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Area Lodges Gearing Up for 1999 Have-A-Heart Campaign

By W. Brian Keery

The Monroe District Masters and Wardens are again sponsoring the annual "Have-a-Heart" Campaign for 1999. We are now making an appeal for your help, aid and assistance. From February 6-14, we will be working at three malls to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House near the Strong Memorial Hospital. Our Campaign consists of accepting donations in the malls. Folks who make a donation may inscribe a message on a paper heart, which we will then display.

This house is the "Home Away From Home" for families who have a family member in a local hospital for an extended stay. The house provides a family atmosphere at a very nominal fee to the people using it. This creates large operating expenses which have to be met every year, hence the need for our continued Masonic support.

Where?

Irondequoit, Greece Ridge and Eastview Malls will need to be staffed from noon until 9:00 p.m. from February 6-14. We are encouraging all Lodges, chapters

up for either a full day or a three hour shift. Please remember that your families, friends or prospective candidates are more than welcome to help. What better way to show someone who may be interested in any part of the Masonic Family what we actually do? and Concordant Bodies to sign

How can you help? How do you sign up?

Contact the leader of your organization (Master, Matron, Patron, etc.) and ask him/her what day and place they plan to staff. They should in turn contact me for scheduling and questions. Please take an active role in your organization by volunteering and assisting your group leader.

Recognition

We will attempt to recognize everyone that helps us by way of thank-you notes and recognition in the *Masonic Times*. Your best recognition will come in the warm feeling you will get in performing this important Masonic Community Service. Please let us count you among our family members who will make this year's Campaign one of significant help to the "Home Away From Home".

Thanks so much. Let's Do It!



'98 -'99 Brotherhood Fund Needs Our Support

By R. W. David Jones

Is this article addressed to you? It is more than likely that it is!! Every year 70% of our Brothers do NOT participate in our Brotherhood Fund Campaign.

I've often tried to motivate those who haven't made any contribution into doing so. You are not only a member of your Lodge, but of the District, and the Grand Lodge of New York, but a member of a much larger Masonic community.

When non-Masons think about our Fraternity, they think of a "community service" oriented organization, and that's what we are. Grand Lodge works very hard to advance this idea through our veteran's programs, the Medical Research Center in Utica, and our youth camp in the Adirondacks. You benefit from the Grand Lodge support of these and many other community oriented programs.

Now we need your support! When you sit down to pay your

bill this month, think of our vets, our kids and your neighbors. Just like the gas and electric company, or the phone company, your Grand Lodge is providing a continuing service to many in your community. We don't send you a bill, we rely on your conscience and your generosity. Please consider this article your "statement" for services rendered, and make a contribution.

Contact your Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman, your Master or your District Deputy if you need more information.

You and your financial support through the Brotherhood Fund are needed to extend our caring to the community. Please pay this bill now!!

Are you aware?

Are you aware that the Masonic Brotherhood Fund was created 50 years ago to be the lifeblood for the Masonic Founda-

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50th N.Y. State Masonic Bowling Association Tournament

Horsheads Old Oak Lodge #364 is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the New York State Masonic Bowling Tournament. It will be held near Horsheads, N.Y. at Paramount Lanes in Elmira Heights, NY the last two week-ends of April and the first week-end in May, 1999.

Applications will be available at the Masonic Service Bureau Office, Mon.-Fri. 9:00 til noon. The closing date for inclusions in the Program is March 14, 1999, all others April 17, 1999. Applications may also be obtained by writing to John Breese, Secretary/Treasurer, 340 west Ave., Horsheads, N.Y. 14845-2137.

Associate Editor and Ad Associate Positions Open
Apply at the *Masonic Times*

Seneca Lodge No. 797 Confers Courtesy Degree for Grand Lodge of Georgia



W. Gary Stein, Master of Seneca Lodge No. 797, congratulating Bro. Bobby Burton Tully II with Bros. Bobby Burton Tully, and Tony Kolb (both from Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 304, Columbus Georgia) and R. W. Donald Darrohn -DDGM 1st Monroe District.

Never in its 83 year history has Seneca Lodge been asked to confer the first 3 Degrees of Masonry on a candidate which was not its own.

Mount Hermon Lodge No. 304 of Columbus, Georgia, was presented with a petition for membership and advancement by Bobby Bruton Tully II. However, Mr. Tully is a contractor who installs fiber-optic telephone cable and works in different locations around the world. After being investigated, and his election to receive the Degrees, Bobby was working in the Rochester Area on contract to Frontier Corporation. Rather than wait on his petition, Mount Hermon Lodge No. 304 contacted the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which in turn

contacted the Grand Lodge of New York, which in turn contacted Seneca Lodge and asked if we would perform the courtesy Degree work before year end 1998. Fortunately, Seneca Lodge's Trestleboard had the 3 Degrees scheduled for September, October and November. Seneca Lodge conferred the 1st and 2nd Degrees and in a combined meeting with Fame Lodge No. 945, the Past Masters Shrine Degree Team conferred the 3rd Degree on both candidates at the Webster Temple on November 10th.

Brother Tully quickly became a part of the Seneca Lodge family by attending the Annual Steak Roast in August, as well as being invited to Seneca Brother's

homes for dinner while going through the Degree work. Brother Tully will always remember his raising, because he was raised by his father, who, with another Mt. Hermon Brother, journeyed from Columbus, Georgia to see and take part in the 3rd Degree.

The Brothers of Seneca Lodge will long remember Brother Bobby Bruton Tully II, whose work has already taken him to another job location. Before he left, Bobby was extended a standing invitation to come home to Seneca anytime. God speed, Bobby.

If you have comments on this or any of the articles that appear in the *Masonic Times*, do not hesitate to call the Office and talk to me about it/ them. I will be happy to discuss it/them with you. ☺

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Correction

The date for the Grand Master's Day at Camp Turk was printed incorrectly in "The Empire State Mason" magazine. The correct date is July 31, 1999.

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Editor's Corner
By Don Brugger
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The latest EMESSAY NOTES quoted our Grand Secretary M.W. Gary Henningsen's, "Thoughts on Masonry 1998", which appeared in the *ESM*. The passage highlighted concerned his comments on the last thirty years of Masonry. They certainly bear repeating.

"During these great experimental years our beloved institution has steadily declined in membership. We have played the numbers game, worrying about how many we brought in and we lost sight of the original intent of the Freemasonry. Our Fraternity is not for every man and should not be. 'Quality' should be our watchword not quantity. Making Masons our goal, not just members. By quality, we need not emphasize a man's material wealth. We must emphasize the internal qualifications and qualities, stressing morality, ethics, concern for our fellow man, family values and love of God and country. These are the qualities of a Freemason and should be a prerequisite for every candidate. It is up to us to seek out men of this calibre, bring them into the Craft and reinforce our teachings through Masonic Education, making them better men and Masons."

