held on June 5, 1999. Don't wait too long to make your reservations for T-times. Call Barb Moore at Rolling Acres at (716) 567-8557 or R.W. Keith Granger at (716) 493-2908. □

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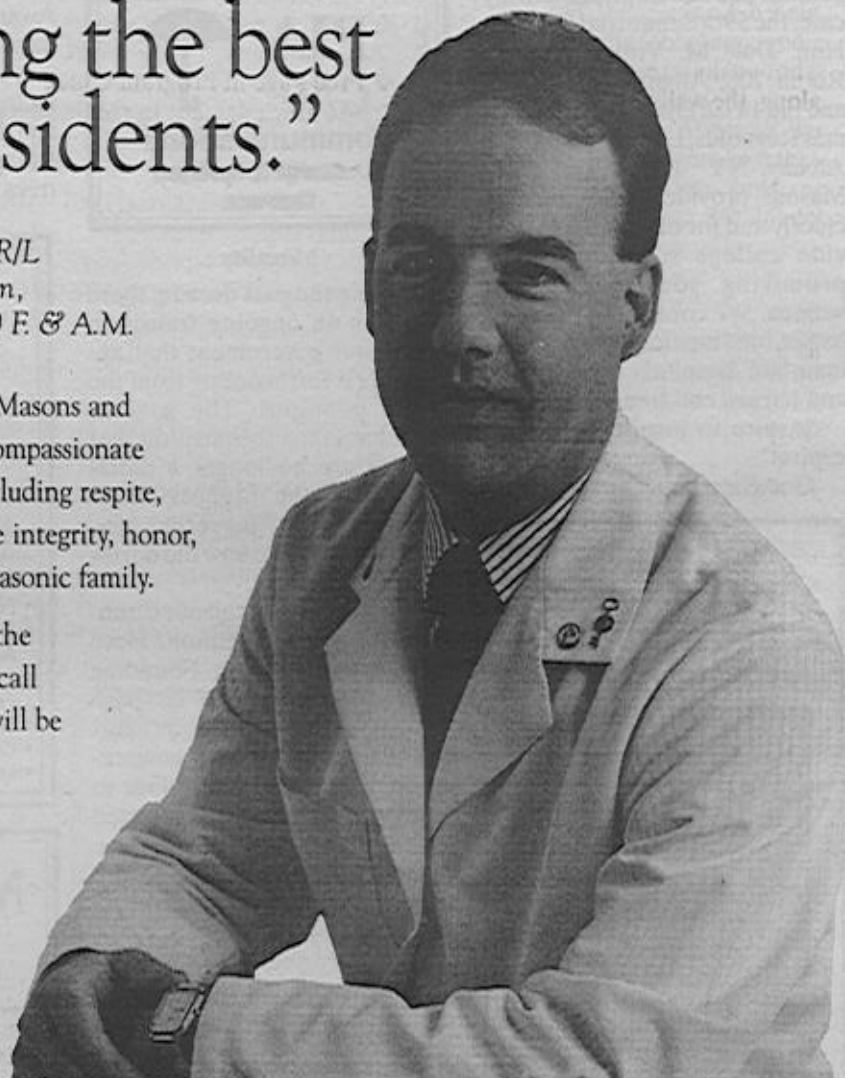
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New season

Well, it is good to see Spring again as it has been a long Winter. It is a new season with Easter just around the corner.

2nd Degree

March has been an exciting time for us with the 2nd Degree shared with Olive Branch Lodge in LeRoy. JW, Norm Austin, was in the East, and V.:W.: Robert Strang gave the Middle Chamber Lecture. We enjoyed a very fine St. Patrick's Day meal of Corned Beef and Cabbage by the Eastern Star women.


Events

We had our Interlodge Euchre Party at Churchville Lodge on March 24th. A good time was had by everyone.

Norm Austin and Joe Chimino were again appointed to the Child ID Program Committee for this year. A special thank you to them for this very special job.

We hope to see all our snowbirds soon. With all we have planned for our April meeting, we need their help.

Eagle Valley
Lodge No. 1161



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

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

Greetings, Brothers

The Southwestern quadrant of Wyoming County lies resplendent in its mantle of white snow. The icy crystals of that mantle glitter and gleam in the rays of the morning sun, recalling to this writer's mind descriptions of Illustrious King Solomon's bejeweled treasure...beautiful!!

Condolences

I regret to inform you that Past Master Bill Fowler, who had for several years made his home in the State of Florida, passed to the Grand East on January 30, 1999.

Happy news

The presentation of a 50 Year Certificate and Pin to Brother Robert Rindell is planned for May 27th at Eagle Valley Lodge.

Bingo Night


Our Secretary tells us that contributions for the Brotherhood Fund are still being accepted. We are also informed that Eagle Valley Lodge's Bingo Night at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Batavia is scheduled for May 18th. Please phone our Secretary at 322-7343 if you would like to participate.

Join the fun!

It has been learned by this writer that Eagle Valley Lodge's Annual Bar-B-Que's date has been established. The Annual Bar-B-Que will happen in conjunction with Eagle Hose Company's Annual Fireman's Auction in the ordinarily peaceful Hamlet of Bliss on Saturday, May 15th. Come join the fun and feasting!

I would be most pleased to receive newsworthy information for the Lodge's *Masonic Times* column by telephone at 322-7221. If no one should answer, speak to the answering machine briefly, and I'll return your call ASAP.

CONSTELLATION
Lodge No. 404



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Perry, NY 14530

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

Greetings

Hopefully by the time this newsletter goes to print our latest accumulation of snow will be gone. The projects now undertaken are going well. The ceiling in the basement room, used by the Boy Scouts, has been replaced. Looks great! The old tile floor covering has been removed. The 2nd floor restroom is coming along, the walls have been painted. Wood trim, toilet, sink, and vanity need to be installed. The project will soon be finished. Thank you for your help!

Events

The Chicken and Biscuit Dinner on March 14th was a success, as it was last year. Thanks to all those who helped, as well as to those who attended. A special thank you to Mrs. Doris Barrett. The Euchre Tournament sponsored by the four Lodges in Castile, Pike, Perry, and Warsaw went very well this year. Noticeably absent this year was Chuck Krauss, our former champion. Where were you, Chuck? Speaking for myself, I enjoy visiting the Lodges and conversing with the Brothers.

Awards Night

On Thursday evening, April 15th, 8:00 p.m., there will be an open meeting to present Service Awards to (50 years) Willard Patridge, Crandall DeGroff, Joe Pascoe, and Cletis B. Shoup; (55 years) Fletcher Parker, Robert Gingerich, and Searle Hocking; (60 years) Ivan Hodges.

Special tribute

At this time, I pay a special tribute to Clark T. Rice who recently passed away. Brother Clark's death leaves a large void in the community that will never be filled. Our Brother and friend touched the lives of so many people in so many ways. Thank you, Brother Clark Rice!

In closing

Just a reminder to pay your dues and contribute to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. Include the Lodge as a charitable choice when a loved one has passed on to the "Eternal Life".

Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. & Damascus Temple Honor R.:W.: & Rev. Paul R. Gleason

April 24, 1999

One Day Reunion and Public Ceremonial with assistance of the Valleys of Buffalo & Jamestown & Ismailia Temple Shrine, Buffalo

All Ladies are invited to a Day of Play

Coffee, pastries at the Downtown Masonic Temple 8 - 10 a.m.
Transportation and tour of Strong Museum 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Lunch at Strong Museum 1 - 2 p.m.
Transportation and tour of the Eastman House 2 - 4 p.m.
Return to the Downtown Temple for the Public Ceremonial.


Cost per Lady \$20.00

Masons
Receive the 4° - 32°; 1st yr's. dues, pin, fee - \$100.00
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Brothers & Nobles
Complimentary Cocktail following Hot Sands Entertainment - 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
Dinner - Blue Cross Arena at the War Memorial - 7:30 p.m.
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Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

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FROM THE POTENTATE



GEORGE SIMON
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The other night as I lay in my bed, I could not fall asleep and my mind started to wander. I am sure that many of you have had the same experience. All of a sudden a poem came to mind that I had to memorize when I was in grade school. It was "The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner", and it begins like this: "The time has come, the walrus said, to think of many things".

This is also true for all of us in the Masonic family.

For many years, we were believed to be a secret society. We know this to be untrue, but there are many people who do not share our views. Why? One reason I believe is because we do not blow our own horn loud enough, therefore, the general public is not aware of who we are and what we do.