These are great ideals worthy of serious contemplation. To these I would add that it wouldn't be a bad idea if these quality new members were also willing to make a commitment of time and talent to the Fraternity.

Friendly Warning

A group recently dined at an old established restaurant. When making the reservation they were told 23% would be automatically be added to the bill (15% tip+8% tax was assumed). The night of the dinner the cost included 23% for the tip and the use of a private room. An additional 8% was charged for the tax (31% total). So make sure you know exactly what the charges will be and for what, when booking a restaurant.

Serious talk

There has been some serious talk with the Livingston District about coming on board as *Masonic Times* subscribers. As with previous groups, only one Lodge is needed to get the ball rolling. Further discussions are expected.

Assoc. Editor, Ad Assoc.

The position of Associate Editor is still open and applicants can call any time, as yet you have no competition! Likewise for the Ad Associates position!

Letters to the Editor

This column is appearing on an experimental basis. If you have something relating to Masonry that you would like to share with our readers, please send it along. Publishing, as always, will be at the discretion of the Editor.

I received a note from Richard (Doc) Benn of Warsaw which contained some interesting facts and I thought I would pass the information along.

It seems that the Knights of Pythias assisted our Jewish Brethren in one of their projects recently and an appreciation of this effort was expressed in an article in "The Jewish Ledger", a local newsletter.

The information from "The Jewish Ledger" credited the Knights of Pythias as being the oldest Fraternal Organization in the United States and that it was instituted by Abraham Lincoln. Doc took exception to this, as any Freemason would, and wrote a letter to the Editor of that publication giving his views.

Brother Benn shared with the staff of the "Ledger" the early history of the Masonic Fraternity in the Colonies. He recounted the raising of Brother Ben Franklin in 1731 at the Tun Tavern in Philadelphia and the formation of a Grand Lodge at Boston in 1733. This Lodge is now known as St. John's Lodge and is still active.

He further clarified the part of President Lincoln in the history. It seems Lincoln was so impressed with philosophy of the Knights of Pythias that he arranged to have the organization chartered by the Congress. The Knights of Pythias was founded by Justus H. Rathbone in Washington D.C. on February 19, 1864. Brother Benn did not know what connection existed between Lincoln and Rathbone.

Brother Benn's grandfather was a member of Amaranthus Lodge No. 350, Knights of Pythias located in Warsaw and has a photo to prove it. I would like to share this photo with you if I can obtain it.

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

Following the Al Sigl Center Walkabout in Marketplace Mall on November 1st, I received the following correspondence from the Al Sigl Center on behalf of the Masonic Service Bureau:

An Extra Special Thank You

"Your gift of time was a vital ingredient in the success of the 1998 Walkabout. You helped us raise a record amount of \$75,000 for our partner agencies, which together serve over 39,000 kids and grown-ups with disabilities.

Please know that your good work on their behalf has increased our joy at the Thanksgiving season."

Update

Since the above was received, I have learned that the Al Sigl Center has raised a new total of \$91,000.

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As we enter the new year, I hope that each day will excite you with the joy of giving of your love to others, knowing it will be returned manyfold. In the process of helping others, we learn more about ourselves. We give hope and in the process, learn how to hope. Even as we give, we receive a better understanding of Life and Faith. Love cannot be earned, it must be freely given. Live Masonry!

Thanks

Excepting the possibility that I might forget a name, I thank all of the following volunteers who freely gave of their time and energy to the Service Bureau during 1998: Harold Bollotin, Donald Brugger, Jean Brugger, Jim Cleason, Ramona Dimino, William DuBois, Mathew Gingold, William Hook, Thomas Kendig, David Larson, Jan Lughart, Jay McCullough, Mike McCullough, Robert Ogden, Thomas Paglia, James Scobell, Norman Selke, Kenneth Skidmore, Wayne Slack, Dick Snyder, Mike Staub, Leon VanHuben, Dick Vaughn, Ron Weber, Mary Wright, and Linda Zahn.

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

Most investors who invest in preferred stocks are income oriented investors looking for safety. These are usually older retired people who want to be cautious with their retirement funds. As with all investments, there are pluses and minuses. Here are some of them.

Advantages

1. They generally pay higher dividends than common stocks.
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3. There is a potential for capital price depreciation.
4. Preferred shareholders do not benefit in the earnings increases or growth of a company unless it is a participating preferred issue.
5. They have a junior claim to a bond. Bonds of similar quality can offer higher yields.
6. Prices decrease as interest rates rise.

If the reader is not an experienced investor, BE CAUTIOUS. Try to find a full service broker who is experienced in preferred stock. Make certain that the broker/dealer involved has a research department that covers preferred stocks.

Thanks to the Investors Alliance for this fine information. □

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

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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**Grand Lodge
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R.W. THOMAS M. PAGLIA
REPRESENTATIVE
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A large group of concerned people gathered at the Canandaigua Medical Center on December 7th for a forum conducted by the State Assemblyman from Canandaigua to find a solution for the downsizing of the Medical Center. The auditorium was overflowing and many questions were asked of the panel, made up of people from the State VA and the Federal VA. As usual, many promises were made, like the Medical Center will not be shut down, (which we heard before the actual downsizing took place), how medical treatment will be better administered with In and Out patient type treatment, and all of the other goodies. Listening to how the questions were presented, you had a feeling that the answers given by the panel did not ring true. Politics is politics.

As usual, the panel promised that all of the concerns that everyone has will be looked into, the usual reply from most politicians. There is only one person who can really halt what is going on and that is the President. Not being a veteran himself, and being very busy with other affairs, he has no time for the veterans, the people who kept this country free and gave him the chance to become President.

Veterans from all over the area were there to express their concern, from Buffalo to Syracuse, from Rochester to the Southern Tier. The forum was supposed to last from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., but it was almost 5:00 p.m. before it ended, only because the main person had to catch a plane. It seems every time there is such a hot issue, the main person with almost all of the answers has to leave early, they know it is a hot bed of discussion, so they limit their time.

Unit closing

Building 36 will be closed entirely by December 14th or 15th, and those who have lived there will be moved to 8A. Another move in downsizing. Our Masonic group will now have their ward party at Building 8A, beginning January 10th. For more information, read Harold Bollotin's column.

There will be about 30 veterans to be with and the majority will have Alzheimer's, which may incur a different type of approach in having the Ward Party than we normally had. Our Masonic group, all 16 of us, are very special people, for we have had every kind of sickness to be with. Words cannot describe how I feel about the others. When you have a conversation with someone about the Medical Center, they always say they are unable to do what we do, how do we do it? Very simple, but for the grace of God, go I. These are the very same veterans I associated with for 40 years of service.

Remembrance Day

A short story about December 7th is written under Remembering Pearl Harbor, elsewhere in this paper.

Christmas Gift Wrapping

December 8th saw our Masonic group and other organizations at the Medical Center wrapping Christmas gifts to be given to the veterans. Harold Bollotin, PR man for the group, will have more in his column.

Lodge generosity

Seneca Lodge No. 797 was at the Medical Center on December 20th with our group to distribute their own special gifts to the veterans in 8A. They requested to do something special for the veterans, and purchased gifts for them. Thank you to all for your generosity.

Day care for veterans

An Adult Day Care Program has been opened in Building 8B at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center. It allows for additional structure and supervision and is in operation daily Monday thru Friday. Here is where the veterans can go for the day to give relief to the families. For more details, call 716-396-3645.

Gifts

The Masonic Service Association this year has donated \$1,950 worth of comfort kits to the Canandaigua Medical Center to be passed out at Christmas with the other gifts purchased by donations from other sources. This is beside the donation from the Masonic Service Bureau and Grand Lodge. All total, about \$3,000 will be donated by the Masons from New York. Masons do care.

1999 Golden Age Games

If any Lodge or person wishes to donate to the 1999 Veterans Golden Age Games, please make your check to: Golden Age Games and mail to David Krueger, MS CTRS, VA Medical Center, 400 Fort Hill Avenue, Canandaigua, NY 14424. Your help is needed to make the games possible. Show your care.



Holiday time

On Tuesday, December 9th, the Annual Holiday Gift Wrapping Session was held in the Building 5 Auditorium. The 8 volunteers were: Tom and Cora Paglia, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, Larry and Marge Hood, and June Moon and her friend, Tina Wahl. As usual, it was an enjoyable and rewarding event.

On Sunday, December 15th, we had the Annual Holiday Gift Distribution to the Wards.

1999

Sunday, January 10th, will be the first Ward visit for the year 1999. It will be in Building 8, Ward A, as announced by Tom Paglia. Note the change of location. Our former assigned Building 36 has been closed due to the continued downsizing that has been occurring.

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265-3993
William Golding, Adjutant
266-2384

By Jay McCullough

A successful hint!

The last column we wrote encouraged military veterans to join us in some Post activities. We had some success in encouraging petitions, according to our Secretary.

Fortunately, we are a declining breed. Some of that's due to aging, of course, but we see it as fortunate because fewer members of the generations succeeding us have to commit to a tour of military service. Hopefully, war is defined in history books only, causing units like ours to go out of existence. Those of us who had the experience can band and bond in any case, because we are unique and have some similar histories of our own to share with kindred spirits who know, remember and appreciate.

Information

Call Adjutant Bill Golding at 266-2384. He'll give you the skinny on upcoming Post events, send you a petition or two and invite you to tell tall sea tales, show your short snorters and the like. It's amazing how an old salt or grunt can embellish the tales of his time before the mast or in the trenches.

Come as a guest to one of our quarterly meetings, even if only curious to see who's there. Make a later decision about joining. We're not cheap, but our dues are inexpensive. As my background dictates, I can only end with "semper fi".

**Past
Master's
Supper Club**
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What a program!

A masterful storyteller can be found in the personage of W. Bill Edwards. He is a student of "whence came Masonry" and he brings his views to you through a video, charts, pamphlets and a passionate oral program. It commences with the Knights Templar, though he is not a member of that Body, and proceeds through Scotland and into the New World, 90 years before the voyage of Columbus, when Prince Henry Sinclair is said to have arrived in Nova Scotia.

Don't miss an opportunity to attend one of Bill's presentations. He had the full attention of Past Masters at the November Supper Club. Those looking to create or make changes in their Trestleboards might look to Bill to see if he can fit his program into your schedule.

New officers

At the November Supper Club meeting, officers were elected for the ensuing year. The Vice President is Bill Spillane and I am the President. The Secretary is entering his 12th year in that position-Bob Sanford. The Treasurer likewise is a perennial, now in that office 22 years-Jack Thibaut.

Members and meetings

There are 26 members on the current roster, including the newest, Bill Edwards. Club leadership plans to contact all recent Past Masters of Lodges served by the *Masonic Times* to invite their participation.

Eight regular monthly Friday nights are factored into 1999. A social and attitude adjustment hour commences at 6:00 p.m., with those so inclined spaced around Euchre tables. Promptly at 7:00 p.m. all retire to the dining room and make choices from the menu. The dining room staff is very attentive to your desires. A brief program is often scheduled to commence at 8:00 p.m. and is followed by a brief business session. Then, Euchre resumes until all have had their fill.

On July 11, 1999, Club members and spouses will attend the Annual Swim Party at the Sanford's, over Henrietta way.

Throughout the year, dress is as casual as a pair of slacks and a sports shirt. Call Bob Sanford at 292-6383 and let him know you'll be dropping by on January 22nd. We're at the Redmen's Club on Lexington Avenue.

**Remembering
Pearl Harbor**

By Tom Paglia

December 7th, 57 years ago, Pearl Harbor was bombed and at 8:00 a.m. at the Summerville Coast Guard Station a remembrance was held. The weather was clear, but a breeze was blowing, making it seem cold. If you were not awake, just standing in the brisk breeze would surely wake you up. Almost everyone had a warm cup of coffee and donuts, supplied by the Coast Guard. It was a very nice touch on their part. The crew stationed there went out of their way to make us feel at home.

There were over 100 people in attendance, World War II, Korea, Nam, Desert Storm, and families of service people who did not return. It really touched you to see all of those who cared about our service personnel. From retired Captains to Privates were there to pay homage and tribute to those who gave their lives so that we may have peace. The three major TV channels were there to film the event. Mr. Kim Moore, the camera man from Channel 10, did a fantastic job projecting the mood. The Commander of our local Masonic War Vets, Dennis Gellasch, carried the American Flag and Dean Marsaw carried the Masonic War Vets Flag.

Our group had a nice showing. Thanks to all who attended. The Dock at the Coast Guard Station is at least 300 ft. long and it was lined from one end to the other with veterans groups from Monroe County. There had to be at least six color guards, a rifle squad that fired a three gun salute and the Coast Guard Color Guard was in Full Dress. What an impressive sight to behold. It took four people to hold the flag being raised, as it was so large. The last man to hold it was picked up by the wind, it was blowing so hard.

The sound of taps filled the air and tears began to flow from many eyes as their own experiences were being relived. There is nothing more solemn than taps being sounded, it gives you a strange feeling, one that cannot be described in words. Anyone that has gone through this experience will know the feeling.

American Legion

After the event, most of us went to the American Legion on Dorsey Road for a wonderful and tasty breakfast. After standing in the cold, the warm food and hospitality warmed us in a hurry. All who participated thanked them for their wonderful friendship. While there, many old and new friendships were rekindled. I was amazed at how many were Masons. The dining room was overflowing with people. Those of you who are veterans should have been there, it was something you would not forget.

**Membership in the
Masonic War Vets**

The Masonic War Veterans is looking for more of you to join our Association. We are in dire need for new members and we would like to have you on board. For more information call Dennis Gellasch at 265-3993, William Golding at 266-2384, or me at 227-2046. We will be very happy to give you whatever information you need.