Communicate

Brothers and Nobles, it is time for us to start doing a better job of getting the word out to the pub-

lic. We need to tell them of all our good work. I am sure that there are many among us who think they know all about Masonry, Scottish Rite, York Rite, all Concordant Bodies and the Shrine. But, do we? Do we know all the Masonic Charities- Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite, Royal Arch, Grotto, Tall Cedars, Shrine? Do we know about the charities of all the other Bodies? I certainly do not, but I am learning. Why? Because when someone asks me a question, I want to know what I am talking about and so should you, my Brothers.

As we enter into a new century, we should also advance with new ideas to promote our Fraternity, which is the greatest in the world and we are proud of it. It is true we wear rings, pins, and wear many different hats. But they do not tell the story; we must.

Let's blow our horn!

We have a number of very competent people in all of the Masonic Bodies who are well versed in the history and philanthropies, who are willing to go forth to spread the word to the different organizations and clubs. We need your help to find the groups that we can spread the word about our charities. What a better way to improve membership? Let us start blowing the horn and tell people who we are and what we do.

Men do not light a candle
And put it under a bushel.
But on a candlestick
And it giveth light unto all
That are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good work and glorify your Father which is in heaven. □



Damascus Past Masters Degree Team

By Joseph Minas, Director

I think Mother Nature is a little mixed up, instead of us having Spring weather, we have a Winter wonderland. For some, it was a disaster of roofs caving in, trees falling, cars stuck along the road, and the airport closed, all on account of the snow that fell.

We were supposed to confer a 3rd Degree in Dansville on March 6th. I had to cancel it on account of the snow storm. We thank all the Past Masters and Nobles who participated at Flower City, Charlotte/Corinthian and Churchville Lodges, exemplifying the 3rd Degree.

Future Degrees

Future 3rd Degrees will be in Dansville; Craftsman/Robertson Lodge at the Downtown Temple on April 6th; Churchville Lodge in April; and Wayne Lodge on April 28th. If there are Past Masters who want to join the Degree Team, please contact me at (716) 671-1917 or Assistant Director, William Kuehne at (716) 671-8774. □

Food Service Worker Certification

By Harry Dainty

Damascus Temple is hosting a Food Service Worker Certification Program. This course is man-

dated by Monroe County Department of Health for those who prepare or serve food.

This program is offered by Monroe County Department of Health. Damascus Temple is inviting any Lodges or Eastern Star Chapters to participate.

The class will be held on Saturday, May 8, 1999, at Damascus Temple, 979 Bay Road, Webster. The hours will be 9:00 a.m. sharp, to 3:30 p.m. The Health Department requires a \$60.00 fee per person, which includes instruction, textbook and a three year certification upon satisfactory completion.

Registration and fee must be in place by May 1st.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (716) 657-8068, or the Office at 671-7701. □

Daughters of the Nile

By Jean Friedrich, PQ

Bright Spring flowers decorated Fairport Masonic Temple for Zama Temple's Annual Installation of Officers on Sunday, March 21st. The crowd quieted as Pr. Nancy Dainty played the organ prelude. Our chorus sang "Open the Gates", followed by a warm welcome by Queen Judy VanHouten.

Queen-elect Juanita C. Gorton, wearing a black sheath gown, was regal as she lead in her line of officers-elect, who were gowned in a bright array of colors.

The Officers-elect were honored to have the Obligation given by Past Supreme Queen, Betty Nohle, who was also Supreme Installing Officer. Assisting her were Supreme Princess Marshal, PQ Doris Dement; Supreme Installing Chaplain, PQ Violet Ball; Supreme Installing Recorder, PQ Florence Calhoun; and Supreme Installing Atten-

dants, PQs Sharon Baldwin and Carol Colegrove.

Queen Juanita was conducted to the throne, pausing to receive flowers from her Noble, Earl. She was presented with the Gavel and the Charter, and was seated on the throne.

The remaining officers were installed in a beautiful ceremony. Our new Queen Juanita addressed the assembly, then introduced the Illustrious Potentate of Damascus Temple, George Simon, and his lady, Lulu. The Potentate gave us his greetings and congratulations, and introduced other members of the Divan and their ladies. We were pleased to have so many Nobles present.

Following the Ceremony, Pr. Toni Jeerings sang, and our Units performed for our new Queen Juanita and her officers. Queen Juanita invited everyone to a Reception at the Green Lantern Inn next door, which was followed by an informal buffet dinner.

Supreme Session will be held June 13th through the 17th in Jacksonville, Fl. We hope that many of our members and new officers can attend.

New members

We welcome three new members to Zama Temple, who joined us at our Ceremonial in February. They are: Prs. Marjorie Badger, Elizabeth Kain and Betty Rainey. We hope to see them often at our Sessions.

Join us

Our next Stated Session will be held on Saturday, April 10th at 1:00 p.m., preceded by a coffee and social hour at 11:30 a.m. Plan to be there to cheer on our new Queen and her officers at their first Session. □

R.W. Gillott

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R.:W.: Gillott is co-founder, with R.:W.: Brendel, of the Eto- lian/Webster Hi-12 Lunch bunch which gathers monthly at the Spencerport Temple. An average of two dozen Masons and their friends enjoy the soup and sandwich fare of Chef Gillott and the fellowship it has created, especially with this year's addition to some 6 or 8 Brethren from Webster Lodge No. 538. A card game or two usually follows dessert, along with volunteer hands for washing and cleanup.

Charter member

R.:W.: Gillott was elected a charter member of 3X3 Chapter No. 333, Royal Arch Masons, State of New York. The Chapter meets at the Spencerport Temple. He has been the perennial Treasurer of the Chapter since it convened in April, 1990.

He has been annually re-elected as Treasurer of the Spencerport Temple Association. This is the organization which monitors the physical and monetary assets of the structure and houses the Lodge, Eastern Star and Royal Arch Chapters, along with doctors offices and a florist shop.

Ed's Masonic life began to take shape when he joined the Bergen Chapter, Order of DeMolay, in Rutherford, N.J., in 1949. He served in several offices, particu-

larly relishing his role as Chaplain.

His parents emigrated to the US from Sheffield, Yorkshire, England in 1925. Ed was born in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., on February 15, 1934. His father was raised in Eclipse Lodge No. 259 in N.J. in 1930. His sister, Edythe (Werner), was a member of Bergen Assembly No. 17, Order of the Rainbow, joining in 1948. She followed that with joining Eclipse Chapter No. 226, Order of the Eastern Star, in 1954. Several other family members and in-laws are mentioned in his Masonic biography since our new Right Worshipful takes pride in his Masonic heritage.

Ed graduated from East Rutherford High School in N.J. in 1951. In 1956., he graduated from Bergen County Technical and Vocational School.

In 1952 Ed joined the Naval Reserve and he was discharged from the Navy in 1958 as a 1st Class Petty Officer.

Ed was employed by Eastman Kodak Company in 1973 as a tool engineer, retiring in 1989.

Woodworking, gardening and metal detecting are among his favorite pastimes, along with assisting his wife with volunteer activities.

He and his wife, Judy (Hague), were married in 1958 in the Methodist Church in Rutherford, N.J. They have two children, Barry and Bonnie, and three grandchildren. They reside in N. Chili, in a con-

clave for retired Brethren who share membership in Eto- lian Lodge. Ed has fostered the affiliation of several of his neighbors.

Ed is truly proud of his Masonry. His manner and bearing are inspirational to those who seek to become better men and Masons and he sets a fine example for the Craft. □

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

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A great night

It was a night to remember. The Lodge was very filled with people waiting for the show to begin. Other Lodges even closed their meetings early to come and witness the performance of Paul Stillman. Finally he made his entrance dressed in the uniform of a Civil War soldier. With rifle in arm, he began to tell the tale of a soldier's life in the nation's greatest battle of all time.

Mr. Stillman mesmerized the audience as he told of the conditions during the war and what it was like to be a prisoner.

It is hard to describe the performance in words. This is a show that must be seen to be appreciated.

Brunch

Our Lodge Brunch was on March 13th. The numbers were small, but the appetites, large. Thanks to Bill King and Ken Ratliff, for their cooking efforts in the kitchen. The food tasted great and most ate their fill. I wish more Brothers would support these events. A lot of time, effort and planning go into these events.

3rd Degree

The Shrine Degree Team conferred the 3rd Degree on March 16th. R.:W.: David W. Jones raised his son and two other candidates to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Oatka Lodge joined us for this Degree with one of their Brothers. The Degree was performed to perfection. The dinner preceding the Degree was by far one of the best dinners this year at the Lodge.

April meetings

Our Awards Night on April 6th will be open to friends and families.

On April 20th we will hold our Annual Table Lodge. This is always one of our big nights, call Brother Ken Ratliff at 323-1014 now with your reservation. □

Churchville Lodge No. 667

20 South Main St.
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W.: Louis M.
Sanfillippo,
Master
227-3898

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

W.: George R. Burke,
Secretary 392-1629

By W.: Garry R. Hutcherson

Thank you

March has been an exciting month for us as we have put on a 2nd Degree with JW John Hennessey in the East and V.:W.: Robert Strang doing the Middle Chamber Lecture. Churchville Lodge appreciates Bob very much for his help in the work and the patient guidance he has given us. A special thank you to Chet Bonak who has helped us on so many occasions with his music. He has made our Degrees really special.

We did it

We thank R.:W.: Don Darrohn, DDGM, for his special visit to the Lodge to thank us for our efforts in raising the most money of any Lodge for the Have-a-Heart Campaign. He had gracious words of praise for W.: Louis Sanfillippo for his work that day.

Shrine Degree Team

We thank the Shrine Degree for putting on our 3rd Degree March 24th. We had a wonderful time and appreciate their instruction in the work, it was great.

Happy Easter

Have a wonderful Easter and we hope to see all our snowbirds soon.

Old Computers Needed

By George Bracht

Asbury First United Methodist Church is setting up a Computer Learning Center to teach Computer Literacy to the poor and unemployed. Computers with older technology and related parts are needed to make up working computers. The hard drives are reconfigured and reloaded with our software, most of them with Windows 3.1. We are lucky to have some Windows 95 systems, and someday have one that we can go on the internet.

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The poor man will esteem it, and mothers hold it dear,
The plain and common people, he loved while he was here.

Anonymous

Friendship

Come back! ye friendships long departed!
That like o'erflowing streamlets started,
And now are dwindled one by one,
To stony channels in the sun!

Come back ye friends whose lives are ended,
Come back with all that light attended,
Which seemed to darken and decay
When ye arose and went away.

Longfellow

The following appeared in the March issue of the Times, but had some typos in it and is reprinted here at the request of the author.

Of Golden Winds

Our spirits are feathers, whirling with fidelity,
Experiencing wondrous grandeur during infinity,
Cherishing the mood of the celestial dynasty,
Gently kissing the forehead of the sun.

The purity of glossy white pearls appears as a cloud during a brief unfamiliarity with the galaxy,
Ginseng flavors the atmosphere with sophisticated scent.

Dainty lace, adorned with pink rose petals, is affixed on the altar,
And, the secrets of the heavens shall be revealed to all people as they have been to the faithful.

For, we are angels of golden winds empowered by God.

M. Cathy Helmes

Computer needed!

The Herman Sarachan Monroe Masonic Library is in need of a used computer to catalog its book inventory and for word processing. The present computer is an old relic that is not adequate for the task or possible future needs. If you have knowledge of an available computer/monitor/printer combo of at least 386 MHz with reasonable RAM and Hard Drive capacity, please contact the Service Bureau at 473-4351 any week day, 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

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By Paul Lydens, Chairman

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By Don Brugger
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The members meet at the Penfield Temple the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. A dinner at a local restaurant usually precedes the meetings. If interested, call me at 458-6125.

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Scottish Rite NEWS

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Ronald D. Mertens Commander-in-Chief



Spring is here

The March calendar indicates that it is Spring. This is the season in which we become aware that the Supreme Architect makes all things new and refreshes that which has been dormant during the Winter months. It is my hope that the Valley of Rochester will also be refreshed as we enter this time of year. Many of our members will be returning from their Winter hiatus in warmer climates. They will help to refresh those of us who have braved the elements of a rather snowy Winter. Hopefully all of us will be renewed and refreshed by milder temperatures and better driving conditions and be ready to participate in the activities of the Scottish Rite.

Tax day dinner

On Thursday, April 15th, we will be hosting a dinner for some special people. We have invited the students from the Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, along with their families, to be our guests at a Roast Beef Dinner. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$7.00 per person. Following the dinner we will be entertained by Evie and Company with a program of song and ventriloquism.

This is a program for members and families and you are encouraged to make your reservations quickly as space is limited. The members of the Board of Governors of the Learning Center will also be present. This will be an opportunity for you to see what one of the charities of the Scottish Rite is accomplishing and to realize that it is happening in your Valley. It will give you a good feeling.

One Day Reunion

A great amount has been said and written about our April 24th One Day Reunion. Soon it will be a reality. The Valleys of Buffalo and Jamestown will be joining with us to confer all the required Degrees on that day. We anticipate having the largest class of candidates in several years. Will you be the sponsor of a candidate? If so, we thank you and look forward to your attendance. If not, why not? You still have time to submit a petition and be a sponsor.

Your help is needed in order for our Scottish Rite to prosper and grow. I ask for your assistance in helping us to be refreshed with new members. The Class Sponsor for this Spring Reunion is Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr. I can think of no person who is more highly respected and who has touched the lives of so many members of our Craft. Do a Brother a favor by inviting him to be a member of this Class.

6° Vignette

Intimate Secretary
Saturday, April 24, 1999

This degree teaches that devotion to one's friends and zealousness in performing one's duties are rewarding virtues.

Directed by:

John E. Zabel, 33°

Narrator:

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14°

Grand Elect Mason
Following the 10°

In the Scottish Rite, this Degree is the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. As the crowning Degree of the Lodge of Perfection, its essence is the holiness of God and reverence for His Holy Name. God will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

Directed by:

Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°

(461-1254)

and Thomas O'Leary

(288-7381)

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Robert Franzen

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John E. Zabel, 33°

*Will take part

32°

Sublime Prince
of the Royal Secret
Following the 26°

This degree describes the victory of the spiritual over the human in man and the conquest of appetites and passions by moral sense and reason. The Exemplar represents every Freemason eager to serve humanity but caught between self-interest and the call of duty. Duty often requires sacrifice, sometimes the supreme sacrifice.

Directed by:

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Visiting Casts

The casts of the 16°, 18°, 26° and some of the 32° - 1st Section will be from the Valleys of Buffalo and Jamestown. We are pleased they will be a part of our One Day Reunion.

Are you really a sponsor?

By Lawrence W. Dunn

Every Brother who applies for membership in the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R., fills out a petition and seeks two members of the Valley to be his sponsors. These are usually friends or business acquaintances.

Responsibilities

These sponsors have a twofold responsibility. A sponsor must vouch for the petitioner's character and membership in a Blue

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April 24, 1999

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO

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Ron Morthorst, Monarch

Monarch's Message

I had the pleasure to be the guest of honor at our Caldron's 51st Birthday Party, along with a good representation of Prophets from Lalla Rookh Grotto. These ladies are in a special class of people who do great things. I hope to make many more celebrations with these special ladies.

History!

The Euchre Tournament, which was well attended, is history and the bragging will last all year. Due to the deadlines, I will report the winners in the May issue.

Awards

April is our month for the Annual Awards presentation to our deserving Prophets and a time to renew old friendships. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. Call PM Dick Topel for reservations at 663-2547.

Master Mason Night

This event will take place on April 26th from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Henrietta Town Park. I expect each of our Prophets to bring a guest. See the Membership column for further details.

Golf Tournament

June 19th is the date at Old Hickory Golf Course, Livonia. Tee time is 10:00 a.m. Register early.

Enchanted Lanterns

Yes, they are available. Same donation as always-\$50.00. Send your request to our Enchanted Lantern Ambassador, PM Dick Topel, 949 Bennington Dr., Rochester, 14616.

The Stamp Program is available at the Grotto meetings.

Sickness and distress

Don McDill's son has been very sick in Boston. Hope he is feeling better now. We hope all the Prophets are over the flu.

Note correction

The Day at the Races is Sunday, July 25th.

Telephone correction

Alfred Pulcino-225-8471. □

Legion of Honor

By Leon VanHuben

The March 15th meeting was at the Dutch Mill and we had a good dinner and meeting. All veterans are welcome to join us. Members have details on our Project for 1999.

Make dinner reservations with the Executive Officer, Al Pulcino III at 225-8471.