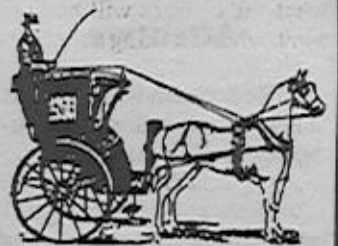
**Your Legal
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By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

New Tax Reforms

Some important new legislation protecting taxpayers has been recently enacted into law. The IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 is an attempt by Congress to level the playing field where the IRS and the taxpayer are concerned. As has been reported in print and on TV, the IRS has been over zealous at times in collecting taxes; your own personal experiences with

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Masters and Wardens

I feel that the Brothers of the Genesee/Wyoming District are missing a great opportunity by not making more use of the Masters and Wardens Association. If each Lodge was represented at their meeting, it would help the Staff Office and me to pass anything on to you from Grand Lodge. It would also be a good time to get the word out of the activities of your Lodge. Just getting together and exchanging ideas would be to everyone's advantage. The next meeting will be at the end of January and there will be a dinner.

Grand Lodge

It is time to be thinking about going to Grand Lodge in May. Again, this year we will be taking a bus with Livingston and Steuben Districts. Please let me know as soon as you can as we will need a head count. The Staff Officer will be sending you a letter about hotels.

Brotherhood Fund

Don't forget the Brotherhood Fund! This is the time of year for giving. I wish all of you a Happy New Year. May God be with you. Please send to me or call with the dates of your activities. □

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Retention - the act or result of retaining.

Retain - to hold or keep in possession, use or practice.

Membership Retention

Our Membership Retention Chairman for the GW District is W. Norman H. Steinbaugh of Attica Lodge. As Chairman, he is here to help and assist the Masters of the Lodges, or their respective Lodge Retention Chairmen, to "hold or keep in possession" their members. His assistance in this matter can be sharing plans and ideas in setting up various Lodge programs. These programs can be geared toward the members who have not been attending Lodge meetings on a regular basis. They are needed to keep all members active and interested in the Lodge.

Concordant Bodies

Freemasonry has a network of interesting Concordant Bodies. All of which, I'm sure, would be happy to share their views with your Lodge members. This not only provides you, the Master, with very good program, but also affords them a chance to add new members to the rolls. Royal Arch Masons, Cryptic Masons, Knights Templar, the Scottish Rite, and DeMolay are a few of these Concordant Bodies. I'm sure that each of these organizations would be pleased to bring a program to your Lodge for the benefit of the members.

Read the Times

Reading the *Masonic Times* and the District Directory will help you find the names of people to contact for more information on these various organizations. Use them to your advantage, use them to help retain your members. □

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



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

By W.: George Springett
Happy New Year!

The time for reflection of the past year is over and the computer virus and crash have been repaired. The time for planning is upon us now.

Planning starts with the Council of Masonic Activities meeting on January 17, at Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 at 2:00 p.m. All sitting Masters or elected Masons at Large of the Council are part of the Executive Committee. This meeting is for the Election of Officers to the Council and two-thirds of the Executive Committee constitutes a quorum.

See you there. We will appreciate your contribution to a lively planning session and discussion. □

Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161



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

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

By Ed Law, Jr. Warden

My Brothers

I wish you all a joyful and prosperous 1999. By the time you read the January '99 issue of the *Masonic Times*, Christmas and Hanukkah '98 will be warm, pleasant memories (hopefully), for us all as we face the challenges of the year immediately ahead.

Splendid success!

On November 7th, Eagle Valley Lodge held its Annual Auction, which was well supported and attended. Thanks to all for making this event such a splendid success.

Dues

A couple, or three, brief words about annual dues. Get them in! Our Secretary says he will be glad to receive the 1999 dues and provide the new cards.

Looking ahead

What does 1999 promise for Eagle Valley Lodge? At the very least, regular Lodge meetings, the Spring Bar-B-Que, and the Fall Auction. This writer promises renewed effort to make the monthly deadlines for the *Masonic Times*. Eagle Valley Brothers who have news items are welcome to phone me anytime at 322-7221. If no one answers, speak to the answering machine and you will receive a call back-I promise.

Eagle Valley Lodge has a goodly number of members. It would, indeed, be a fine experience to meet and greet more Brothers at the regular meetings. The Lodge is still on Liberty Street in Bliss, NY. Our regular meeting days are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. □

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



R.W.:
Robert
Nicoll
Master
768-7922
1st & 3rd
Wed.

W.: Robert Forbes, Secretary
768-2657
8 West Main Street
LeRoy, N. Y. 14482

Welcome to 1999!

This year concludes a century of travail, and yet we overcame all these problems.

Honoring the Lodge

There are many events to honor Olive Branch Lodge. Our dispensation to work was granted in 1811. In just 12 years we will celebrate 200 years of distinguished history, surviving the Morgan incident, retaining the Charter, to become the "Preserver of Masonry, West of the Genesee River".

Our Masonic Hall was built in 1860. In the year 2000 our building will be 140 years young. Then in 2010 we will celebrate 150 years of service. To arrange for a Celebration for the Lodge and building, we will need all the help we can get. That is stories, pictures, anecdotes, and anything about LeRoy, the Lodge, Royal Arch, and the Order of the Eastern Star. Ten years in advance is not too soon to plan.

3rd Degree

In January 1999, we will participate with Hesperus Lodge in Bergen in presenting the Master Mason Degree for our candidates. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.

We are planning a 1st Degree the 1st Wednesday in February. We have two petitions, and can handle three more candidates. Let's talk and get the petitions in.

Come all you Brothers who haven't been to Lodge lately, we are making a lot of plans. We need you! □

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

200 E. Main Street,
Batavia, NY 14020



W.: J. Michael
Willworth
Master
343-8443
2nd & 4th
Tuesdays

R.W.: Robert F. Dagen
Sec. (716) 548-7148

By R.W.: Robert Dagen

It is my sincere hope and prayer that your holiday season has left an indelible mark on your life, a time when families are reunited, pleasantries exchanged and possibly too much of an appetite, just to mention a few of the more common events of the season. This time of the year allows for renewing spiritually as well as making those 'new year' resolutions as pertains to our physical being. All in all, a time we approach with vitality and vigor, and in the blink of an eye, it all is behind us for another year. I trust that as I said at the outset it has left an indelible mark.

Thanks

Prior to the opening of our December communication, those in attendance were the beneficia-

ries of a lunch in commemoration of 'St. John the Evangelist'. Thanks to our Junior Warden, W.: Stephen Licht, for his efforts in making this happen.

Keep informed

At our first communication of the new year we will be presenting the Annual Reports of the past calendar year. Do try to attend so that you may be kept informed of what is going on within your Lodge.

Illness

I received a report from Brother Robert Duncan's wife informing us that he has been seriously ill since this past Spring and is presently a resident in a local nursing home where he is undergoing therapy. You may send him a card at: 58 Center St., Gowanda, NY 14070-1107. We all wish him a full and speedy recovery.

W.: Bill Genagon and W.: Stephen Licht continue to recuperate from their latest surgeries. We wish them a complete and speedy recovery.

Breakfasts!

I would like to announce in this article that several Lodges within our District are conducting Sunday morning breakfasts as follows: Attica Lodge-the first Sunday of each month, Mt. Vernon-the second Sunday of each month and Warsaw Lodge the third Sunday of each month. Servings generally start at 8:00 a.m. Support them if you can. For more details contact a member of the respective Lodge.

Until next time-may God bless and keep all. □

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



W.: Craig
Reitmeyer, Master
496-9975
2nd & 4th
Tuesdays
2nd Tues. Jan. &
Feb

David Hossenlopp,
Secretary 496-7267

Main Street
Arcade, New York 14009

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a prosperous new year.

Potatoes

The program presented by Brother Vincent Phelps on "Potatoes" at our November 24th meeting was very interesting. Even though many of you grew up in the Western New York area, potato country, and possibly picked up potatoes as a youth, his program was very enlightening.

It covered the history of potato growing through the ages and its history in the Irish Potato Famine. The composition of the potato and how it grows, along with all the various diseases it is subject to, were covered. Modern day propagation and where it is undertaken were discussed. You missed an interesting meeting on one of your staples.

Holiday remembrances

Poinsettias were delivered to the local widows and shut-ins of our Lodge. Cards were sent to those outside the local area.

Red Rose

A Roll Call of 1998 departed Brothers was taken at the first meeting in December. A Red Rose was placed in memoriam for each.

Sunshine Fund

In 1999 a Sunshine Fund will be reinstated after many years of non-use. The funds will be used for cards and flowers as needed. Remembrance cards will be sent out on the anniversary of your being raised.

Brotherhood Fund


The Brotherhood Fund has received \$650 from 17 members so far. Please send in your contribution so that another reminder isn't necessary.

Address corrections

Do you know of a Brother who is not receiving a copy of the *Masonic Times*? If so, contact me or the Secretary so that his address can be corrected. All members names in our Lodge have been submitted to the publishers.

Remember that there will only be one meeting on the 4th Tuesday in January and February. □

**Mount Vernon
Lodge No. 263**



W.: Mark Hopkins
Master
457-3325

**2nd & 4th
Mondays**

W.: Rodney Dilker, Sec.
655-3107
Main Street
Java Village, NY

By JW J.P. Allan

I was going through my files and found this article and thought how much it reminded me of our special Fraternity.

"On Geese and Friends"

When you see geese fly in a V formation, you might be interested in knowing what facts scientists have discovered about why they fly that way.

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater range than if each bird flew on its own. (People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the trust of one another.)

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. (There is strength and power and safety in numbers when traveling in the same direction with those whom we share a common goal!)

When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. (It pays to take turns doing hard jobs.)

The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. (We all need to be remembered with active support and praise.)

When a goose gets sick or is wounded and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until the crises resolves, then they launch out on their own or with another formation. (We must stand by each other in times of need!)

People talk about poor dumb animals my Brothers, but these are some words to live up to! □

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



W.: William Geitner, Master
535-7874

**1st & 3rd
Mondays**

R.: W.: Kenneth E. Kohlhagen,
Secretary 591-9598

**2473 Route 20A
Varysburg, N.Y. 14167**

Dear Brethren

Another year has come and gone by so fast. I hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a Happy New Year. West Star is looking forward to some good times in the coming year.

In the past few months we had some events that were a lot of fun. On October 17th, we had our Annual Pumpkin Growing Contest. Our pumpkin chairman and co-chairman did an excellent job. Kids from all over town came and carried pumpkins home. We all had a good time. Thanks to everyone who helped.


Open meeting

On the 16th of November we had an open meeting. Our wives and friends were invited and we had almost 30 people present for our program for the evening. We presented Certificates to several Brothers for their years of service to Masonry. They were: 5 years-Brothers Thomas Habbermill and Walt Youngers; 10 years-Thane Wright; 15 years-Wayne Ladd, Ws.: Paul Baetzold, and William Geitner; 20 years-W. Ken Unger; 25 years-Brothers Ken Wainwright and Don Strang; 55 years-W. Darwin Wheeler. We had a lot of happy faces!

Well, it's time to close for now and we hope to see you in Lodge in 1999. Drive carefully this Winter and the best of health! □

**CONSTELLATION
Lodge No. 404**

21 N. Main Street,
Perry, NY 14530



W.: John F. Cook
Master
237-2427

**1st & 3rd
Thursdays**

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

Greetings

I trust that everyone had a Merry Christmas. I know that my family enjoyed this special occasion with all the good food, gifts, and observances.

Christmas decorations

I would like to send a big thank you to Ernie and Bonnie Olin for their help in placing the Christmas decorations on the Temple's balcony. Ernie's talent for making the finest Christmas decorations in the area is well known. Bonnie and Ernie's own home decorations also exemplify this talent. Many favorable comments were received about the decorations on the Temple's outside balcony.

Great looking floor!

Thanks to Jack Butler, the Temple custodian, the floor of the Temple has been stripped,


cleaned, coated and buffed. It certainly looks great!

Make reservations

Table Lodge will be held at Constellation Lodge on Saturday, January 9th at 4:00 p.m. Come to Perry and enjoy a special Masonic experience. Telephone John Cook at 237-2427, William Swyers at 493-2962, or Henry Robinson at 322-7545 by January 3rd to make your reservations.

It is hard to believe that my year as Master is half over. We still have some of our goals to accomplish before I am finished. Thank you for everything. □

**HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837**



W.: Gary R. Hutcherson,
Master
(716) 494-2412

**1st and 3rd
Thursday**

W.: John Specht,
Secretary 548-2694

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

Greetings!

Hope you all have had a great Christmas and will have a happy New Year. We had an exciting December, with our candidate taking his 2nd Degree at Churchville Lodge. Many thanks to JW, John Hennessey, and his Degree Team for their great work and fine supper Churchville accorded us. Hesperus always appreciates the help Churchville Lodge has always given us through the years. We especially thank W.: Lou Sanfilippo for his special assistance this year.

Good ending!

JW, Norm Austin, did a fine job with our Oyster Stew Night for the last meeting of the year. It is always special to end the year with such a fine and delicious meal to make it an extraordinary night.

Thanks

We thank R.: W.: John Bater for once again chairing our Christmas Box Program. It is good to see John out and around again. The boxes were a great success.


Upcoming events

We must get ready for our 3rd Degree this month. Hopefully, we will have our candidates ready because we have more petitions out and we will need to do more Degrees.