Until next month, have good health, give sympathy and good fellowship. □

Chief Justice

By Leon VanHuben

All Grotto functions for March are in the past. April is a busy month for the Grotto. April 8th is Prophet Night at the Caldron meeting. On April 21st the Grotto starts with a dinner, followed by Awards Night at the meeting, with a number of Prophets receiving 25 through 50 Year Certificates and Pins.

Prophets, don't forget the ESGA Spring Meeting in Williamsport, PA, on April 23rd and 24th.

April 26th will be Master Mason Night at Henrietta Town Park. That should be all of the functions for April.

See you at the Grotto meeting on April 21st. □

Dates to Remember

Mon., April 5th-Board of Governors 7:00 p.m.
Grotto Office

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

Thurs., April 15th-Caldron Exe. Meeting Home of Sue Wilson

Wed., April 21st-Grotto Meeting, Awards Night Cathedral Hall 7:30 p.m., Dinner 6:15 p.m.

Mon., April 26th-Master Mason Night-Henrietta Town Park 4:00 p.m., eat at 7:00 p.m.

Fri., Sat., April 23-24-ESGA Spring Convention, Zafar Grotto, Williamsport, PA

Thurs., April 29th-Caldron Make Up Meeting

**Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship**

Membership

The Master Mason's Night is April 26th at the Henrietta Town Park. If you have not asked a Brother Mason to join you yet, you still have time. Each Prophet and his guest will have their dinner, compliments of Lalla Rookh Grotto. Reservations are required. Please call 334-4753 or 334-4196 by April 21st for your reservations. □

Master of Ceremonies

The Award Night Dinner on April 21st will be prepared by our very own PM, Mike Bell.

Mike recently attended a culinary school, and is sure to delight all with his menu of Stuffed Chicken Breast.

Joining us that night will be two Officers of His Majesty's Regiment, dressed in 1776 British uniforms. They will relate the trials and tribulations of that era.

Reservations must be made with Dick Topel at 663-2547 by April 14th. □

Caldron News

Happy Easter and greetings to all of Lalla Rookh.

Future events

Our regular meeting will be April 8th.

The Executive Council will meet at the home of Sue Wilson on April 15th.

On April 29th we will have a make up meeting for the one that was cancelled.

May 6th is a rehearsal for the Supreme Visit.

May 13th is the Supreme Visit and a dinner.

Under the weather

Please remember our shut-ins with a card and a phone call.

We have many things coming up and we hope to see you out. □



Ken Hutchinson, 1998 Commander of the Grotto Legion of Honor, presenting American Flag to Winnie and Don McDill in appreciation for hosting yearly events at their cottage on Conesus Lake.



1999 Officers of the Grotto Legion of Honor: Dick Topel-Quartermaster, Leon Van Huben-Commander, Alfred Pulcino-Executive Officer, Ernest Swan-Personnel Officer, Frank Murrer-Treasurer and Michael Bell-Chaplain.

my accident, here it is - while removing snow from in front of the garage at home, I slipped on black ice, got a 3" cut on the top of my head that required stitches and staples, moved the right shoulder to the left a little, jarred the right hip, and twisted the right ankle 180°. For about an hour it was nip and tuck because the body was getting cold, seems like the whole wiring system was shorted out. With excellent care at Rochester General Hospital, I pulled through. That's all there was to it. Thanks for all of your cards and calls. When you get sick or have an accident, that is when you find out who your real friends are.

I would like to know more about your misfortunes or sickness. Please let me know so that others can be informed. □

Give to your Masonic Service Bureau. Sooner is better than later! □



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

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MASTER MASON NIGHT

April 26, 1999

Henrietta Town Park

4 p.m. Social Hour

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Lodge. He should be willing to help his candidate in attending the Degrees and be there for support.

You do not invite someone to your home and not be there, or leave him to watch TV or entertain himself. What an impression that would give him! The same holds true for a petitioner of the Scottish Rite.

Be there

If you wish to sponsor a Brother in Scottish Rite you should make sure he arrives at the proper time and place. It would be great if you brought him to take the Degrees and support

him by being present. On returning him to his home, be able to explain any questions he may have regarding his initiation into the Scottish Rite.

If you do this, you will truly be a friend, Brother, and in this instance, a sponsor. □

Hospitaler's Report

The following Brothers have been reported to me:

Gordon Bell - Eye surgery

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Earl Pearce - Back problems

Yours truly, Tom Paglia - After getting chewed out by many of my friends for not reporting on

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York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
Judas Maccabeus

M.E.: Arnold Palmer and Other Local Masons Installed in Grand Chapter Line



M.E. Palmer donning his new Grand High Priest's Apron with the assistance of M.E. Cortland Andrew (left) and M.E. Bruce Renner (right) at the Installation Ceremony in Albany, NY.



R.E. Vernon L. Goodrich (center), was re-elected Grand Treasurer, R.E. Ted Diehl (left), re-appointed Asst. Grand Treasurer and R.E. Larry Dunn (not pictured) was re-appointed Asst. Grand Treasurer at the Grand Convocation in Albany, NY.



R.E. Thomas Paglia, who was appointed Grand Sentinel, Grand Chapter RAM, State of NY.

By Don Brugger

M.E. Palmer was born in Caledonia, NY, to Arnold Edward and Rachel Hale Palmer, April 6, 1939.

Education and Employment

He was schooled in the Caledonia-Mumford Central School System and received his higher education at the Air University while in the U.S. Air Force and later at Northwestern University, Boston, MA. He also received further formal and informal training in Information Management, Automated Information Systems and Physical Security.

Companion Palmer's work experience includes employment at: the Caledonia Advertiser/Keith Press, Caledonia, NY, Security officer in Plant Security, Eastman Kodak Apparatus Div., Commercial & Government Systems-Imaging Product & Systems Security Services as a security as-

sistant, and Government and Corporate Procedures on Information Management, Automated Information Systems Communications & Physical Security.

His military experience includes: Security and Law Enforcement in the U.S. Air Force at L.G. Hanscom Field, Bedford MA. and Evreux AFB, France.

M.E. Palmer's hobbies include the study of Unorthodox Warfare, Criminology, Espionage, Sino-Japanese History, Philosophy, and the History of Religion. He also likes to camp and hike.

Masonic career

M.E. Palmer was raised in Eunice Lodge No. 830 in Caledonia, NY and served as Master in 1961, 1969 and 1988. He is past President of the Livingston District Masonic Association, past DDGM (1990-'91) and past President of the Western Region DDGM's and was also Chairman of the Livingston District Education Committee (1991-'92).

M.E. Palmer has served Grand Lodge on the Grand Lodge General Committee, as Secretary and Chairman of the Education Committee, Leadership Committee, as Consultant and on the Related Organizations Committee.

York Rite

In the York Rite, M.E. Palmer joined Dansville Chapter No. 91 in 1970 and served as High Priest in 1974 and 1988. He is a Dual Member of Livonia Chapter No. 311 and Hiram Chapter No. 62. He served as District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 27th Capitular District in 1990-'92 and is a member of the Western New York Past High Priest's Association. He was the Chairman of the Benevolence Committee for the 27th District in 1989.

Companion Palmer was appointed to the Grand Line in 1992, was Chairman of the Grand Chapter By-Laws Committee in 1992-'95. He served as Grand Scribe in 1997 and Grand King in 1998.

In the Cryptic Rite he became a member of Doric Council No. 19 in 1970 and served as Illustrious Master in 1992. He is a member of the Cryptic Circle, Cryptic Masons of the State of New York and is a dual member in Frontenac Council No. 26, Kingston, Ontario, and St. Lawrence Lodge No. 23, Royal Ark Mariners, Kingston, Ontario, CAN.

SK Palmer joined Cyrene Commandery (now Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12) in 1988 and was Commander in 1992-'93. He is a member of the Sovereign Order Knights Preceptor.

M.E. Palmer is a life member of the Valley of Rochester A.A.S.R., Damascus Temple A.A.O.M.S., Genesee Assemblage No. 1 Order of Judas Maccabeus (Past Commander) and a member of the James Hard/Wayne Charter Post, Masonic War Veterans. He is also a member of Caledonia Chapter No. 451 and a dual member of Livonia Chapter No. 490, O.E.S.

Companion Palmer is a member of Genesee Council No. 15 Allied Masonic Degrees,

Glencairn Council No. 41, Knight Masons, U.S.A. and St. Mark's Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. He is a member of Genesee York Rite College No. 25 and past Governor, Associate Regent of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America and Brother of the Order of the Purple Cross of York. Companion Palmer is a member of Empire State Priory No. 46 and recipient of the Knight of the York Cross of Honor and Knight of York Grand Cross of Honor with one quadrant and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Community

Arnold E. Palmer is a member of the American Legion, Air Force Association, American Museum of Natural History, National Space Institute, Smithsonian Institute, Future World Institute and the U.S. Navy Institute. He belongs to the Jaycees and is a Boy Scouts Alumnus, a former Scout Master and has received the District Award of Merit, the Vigil of Honor, Order of the Arrow.

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Companions

Grand Chapter 1999 and the Blizzard of '99 are both over. It is sad that both had to happen at the same time. The Blizzard was the cause of approximately 1/3 to 1/2 of the Companions of Western New York not being present at Grand Chapter to witness our own Arnold E. Palmer become the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, RAM, State of New York. To make matters worse, his fiancée, attempting to drive to Albany, became stranded in Farmington, NY, and never saw him be elevated to the office of Grand High Priest. Those of us who were able to get out of Rochester and drive to Albany, were stranded in Albany on Saturday, and had to stay over an extra day because of the Thruway conditions. Sunday's drive home was uneventful, the road conditions were ideal all the way to our home in North Chili.

Last reminder

M.E. Arnold E. Palmer's Reception is Saturday, April 17th. Contact R.E. Tom Paglia for reservations.

The April 8th meeting of Hiram Chapter will be presided over by Companion John Dudley, King of Hiram Chapter, as I will not be able to be present.

On April 22nd, the Holy Royal Arch Degree will be conferred on our candidates, preceded by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The menu will be Swiss Steak or Chicken. Please call me at 594-8033 before Sunday, April 18th, with your reservation.

Don't forget the Canadians are coming in October this year. Plan on joining us for this annual fraternal visit.

As your High Priest, it is my hope that I will see you at some if not all, of our convocations this year. Until then, may our God above watch over you and yours until we meet again.

R.E.: David W. Whiteman Appointed DDGHP of 27th

Masonic

R.E. David W. Whiteman was raised in Phoenix Lodge No. 115 in Dansville, NY on March 22, 1966 and served as Master in 1971, 1979, 1996 and 1997. He served as Grand Sword Bearer of Grand Lodge in 1992 through 1994. He was President of the District Association and has chaired various Committees. R.W. Whiteman chaired the Girl Scout Breakfast many times and the Annual District Chicken Bar-B-Que for many years.

His RAM Chapter experience started in Dansville Chapter No. 91 where he served as High Priest several times, the last being in 1970. He is an active participant in the Degrees.

Personal

R.E. Comp. Whiteman attended Dansville Central High School and SUNY at Oswego. He is a Propane delivery driver by vocation.

In the community he has participated in scouting being a Cub Master and Assistant Scout Leader. He also was a Cinderella Softball Coach and Little League Umpire.

He and his wife have four children: Sherri Whiteman Gerber, David T. Whiteman and Sean and David Cyganovitch. Dave's hobbies include bowling, playing cards, hunting, walking and camping.

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Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District



R.E. Stephen Licht

Companions

Our District was hard hit by the Blizzard of '99, as evidenced by the decreased attendance at the Annual Grand Convocation in Albany. Those of us who were able to make the trek experienced the usual good fellowship that has long been a hallmark of Grand Chapter.

Petitioners

I am pleased to learn that Arcade Chapter No. 322 has 2 petitioners in waiting for Degrees and expect to hear the dates of conferral announced soon. Our new Assistant Grand Lecturer, V.E. Richard Anderson, will be assembling Degree casts from throughout the District. Our Degree work is second to none in this State and with your continued support, it will remain as such.

I hope to use this column to communicate District Royal Arch events, but I can only do this with input from the Chapters. We have a fine means of communication available, let us make full use of it.

Your attention is directed to the following activities

April 8th-Orleans Chapter No. 175-Official Visit of the DDGHP. This presents an ideal opportunity to meet and greet

the newest Chapter in our District. I will leave Batavia at 6:30 p.m. and welcome passengers.

April 12-Arcade Chapter No. 322 will host the Grand Lecturer's Convention. A 6:30 p.m. Roast Beef Dinner at the Harding Temple will precede the Convention. Reservations should be made to V.E. Richard Anderson at 493-2203 or 493-5395, or R.E. Daniel Evans at 492-2807 by April 5th. Cost is \$7.00. At 8:00 p.m. the Grand Lecturer will review the new Royal Arch video, soon to be released on Pay-Per-View. He will also address any questions you may have regarding Ritual, floor work, opening, closing and balloting.

April 11 - There will be a planning meeting for the 29th District's coming year at Attica Lodge. All Chapter Officers and interested Royal Arch Masons are encouraged to attend. It is **highly recommended** that all High Priests, Kings, Scribes, and Chapter Secretaries make every effort to be there. The meeting will be preceded by a breakfast provided at 8:00 a.m. in Attica Lodge at a nominal cost.

April 13-Wyoming Chapter No. 181-Official Visit of the DDGHP at 8:00 p.m. I will be leaving Batavia at 6:30 p.m. and welcome Capitular passengers.

April 15-Western Star No. 35-Official Visit of DDGHP at 8:00 p.m. The DDGHP Apron will formally be presented this night and it would be greatly appreciated if all Past DDGHPs of the District would make the extra effort to attend. Refreshments will follow.

April 16-Grand Chapter of Ontario at Niagara Falls. R.E. Jerrold Brade, the Grand Representative of Canada, Province of Ontario, and I will be in brief attendance. Please make contact with us if you would like to join in our travels to a foreign jurisdiction.

April 17- Reception for M.E. Arnold Palmer at the Rochester Marriott. Reservations required. See the ad in the *Masonic Times*.

April 24-Scholarship Dinner at Bohn's Restaurant, Batavia. See the ad in any issue of the *Masonic Times*. April 16th is the cut-off date for reservations. Contact your Chapter Secretary or me for reservations and information.

I hope this column has provided a complete listing of Royal Arch activities, enough to fill your calendar for the month of April. If you know of upcoming events, please forward the information to me, and I will convey it to the Companions of the District through the *Masonic Times* and my travels.

ever, R.E. Karl Reich, Companion Art McMichael and I were unable to get out of Rochester due to the big blizzard. We were disappointed that we were unable to represent you at this event. As information is received, it will be passed on to you.

Anointed

I was proud and privileged to be Anointed as a High Priest. The Ceremony was most impressive. I certainly hope many of you, my Companions, have the opportunity to be elected and installed to the office of High Priest of this fine Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Fervency and Zeal

Under the capable leadership of our King, R.E. Ruel Lovett, a Fervency and Zeal Program was presented at the Bergen Lodge.

We hope to be invited to make similar presentations to other Lodges in our area. I ask you to check with your Master to see if there might be some room on his trestleboard for us. I feel we owe it to our Brothers to let them know about the Royal Arch.

MMM

At our February convocation, we reviewed and practiced the Mark Master Mason Degree. Since we have received a number of petitions, a Mark Master Degree was held on March 23rd.

It's a video

We now own an instructional video provided by Grand Chapter demonstrating the setting up, opening and closing of a Chapter. This will be a part of our program at our April 13th convocation.

Grand High Priest Reception

Remember the Reception of M.E. Arnold E. Palmer on April 17th and the Royal Arch Mason Scholarship Dinner at Bohn's Restaurant in Batavia on April 24th.

Finally

I hope all of you made it through the blizzard and without undue hardships.

**Doric Council
No. 19**

Cryptic Masons
(Chartered in 1861)



3rd
Wednesdays

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L. Edward Walker, Recorder
647-2382

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Thanks

I thank everyone who participated and helped out with the Grand Lecturer's Convention on March 17th. As most of you know, this was the first Grand Lecturer's Convention for Doric Council's own R. Ill. William Zufall, the new Grand Lecturer for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York. I hope that our meeting will be a benchmark that all others will be striving to attain.

Table Council

The meeting on April 21st is my favorite meeting in all Masonry. It is Doric Council's Annual Table Council. This will be an open meeting so you can invite any Brother you like. We can use this meeting as an introduction to Doric Council and the York Rite of Masonry. Through the efforts of R. Ill. William Zufall,

we have an excellent speaker lined up for the night. R. Ill. and R. E. Edmund D. Harrison, the Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Reservations are a MUST for the dinner. Call Ed Walker at 647-2382 or me at 334-7353.