Don't forget Ladies Night on February 13th. If you wish to come, contact R.: W.: Ruel Lovett or JW, Norm Austin, at 494-2223.

Hope to see you all in Lodge as we start the new 1999 year. □

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



R.: W.: Dennis Turton, Sr.
Master
(716) 591-1179

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

W.: Norman Steinbaugh,
Secretary 591-2073

**39 Main Street
Attica, N. Y. 14011**

I hope everyone had a great holiday and received everything on your Christmas list. I wish you

all good health and prosperity in the New Year.

New tenant

Well, it is now official. Batavia Commandery No. 34 is our newest tenant. They will meet here on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. We extend a warm welcome to Batavia Commandery and hope we have a long and happy union.

Pancakes

The December Pancake Breakfast was a moderate success. Our net profit was more than some, but less than others. This is still a worthwhile fundraiser, as long as we show a profit. We will continue to put on our Breakfasts, as usual. The volunteers who show up to work are greatly appreciated. I just wish we could get more Brothers active in it instead of the same ones every month.

Progress

Progress on our dining room chair replacement project is coming along. The list of people who have purchased a chair grows longer each week. I will publish a list of these generous patrons in the next Lodge bulletin. If anyone is thinking of contributing towards these chairs, please send in your check. Thank you kindly.


Bring-a-Friend

As my year as Master goes on, (it's about half over), I'm becoming somewhat concerned that we do not have a candidate for initiation. I've tentatively scheduled a Bring-a-Friend Night for March 3rd. It is not too early to start looking for prospective candidates. □

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Donald C. Bell, scribe

Thanks

I hope everyone had happy holidays. Where has the year gone? I thank the Officers for all

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Most of all, I thank you, the members of the Forest and your lovely wives and friends who came out and supported all of the events this year. It's also nice to have our widows at our functions. Many thanks to Paul Kober for calling and arranging for them to attend.

News

We wish a happy Wedding Anniversary to Bob and Doris Zabel. They shared their pictures of their cruise in Alaska.

We heard from Lew and Helen Weekes. Lew is having a series of surgeries and will be going through therapy. We wish him well and a speedy recovery.

Dues

A quick mention of dues. Please take a minute to look at your dues card. If it doesn't say 1998, you may be in arrears. Please remember if you are three years or more in arrears, you may be suspended. We would hate to lose you as a member.

In closing, it has been my pleasure to once again serve as your Grand Tall. Gail and I wish you good health and prosperity for the coming year. □

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By R.W. M. Donald Darrohn
Official Visits

The Official Visits to Lodges of the First Monroe District have been concluded. In total, 225 Brethren heard my interpretation of our Grand Master's Message. That represents about 13% of all our District Brethren, therefore, I will take this opportunity to briefly summarize some of the highlights of our Message for those who were not in attendance.

The Theme: Together We Build

This theme means that all of us have a responsibility to work with one another for the benefit of the Craft. At the same time, we can never forget we are a Fraternity. Our immediate Brethren include some 3300 Brothers in the two Monroe Districts. We will build successfully by going beyond our own Lodge to coordinate, work and cooperate with other Lodges within our Districts.

Ronald McDonald House

One of the best examples of building cooperation has been the Masonic support for the local Home Away From Home on Westmoreland Drive. Over the past 11 years the Freemasons of Monroe County have contributed more than \$130,000 to the Ronald

McDonald House. Inside the front door of that facility is a picture of the Masonic Cornerstone Laying, with appropriate caption. We are asking that all Lodges rededicate themselves to support this local community asset.

Membership

Our Grand Master, M.W. Stewart C. McCloud, has stated, "...our goal as we approach the turn of the century should NOT be to build a bigger Fraternity. It must be to build a *better* and *stronger* Fraternity. The ultimate key to that equation is the quality of our membership. Freemasonry achieved its greatest heights not due to the number of its adherents, but because of the quality and character of its members..." It is the internal qualifications such as love of family, God and country, as well as a commitment to morality, ethics, and a concern for our fellow man that the candidate for Freemasonry should possess.

Appearance

I remember my grandfather, 60 years a Mason. He would never go out to a public function without a suitcoat and tie on. Similarly, I have observed in Lodges many of our senior Brethren in like manner. There is an aura of RESPECT about them.

I am not suggesting that we should always wear a suit and tie in public. I am suggesting that we be ever mindful that we individually represent Freemasonry; and the way in which we present and handle ourselves is a reflection upon the Fraternity. We have a responsibility to make others know that a gentleman stands before them.

Planning

Together We Build! The theme, but how true it really is! How many times have you seen a program or project started and after the sponsors gone, or out of office, the project or program withers and fades away. There must be succession planning so that continuity of program or process can and will be successful. Masters, Wardens, advisory teams and/or Past Masters need to be having regular meetings to plan, plan, plan.

Shepherding

Freemasonry is like a foreign country—everything is different in the Masonic world; the standards are different, the "money" is different, the ideas are different. As we all know in the familiar world, Money, Place and Power are the standards by which we judge others. In the Fraternity we all are on one level, and there are neither rich or poor. In the world outside there are laws to prevent and police and penalties to enforce obedience!

In the Fraternity the laws are NOT "thou shall not" but "thou shall" and the cardinal principal is the Golden Rule—the law of brotherly love! As we bring candidates into the Fraternity we must support them as they enter into this "Foreign Country". They deserve to be helped to understand and appreciate this different world that is the Craft.

Ritual

Our Ritual is the cement that makes Freemasonry unique. Each Lodge has the responsibility to perform that Ritual so that it will inspire the candidate and reinforce the lessons which the beautiful allegories portray. Every candidate deserves our best.

Closing

Freemasonry is not for every man nor should it be. Remember the Grand Master's Message—Better and Stronger—with emphasis on Quality!

New Year's Resolutions

Have you made yours yet? We Grand Lodge Officers established some goals for the Masonic year ending this June. I believe that we should adopt those same goals as New Year's Resolutions. They follow:

Brotherhood Fund - Achieve 55% participation of all Brethren within the Monroes.

Public Involvement & Awareness - Each Lodge will have at least one article published in print media.

Membership Development - Each Lodge will raise at least one Brother through the use of the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program.

Membership Retention - Schools of Ritual including the hosting Lodge and assignments of Degree segments to specific Lodges will be scheduled by September 1st of each year; develop and present Masonic Education Programs for the "sideliners"; dates, instructors, and curriculum for the Road to the East will be confirmed and in place by September 1st each year.

Fellowship and Family Involvement - Have TEN Lodges "take home" the Traveling Gavel during the Masonic year; encourage Lodges to participate with another Lodge nearby in Lodge activities—such as Degrees, bowling, picnics, cards, ladies nights, etc.

We'll keep track of our resolutions/goals and report back on our progress. □

Donald Brugger, V.W.s John Zabel and Dan Walker.

This was a good class. The members came ready, willing and able. They participated in the program by joining in the discussions. Each added something to the class.