Come one, come all, and let's have a great night of fellowship along with a great meal and a little of the fruit of the vineyard. I hope to see you there.

**Nun-Da-Wa-Ga
Council No. 92**

4th Monday
West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14482

Ill. Keith C. Denton
Master
637-9318

Ill. Vernon Rupert
Recorder
343-8429

Thanks, Doug

Thank you, Doug Poole, for your articles for the last couple of months. My dad has had a lot of complications with his dialysis and after 16 or more "procedures" (surgeries) since December, has decided that a transplant sounds pretty good! I have started the testing necessary to qualify me as his kidney donor and look forward to the operation and things settling down. I've spent so much time at Strong Memorial Hospital the last few months, they're talking about giving me an assigned parking spot.

The power of ten

Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council has quite a reputation in New York for charitable contributions. This year (assuming we continue as in years past) will mark our 10th year where our per member average is above \$5.00.

I would like to mark the occasion by making this year's average \$10.00 per member. I know we are all watching our pennies and trying to cut back where we can. I also know the Council is not the only Masonic Body you support with your contributions. But,

even if we contributed \$10 to every organization we belong to, it would still be a better use of our money than wasting it on snacks (that none of us need) after our meetings, or on coffee and soda each week, or unneeded things around the house. Your \$10 is needed by our charities and the recipients. You'll benefit from the tax write-off, a warm fuzzy feeling when you go to sleep at night and it will probably help balance your account come Judgement Day. So, dig a little deeper this year!

In invitation to join us!

Nun-Da-Wa-Ga meets at LeRoy's Masonic Temple once a month on the 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. We usually have 15-20 members present, do respectable work, and always have a good time, so come and join us. For those of you who can't get enough Masonry there's even a Royal Arch meeting, same night, same place, only one hour before (with guess who presiding). There aren't too many times you can kill two Masonic birds with one stone. I once overheard someone say, "Once a month with Denton at LeRoy is all the Masonry anyone needs." I'm sure it was a compliment. So once again, the door is always open, please join us.

When our friends are present, we ought to treat them well; and when they are absent, to speak of them well.

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2nd Tue.
7:30 p.m.

State Convocation

Companions, it was my plan to share with you my experiences at the State Convocation in this issue of the *Masonic Times*. How-

**Cyrene-Monroe
Commandery
No. 12**

Chartered
1993

1st & 3rd
Mondays



SK Laszlo Tuczai
Commander

SK Lawrence W. Dunn
Recorder 594-8033

By KT Don Brugger

Our inspection went fairly well, considering. Although we were short a couple of Officers, there were Sir Knights from Sister Commanderies to help us out. We thank those members of Sagoyawatha for their assistance and also members of DeMolay and other Commanderies from other Zones. I hope that all Sir Knights of Cyrene/Monroe, if possible, attended the remaining inspections in the area to return.

Sickness

Sir Knight Robert Zahn was hospitalized in North Carolina with an intestinal blockage. At this writing we hear he has been released from the hospital and they are monitoring his condition.

Sir Knight Harold Miller, PGHP, underwent surgery in Florida for the removal of a sizable tumor on his kidney. He is

doing quite well at this time. He will probably be undergoing some kind of procedure in the future to open up blocked coronary arteries. We will be giving you updates on both Sir Knights in the future.

SK Ray Hager recently suffered a heart attack and is now home, but he and his wife, Vi, have pneumonia.

Orders

The Orders of Knighthood will be conferred in Hornel, NY on the 10th of April. Sir Knights from Cy/Mo will be participating in the Order of the Temple. If you can help, contact the recorder for more information and possible car-pooling. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., the Red Cross is scheduled at 9:00 a.m., followed by Malta. The Order of the Temple will take place after lunch.


Dates

The Grand Commandery Easter Observance, at the George Washington Shrine in Alexandria, VA, will take place the morning of April 4th, all are invited. Cyrene/Monroe Commandery will have an open Easter Observance on April 5th in Cathedral Hall, DTT.

Our Election of Officers will take place at the April 19th meeting. All Sir Knights are encouraged to attend both.

All Sir Knights are also encouraged to attend our regular conclaves on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Don't let the lack of equipment keep you away. We have some swords, chapeaus and uniforms available

**Past High Priests
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Western New York**



V.E. Stephen Licht, Sec.
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Companions

This will be my last opportunity to promote the Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner on April 24, 1999. Each Chapter has received an information packet, as has every member of the Past High Priest's Association. The final results rest with YOU and your continued support.

As Royal Arch Masons, how many times have we both heard and told others about our Scholarship Program? This Program exists ONLY through the generosity and far-sightedness of our donors. If this Program is to continue to be an accomplishment we single out with pride, we need to generate funds that will be immediately utilized as scholarship monies.


Conflicts

This year other Masonic activities were later scheduled for the same date as the dinner. For those attending the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Rochester, following the conferral of the 32°, it is only a short ride on the 490 Westbound to the Bergen exit. Take Route 33 West for 11.5 miles and you will be a Bohn's Restaurant. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Dinner, your check, made payable to the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund, will demonstrate your support. Your donations will be noted in the dinner program.

I am thanking you in advance for making this dinner a success for the Scholarship Fund.

**Genesee
York Rite
College No. 25**



Rochester, New York
(Chartered July 14, 1962)

Pre-Em. Governor
Ruell R. Lovett 494-2546

Secretary
Lawrence W. Dunn 594-8033

By Ruel R. Lovett

Companion Knights, I would like to tell you how well the Knight of York Degree went, but it has not taken place as of this writing. I feel confident that it was well done by all the members of the cast. You can feel a strong sense of pride belonging to such a fine and prestigious organization. Those who have gone this way before us have set a fine table. We have a solid organization.

Thank you

My thanks to all who took part in the Degree and to those who were in attendance. The officers feel the support you are giving. Many thanks to Companion Knight Donald Brugger for making the dinner arrangements. Sometimes I feel that we call on him a little too often, but it is much appreciated. Thank you, Companion Knights Taber and Beardsley, and all who took part.

John Gay

Again, I address our absent Sir Knights and request their cooperation in returning any regalia that was LOANED to them while serving as an officer of this Commandery. We have several members wishing to serve as officers, but are hindered by a lack of swords, coats and chapeaus. If you are in possession of these or any other items from the Commandery, PLEASE RETURN THEM that they might be returned to active service. Pick up service will be provided for your convenience if desired.

April Conclaves

April 8-we will open at 8:00 p.m. and breathe a sigh of relief that we are not readying for Inspection! A Nominating Committee will be formed. I will convince my mother-in-law to provide home baked pies, which should be the high point of the evening.

Remember the Eye Foundation.

April 10-The Orders of Templary will be conferred in the Asylum of DeMolay Commandery in Hornell. Batavia has two candidates and several Sir Knights participating in the Orders. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with coffee and donuts. At 9:00 a.m., the Order of the Red Cross will begin, followed by the Order of Malta. After lunch, the Order of the Temple will be conferred. Please make reservations through our Recorder.

April 22-Regular conclave at 8:00 p.m. Report of the Nominating Committee will be announced. Reports are requested from the Treasurer and Recorder. Refreshments.

Remember the Eye Foundation.

Who friendship with a knave hath made, is judg'd a partner in the trade.

Support

Please continue to support your Blue Lodge. Here and now we, as York Rites, can have some input into the successful future of Freemasonry. Say your piece. Do your deed. You could surprise yourself. If you have suggestions, talk to your present or past Grand Lodge Officer. He'll courteously listen. Be sure to attend your College!

Thanks for a great year. It's branded indelibly in my mind. Aloha!

**Order of
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Knight Priest Stanley V. Peterson was installed as Very Eminent Preceptor of Good Shepherd Tabernacle on March 13, 1999 at the stated Ingathering of the Order.

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**Open Invitation to
St. John's 1999**

By William J. Luley

As Executive Director of the Masonic Home, I would like to extend a personal invitation to you and your Lodge members to join us in celebrating one of the greatest Masonic events that takes place on this campus every year...St. John's Celebration, scheduled for Saturday, June 19th.

Although the main focus for this event is the Investiture Service for all the Grand Lodge Officers, it has, in the last few years, evolved to a Masonic event that can be enjoyed by the entire family. We are also asking you to consider participation by your Lodge by setting up a food booth or a display booth. Our goal this year is to have representation from as many Lodges as possible.

Attending this event would give every Brother an opportunity to see for themselves our magnificent campus, as well as enjoy the festivities of the day. We are very optimistic that this year will be the biggest and best year yet!

If you are in need of additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Angie Caiola, Chairperson of the event, or W. Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator on our toll free number, 1-800-322-8826 and they will be happy to assist you.

**Heart Team a Part of
\$1,000,000 Success**

The Masonic Home was pleased to once again sponsor a team for America's Greatest Heart Run/Walk. Twenty-two employees were joined by 31 family members and friends, as well as 12 residents, to walk or run 3 or 5 miles to raise money for the American Heart Association. Being a part of the fun and excitement created by raising more money for the American Heart Association than any other city in the United States, provided great joy and pride for all the participants for this worthwhile cause. The \$1,000,867 raised this year is the first time any heart fundraising effort of this type has exceeded the one million dollar mark.

Our employees and residents were proud to wear their sweatshirts and t-shirts with the Masonic Home and Acacia Village logos. Our own Masonic Medical Research Laboratory benefits from this fundraising effort. To show our "colors" to support a worthy cause and to have a Masonic charity benefit from this walk is very gratifying. We fully expect that in the year 2000 our team will be even bigger than this year.

**Residents Artistic
Talents Recognized**

Two Masonic Home residents have had their artwork selected for display by the New York Association of Homers and Services for the Aging (NYAHS). The Masonic Home is one of the 650 member agencies of this Association.

Iva Thomas' entry entitled "Tulips" will be included in the NYAHS traveling art exhibit that will visit eight locations throughout New York State. Robert Seiselmyer's entry "Day at the Creek" will be displayed at the NYAHS offices in Albany. Also receiving a certificate commemorating participation were Betty Lollman and Mildred Dedicat. We are very proud of these achievements that our residents have obtained.

This is just another example of the excellent programs and the quality of life that our residents receive at the Masonic Home.

Come and Visit

Now is the time to plan your visit to the beautiful Masonic Home Campus. Call W. Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator, at 800-322-8826 to select the date for your sojourn so the Brethren and the ladies from your Lodge/District will see what programs and services are available on the Masonic Campus in Utica, New York.




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Acacia Village News

Genevieve Shoemaker, from Sauquoit, NY, moved to Acacia in March. After 23 years as a nurse at both St. Joseph's Nursing Home and the Presbyterian Home, she decided to retire. As a retiree, she loves to get her hands in the dirt...with her gardening, and plans to continue this hobby at Acacia Village. When she is not outside playing in the dirt,

**Batavia Commandery
No. 34
Knights Templar**



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Thursdays
Attica

Stephen A. Licht
Commander 343-1517
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Recorder 786-3897

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Greeting to all Sir Knights and their Ladies

I am writing this article while contemplating our upcoming Inspection with mixed emotions, fear mixed with dread! I know that our officers will discharge their duties to the best of their abilities, but I wonder about where I stand in the scheme of things? When this appears in print, all will be a matter of history.

It is always a pleasure to report good news, and I am especially pleased to advise the Sir Knights that SK Keith Denton has been recommended to our Grand Commander for service as a Grand Representative. We all anxiously await the reply of the Grand Commandery.

Now, Part II of good news

It is with pleasure that I report that SK and Rev. Charles Lee has been appointed Associate Grand Prelate by SK and Rev. Robert Cave, our Right Eminent Grand Commander. I am convinced that SK Lee will bring credit to himself, Batavia Commandery No. 34, and the Grand Commandery of New York in the faithful discharge of his duties.

another special interest of hers is reading. She will be a "regular" at the Bookmobile, which comes every other week so she can "stock up" on the latest best-sellers. Genny has a son who lives in the Utica area and a daughter who lives in Virginia. Welcome, Genny!

Mini-concerts

Music, music, music...the universal language. So far this year, we have been privileged with mini-concerts by oboist Diana Doherty and pianist Jeremy Denk, courtesy of Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute. We were honored to have local violinist Tony Miolgrano, who has performed and conducted around the world, in concert with piano accompanist, soloist, chamber musician, Sar-Shalom Strong. In contrast, young musicians from the Piano Lab and the Mohawk Valley School of Music presented piano recitals on February 21st and 28th respectively.

Acacia Village sponsored our first annual Bingo from the Heart to benefit the American Heart Association. 64 seniors from area Senior Centers participated, contributing a total of \$394.00. Prizes were donated, a light lunch was served...and a great time was had by all. This fun activity, along with the mini golf tournament, are two examples of the special events held to raise funds for the American Heart Association. The Masonic Home and Acacia Village participated in the mini golf tournament by sponsoring a hole. The hole was L-shaped with a slight rise in front of the hole to add a challenge for the golfers.

In March, the memory of St. Patrick was alive and well. Irish green was a part of the dinner meals. The distinctive musical sounds of Irish tenor Vince Colgan singing ballads and Fred Dwyer, a one man keyboardist, leading the sing-a-long of Irish music, left everyone humming the different songs.

If these activities represent how you envision your retirement, contact our Retirement Councilor, Cindy Dardano at 800-593-3353 for more information, or to arrange a tour.

No man has been able to discover how to give friendly counsel to any woman, not even his wife. *Balzac*

Linda and Robert Zahn Installed as Head of Rochester Chapter



Wthy. Robert and Wthy. Linda Zahn at their Installation as Matron and Patron of Rochester Chapter, O.E.S.

Order of the Eastern Star Highlights

MONROE DISTRICT STATE OF NEW YORK

DDGM
Rt. Wthy.
Barbara Spano



DGL
Rt. Wthy.
James Coleman

Something to be happy about: boxes of live daffodils throughout the room. Is Spring in the air? I certainly hope so, Happy Easter to all.

Official Visits

April 6th - Webster Chapter
April 12th - Charlotte Chapter
April 21st - Henrietta Chapter
April 26th - Mary Jane Holmes Chapter. All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. I hope to see you there.

Reminders

The Grand Matron's Official Visit is April 10th. Your Secretaries have all the information for this day.

June 6th is the District Picnic and Walk-a-Thon. Letters will be going out to all the Chapters after the Grand Matron's Visit.

June 10th - Lilac Luncheon.
July 23rd & 24th - Pilgrimage to Oriskany.

Sickness

I received word that Nancy Seeley (daughter of Dee and Stan) had heart surgery and is coming along just fine. We are so happy to hear that. Please keep Nancy in your prayers.

We are looking

We are still collecting clothes, little soaps, stamps and books for the various charitable organizations. Contact Rt. Wthy. Jim or me if you have any of these items to donate.

Several Sisters and Brothers are collecting the pop tops of beverage cans. One of our Sisters, on learning that Wthy. Frank Jansson was collecting them for the Kidney Foundation, passed this information along to friends. One of these friends collected and counted them, and gave this Sister over 10,000 of them to give to Frank. It is amazing, just like the Bible says, "ask and ye shall receive". What a difference this man made. It really doesn't take much to give a helping hand to someone or something.

Your attendance counts

If you have gone to any District events, be sure you let your Matron know so I can add your name to your Chapter attendance sheet.

Billy Bird is looking for a good home.

I guess this is it for now, plans are made, letters have gone out and we are getting everything together (I hope). Always remember, you make a difference!

Until next time, I wish you peace.

NOLA Chapter No. 368

Order of the Eastern Star

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Wthy. Kim Morici
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By Wthy. Avis Theis

Spring

We love the sibling seasons, Summer, Winter, and Fall. Spring stands for life and rebirth, so perhaps Spring is the best.

Concerns

Good news to know that Wthy. Mabel Gruendike is back at home. A speedy recovery to Wthy. Dean Hiler after a shoulder operation. Good to have Worthy Patron, Santo, back after a bout with the flu. Our love to all our shut-ins.

Meetings

April 16th-Regular meeting with an Easter Bonnet Contest. The Committee-Sisters Alice Hassett and Carol Pickworth.

April 20th-Draping of the Altar. The Committee-Rt. Wthy. Bill Baxter and Mary Anne Sovocool.

Projects

It is as true with the Chapter, as it is with everything else, our expenses keep going up. One of these expenses is our per capita tax. It also gets harder for us to have more projects with just a few to help. If you can give us a hand or help in another way, we would be very grateful.

We are still saving Tops tapes and stamps. Plans are being made for a Progressive Dinner on Sunday, May 23rd. Details will be in the next paper. It will be fun to work with our neighbor Chapters. We welcome our members and friends to join us. Do save the date.