After the introductions, W.V. Dale Polmateer opened the session with the first class, "The Duties and Responsibilities of the Master". Even though this was Dale's first class, he went through it like a trouper. No nervousness was detected. It was an excellent beginning and set the tone for the day.

Thanks

Many thanks to the instructors, who included R.W.s Spillane, Brendel, Brugger, Friedman, Darrohn, Privitera and Polmateer. My Brothers, you can expect more of the same at sessions two and three.

Working together

Your Grand Lodge Officers will continue to support the educational programs. I am convinced that better Masonic Education is the true beginning and key element in our long range program of Membership Retention. It must start with the leaders of the Craft, but cannot succeed without the help of all Brothers.

Visitation

My Brothers, when was the last time you visited a sick friend? When was the last time you visited someone who hasn't been to Lodge in a long time? When was the last time you greeted everyone who came to a Lodge meeting? When was the last time you made a new friend?

My Brothers, if you visit our ailing Brothers, if you visit our absentees, if you take time to greet those who are present at Lodge meetings, you will find that you have an abundance of friends. The only requirement is that you be sincere. "Membership Retention" may be simpler than you thought. It might be easier than you thought. Let's talk. We may have common interests. If it isn't a common interest, we may learn something new. When was the last time you listened to something new? Often, the best conversationalist is a good listener. How tuned in are your ears? If I don't tune in to you, please let me know. Let me join you in the communication generation. □

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of the Monroes

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By R.W. Ruel Lovett

R.W. Spillane and I are proud to report a rousing success on the first day of the "Road to the East" Program. Thirteen Brothers were greeted by your Grand Lodge Officers, including R.W.s M. Donald Darrohn, DDGM of the 1st Monroe District, Gene Brendel, Rich Friedman, Joseph Privitera,

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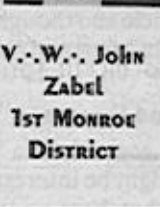
Temple. The program is for newly raised Brothers and any other Brother interested in more basic knowledge of the Fraternity. The program will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. in Ionic Hall. For those that have never been in the Downtown Temple, it is on the 3rd floor. Parking is available at the rear of the building. Parking is free unless there is a parking attendant on duty when the fee is \$1.00 for a Masonic event. Be sure to inform the attendant. The parking area is under constant video surveillance. The program will end promptly at 9:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served prior to 9:00 so no one will leave hungry.

We will be touring all the Masonic meeting rooms in the Temple. There will be a tour of the Masonic Service Bureau and a discussion of what it is and what it does, including the *Masonic Times*. A short tour of the Library will follow. We will be discussing etiquette in Lodge rooms, visiting Lodges in this State and elsewhere, the Concordant Bodies, and much more. This will be an enjoyable evening for everyone. Plan to attend. □

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1ST MONROE
DISTRICT

By V.W. Daniel B. Walker
Happy New Year to all Brothers and their families. I sincerely hope that this coming year brings you health, wealth and prosperity.

Gavel

The topic this month is the Master's duties regarding the Ritual and Lodge meeting. First and foremost is the use of the gavel. The Master should always remember to wield it wisely. If the discussion gets out of hand or if someone is being antagonistic, that is the time to use it.

The Brothers look to you as their Ritual leader, so be proficient in your part. If you start the evening off with good Ritual, it flows a lot easier for everyone else.

Remember to relax. Take a nice deep breath before you start, speak slowly and deliberately and don't let a little mistake bother you.

Finally, don't forget your part at the end of the Closing Ceremony. You are the one who says "amen" at the end of the prayer, not the Chaplain.

Important dates

Now for some dates to remember: Wednesday, January 20th, is the Lodge of Confusion at Fairport Lodge, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, February 3rd, 1999 Hiram's College of Knowledge at the Downtown Temple, 3rd floor, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, March 30th is the School of Ritual, 3rd Degree at 7:30 p.m. (more details to follow).

That's all for now. Until we meet in Lodge, take care and may God bless you all. □

Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County

President:
V.W. John Zabel

What's happening?

Although not a Bureau of Masonic Education event, we urge every Master Mason to attend the "Lodge of Confusion" being presented at Fairport Lodge on Wednesday, January 20th. This is an adaptation of a play by Brother Allen Roberts that exemplifies everything that can be done wrong in a Lodge. The cast of characters includes some of the Monroe Districts' greatest hams. You will see more of what not to do than you could possibly imagine. The evening starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. and is open to all Master Masons.

College of Knowledge

"Hiram's College of Knowledge" will be held on February 3rd at the Downtown Masonic

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

There's been no meeting since our last article so there is not much news to report this month. Our 1st social event for the Association was a lot of fun, but very sparsely attended. Eight of us had dinner at the Irondequoit Town Lounge and we were joined by four others at my house. I hope our attendance problem was due only to the very busy holiday season.

Have-a-Heart

In addition to our regular program at the December meeting Brian Keery joined us to plan for the Have-a-Heart Campaign in February. There will be changes this year. We will not be at Market-place. We will not staff booths on the 8th and 9th so that we can concentrate on traditionally busier shopping times. Watch for further information at your Lodge and let's make this the best year ever.

Come on out!

I hope that you had a happy holiday season. Please, don't forget that our January meeting is on the 16th at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport. Please make every effort to see that at least one officer from each Lodge attends as this will be our last meeting prior to the Have-a-Heart Campaign. ☐

Monroe Masonic Secretaries Association
 President
F. Jay McCullough
 352-1061
 Secretary/Treasurer
Philip Averbach
 458-1817

Great attendance

Nearly two dozen Brothers showed up for the Annual Meeting of the Secretaries Association. Grand Lodge Officers, R.W.: Don Darrohn and R.W.: Bill Spillane, accepted invitations, as well as did Secretaries of Concordant Bodies.

A dinner always precedes this group's meetings and there was no exception last month when Hildy DiJames and Joy Woodley concocted one of their famous repasts.

Grand Lodge packages Masonry

The District Deputy passed out copies of Grand Lodge packets that are issued to newly raised Masons. These contain information on ritual, etiquette, Freemasonry in general, Masonic Home and Research Lab brochures, Library course data and Brotherhood Fund literature. Some of our journeyman Masons might want to get copies of these items to refresh their memories. Contact your District Deputy. Good reference stuff.

What's a Secretary do?

R.W.: Bob Sanford shared his expertise on a Secretary's duties referencing books, records and registers they must have, reports they must make, forms they should have copies of, as well as certificates available to use for their members. He reminded all of Awards available to members and procedures involving membership restorations, Lodge insurances and taxes. Copies of all were provided to each attendee, along with considerable reference to the Grand Lodge Secretary's Manual each should have in their Lodge files.

One Monroe District?

There was discussion on the methods for Monroe County Masons seeking a merging of the two Districts. Official leaders are being sought for a 1999 meeting of this body to see how we can be involved in the process.