April birthdays

Wthy. Sheila McDonald, Rt. Wthy. Lucile Mason, Wthy. Susan Provost, and Rt. Wthy. Wilda Robinson. Lots of flamingos to Wthy. Vickie Gross and Wthy. Patron Santo Morici.

"Dear Lord, my God, how great Thou art!"

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DeMolay and Philanthropy

Helping others

Of all the founding tenets of the Order of DeMolay that impacts the developmental growth of the young men of DeMolay, love of parents, respect for others and their beliefs, courtesy toward everyone and faithfulness; the most subtle but significant outcome may be DeMolay philanthropy.

Philanthropy is from the Greek philanthropia, meaning "loving humankind". Goodwill to fellow men esp: active effort to promote human welfare.

The young men of DeMolay have been, for eighty years, involved in philanthropy. Through community service projects, DeMolay youth become involved in enterprises such as helping clean city parks and highways, collecting and distributing food for the needy, raising money for seriously and/or chronically ill children. They help senior citizens and many national, state and local charity groups. The young men of DeMolay help gather and deliver toys to young people who are unfortunately without a home on Christmas morning. They visit veterans hospitals helping serve and escort patients to chapel for Sunday service.

DeMolay youth hold many varieties of charity fundraisers that support everything from cancer research to fulfilling wishes for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. They even help Public Broadcasting to survive.

Through these and other worthwhile activities, the youth of DeMolay have had a positive influence on many lives in the past eighty years, and continue to do so.

As the young men of DeMolay grow into responsible adults, philanthropy plays a crucial role in creating "Tomorrow's Leaders Today".

If you would like more information or would like to be a part of creating "Tomorrow's Leaders Today", please contact: DeMolay International, 10200 N Executive Hills Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64153-1367 or call (816) 891-8333. E-mail DeMolay @ DeMolay.org or check out our web site at www.demolay.org.

In Memoriam February

Moore, David, Jr.

David was 86 years old when he passed away on February 16th. He was a 50 year member of Fame Lodge No. 945. Survivors include his wife, Melba, children and one grandson.

Vroom, Allan H.

Death claimed Allan on February 16th. A 55 year member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, he is survived by many family members.

Oldfield, Russell E.
Germania Lodge No. 722 lost a member with the passing of Russell on February 18th. He leaves his son and many other family members.

Gillam, Basil L.

The Lord took Basil into His Loving Arms on February 20th. Basil was 85 years old and was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. His wife of 60 years, Emma, children, grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren all survive him.

Griesmeier, Friedrich

Friedrich was well known as the Shrine Clown, Charlie Chaplin. He was a member of Germania Lodge No. 722, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. He is survived by a granddaughter and a great-grandson.

Hubbard, William Seth

William went to his Heavenly Reward on February 22nd at the age of 91. He was a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475 and Western Star Chapter, RAM. He leaves 2 children, 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Vicinus, Raymond G.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Raymond on February 22nd. He was a member of Fame Lodge No. 945 and is survived by his wife, Geri, and many other family members.

Rice, Clark T.

Constellation Lodge No. 404 lost a member with the passing of Clark on February 24th at the age of 77. Survivors include his wife, Betty, children, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

March

Smith, Walter J.

A member of Clio Lodge No. 779, Walter died on March 2nd at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Gertrude, children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Crumrine, David S.

After a long illness, David passed away on March 7th. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, children and grandchildren.

Kemp, Alfred H., Jr.

Alfred was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797 when he died on March 8th. He is survived by his children.

Venette, Nelson J.

Fairport Lodge No. 476 lost a member with the passing of Nelson on March 8th. He leaves his wife, Nancy, children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Ackler, Arthur A.

Arthur passed away peacefully on March 10th. He was a member of West Star Lodge No. 413 and is survived by his wife, Joyce, children, grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Burt, David James

Union Star Lodge No. 320 lost a member with the death of David on March 10th. He leaves his wife, Carolyn, children and grandchildren.

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

Levine, A. Jack

Jack was a member of Rochester Consistory and passed away at his home in Florida on February 21st.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

1999

- May 3,4 Grand Lodge Communication, New York City
- May 21 Joint Investiture -DTT, Din. 6:00, Invst. 7:30 p.m.
- Jun. 7 - 13 Grotto National Convention, Reno, NV
- July 3-8 Shrine Convention - Dallas, TX
- Sept. Grand Commandery Conclave
- Oct. 17 58th Interfaith Service & Breakfast, Logan's Party House

Lodge Rentals Available

- Etolian Lodge, Union St., Spencerport - Cap. 250**
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 - Fairport Lodge, 87 North Main St., Fairport**
Tom Richenderfer 377-7782, Greg Ludwig-388-1241, David Taber-388-0629
 - Fame Lodge, 4275 Culver Rd., Rochester**
John Rehback 338-7918
 - Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St., Pittsford - Cap. 80**
Dan Walker - 429-6572, Bill Spillane - 436-0264, John Dudley - 586-6426
 - Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St., Webster - Cap. 200**
Frederick Cornell, Sr. 671-3102
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Tax Free Lodges Bill - We have it on good authority that this is not an Omnibus Bill and that it has the backing of Grand Lodge. You are, therefore, urged to give it your support by writing to your Representatives asking them to vote for it when it comes to the floor. ☺

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The position of Associate Editor and Ad Associate are still open. Excellent opportunity for recently retired individual/s. A new challenge to keep you young!

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Goose Bumps
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Opera Theater
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Thur. Apr. 15
Jim Brinkman
NTA

Sun. Apr. 18
RTOS
8:00 p.m.

Mon. - Sun. Apr. 19-26
The King & I
Tues.-Thur. 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 8:00 p.m.
Sat. - 2:00, 8:00 p.m.
Sun. - 2:00, 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Apr. 28
WBEE
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Fri. Apr. 30
Gospel Show
NTA

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Hesperus 3/15
Northfield 3/15
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The Deadline for the May issue is:
April 12, 1999

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

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General Insurance topics including "Estate Planning" & "Long Term Care" - (w) 716-436-6470, (h) 716-334-6934

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Various Masonic Topics
621-3573

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"Solomon's Temple"
"Masonic aspects of the Great Pyramid"
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Eating Out

- Apr. 2 - Good Friday Fish Fry, Oakland Lodge, Castile.
- Apr. 11 - Breakfast Buffet, Leah Chapter, OES, Hilton Masonic Temple East Ave., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Apr. 11 - Breakfast Buffet, Attica Masonic Temple, \$4.-- Adults, \$2.00 Children, Family \$10.00, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Apr. 13 - Corned Beef and Cabbage, Leah Chapter, OES, Hilton Masonic Temple, 5-7 p.m.
- Apr. 17 - Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, Leah Chapter, OES, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Hilton Masonic Temple.
- Apr. 24 - Annual Ox Roast, Clio Lg., East Ave, Hilton, 4-8 p.m., Adults \$7.00, Children \$3.00, Seniors \$6.00.
- May 15 - Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que, Eagle Valley Lg., Bliss, NY.

Calendar April 1999

April Flower - Sweet Pea
April Gem - Diamond

Deadline for the May Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Here come the Boys and Girls of Summer!</p>			<p>Passover Begins at Sundown March 31</p>	Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster OES - Lea Court, Oatka	Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5 - 7 p.m. 30 Orchard St. Webster Adults \$6 Children - \$3 Good Friday	OES - Rochester Chapter April Fool's Day
Easter Sunday	West Star - Varysburg KT-Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	Damascus Shrine	Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia at Attica Lalla Rookh Caldron Passover ends at 8:15 p.m.	Orthodox Holy Friday	Widows Luncheon at Logan's Party House
Orthodox Easter	ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	Batavia Craftsman/Robertson - FC Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah	Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Service Bureau Luncheon Clio - Hilton Spaghetti Supper OES - Batavia, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship	Constellation - Perry Flower City Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster - 3" RAM - Western Star OES - Lea Court, Oatka	Grand High Priest's Reception at the Thruway Marriott	Scottish Rite Reunion starting 8:00 a.m. Public Shrine Ceremonial 4:30 p.m. Rochester Chapter, O.E.S. Past High Priests' Assoc. Scholarship Dinner 6:30 p.m. Bohn's Restaurant, Batavia
	West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton Germania - Irondequoit Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Grotto RSM - Doric Council Secretary's Day	Eagle Valley - Bliss RAM - Hiram, HRA Dinner-6:30 p.m.W KT - Batavia at Attica Earth Day	Past Masters Supper Club	
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