Gavel should travel



It's important to know that the Traveling Gavel is at Craftsman/Robertson and it's been there too long now! Which Lodge has seven or more members who would like to visit as a group to claim it for their habitat for a while?

Euchre anyone?

On January 15th, Wakan/Hubbard is hosting a gigantic Euchre Tourney with Trophies and other prizes. All Masons who are sure of their prowess at the game should plan to attend, as individuals or in Lodge groups. Call the Secretary, Theodore Snyder, at 467-0165.

1999

Note that your officers are: Secretary/Treasurer, Phil Averbach; Vice-President, Herb Spencer; and President, Jay McCullough. We look forward to a couple of meetings during the year, to collecting dues from those who were unable to attend the last meeting and to your attendance. ☐

2nd Monroe District
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

By V.W.: Daniel B. Walker Awards Night

The night of November 19th saw over 50 people at Lodge. It was our Annual Awards Night and we had four awardees present for Long Service Awards. I was the emcee for the evening and R.W.: David Jones was the presenter. W.: David Bishop received his Quarter Century Certificate and Pin. W.: David Covell was presented with his 50 Year Pin and Certificate. We had 2 recipients of 55 years service. One was Brother Paul Fox, accompanied by his wife, Julia. The other was W.: Raymond Harley, with his wife, Rosemary.



W.: Bill Fraser presented the Northfield Mason of the Year Award to none other than W.: Donald Smith. He was instrumental this year in setting up our new Secretary system, as well as keeping the Lodge up to date as Acting Secretary. In addition, a big thank you goes to Linda and Bob Zahn for taking care of the refreshments, the cake and the photography for the evening.

Other recipients

The other recipients who could not attend were: 25 years-Bros. James Holzworth, James Hutchings and Ronald Karekan; 40 years-Donald Thomas and Donald Woodruff; 50 years-Jack Sharp and William Fuhrmann. Congratulations to all of the awardees.

On a sad note

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of Brother Ronald S. Kless. Our hearts go out to the family of Brother Ron. A Scholarship Fund has been set up in his name. Make your check payable to "Northfield Lodge No. 426, F&AM" and in the memo section, write in for the Ronald Kless Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Guest speaker

Our January 7th meeting will feature W.: Bill Lindsay as the guest speaker. If you have never heard one of his talks, you won't want to miss it.

On January 21st we should be conferring a 3rd Degree.

V.W.: Dan Walker and R.W.: Dave Jones, DDGM 2nd Mon., with 55 year Certificate recipients W.: Ray Harvey and his wife, Rosemary, and Brother Paul Fox and his wife, Julia.





R.W.: Dave Jones, DDGM 2nd Mon., with W.: Dave Covell, 50 year, and W.: Dave Bishop 25 year Certificate Recipients.



W.: William Fraser, Master of Northfield Lodge, presenting "Mason of the Year Award" to W.: Donald Smith-Secretary.

On a closing note, please remember your donation to the Brotherhood Fund. Brother Jim

Knapp is anxiously awaiting your contribution. See you in Lodge. ☐

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

The holidays are gone. Is it too early to think about Spring? I think so. 1998 went very fast. Our Holiday Dinner was very good, our fundraiser was excellent. For all the Brothers who took part in it, we thank you.

January

SW Phil Hurwitz will be in the East when we will confer the 3rd Degree on January 5th. Our candidate will have the pleasure of being raised to Master Mason by the Damascus Temple Past Masters Degree Team. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please call JW Lou Campaniello at 247-4480 for reservations.

A joint program with Eureka Lodge will be held on January 19th and will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please call the Junior Warden with your reservation.

Looking ahead
 Our February 2nd meeting will feature a program called, "Masonic Presidents".

Come on out
 I hope the weather will not keep you from attending Lodge. If any Brother is in need please call one of our officers, we would like to help if we can.

In closing
 Let me remind you of the Have-a-Heart Campaign in February. We could use your help! Please give me a call.

E-mail
 Brother Sol Phillip's e-mail address is: CYYR55@PRODIGY.COM. Drop him a line. ☐


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

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

By Robert Ogden

From the Secretary's corner

Dues are a very important revenue to our Lodge. I would like to request again that members who have not taken care of this matter, do so at once.

Masonic Service

Several Brothers met at Halloran's Funeral Parlor recently to perform a Masonic Service for Brother Harold C. Cochrane. Brother Perry Sweet passed away in Florida on December 5th. Our deepest sympathies to their families.

Official Visit

January 5th will mark the date for the Official Visit by R.:W.: Dave Jones. There will be a Swiss Steak Dinner to which the ladies are invited. Brothers, you will be hearing from the Telephone Committee.

Masonic Brotherhood Fund

I'm pleased to report that to date 79 donors have contributed \$2,825.00 to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, which is approximately 42% of our membership. Compared to last year at this time, 78 donors contributed \$2,440.00 - 41% of the membership. It is needless to say how much your support is appreciated.

Chinese Dinner

I was remiss in not announcing a Chinese Dinner that was held November 21st at the Golden Dynasty, hosted by W.: Bill Shelby and his good wife, Roberta. Brother Bill reports 22 members and wives attended and the event went along very smoothly with everyone enjoying themselves. Again, thanks to the Shelby's for arranging it.

1st Degree

A 1st Degree with 3 candidates was conferred on December 15th. A 2nd Degree rehearsal is scheduled for January 12th. The conferral will be on January 19th.

Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart

Tentative dates are as follows for the above campaign-February 5th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th. Our Lodge has decided to participate on Friday, February 5th at Irondequoit Mall, with the ladies invited.

Christmas cheer

Our congenial Secretary, W.: Thomas Kendig, purchased poinsettias for members who have been unable to attend Lodge meetings. The following Brothers distributed the Christmas cheer: Jack Grover, Bill Hook, Paul Robertson and myself. It was

very heartwarming and the recipients were very surprised and pleased to see us.

Best wishes

Our "Preparers of Meals," Hilde DiJames and Joy Woodley, have been recovering from being under the weather and we sincerely wish them the very best.

Birthdays

Greetings to the following Brothers whose birthdays fall in January: Al Connon, Sam Elcoff, Roy Guess, Oran Kissinger, Frank Morse, John Sanna, Ken Skidmore and L. Edward Walker.

Dinner meeting

Our January 5th meeting will be a dinner with the ladies invited. □

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

I hope you and your families had a very enjoyable holiday season, filled with the hope, joy and Brotherly Love that the season was created to signify. □

Churchville Lodge No. 667

20 South Main St.
Churchville, N.Y. 14428



W.: Louis M.
Sanfilippo,
Master
227-3898

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

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

Hello Brothers!

Hope the holidays were as good for you as they were for my family and me. 1999 is going to be one of the best years Churchville Lodge has ever had and it will be because all your hard work and involvement will make that possible.

December

Our December 9th meeting was our year-end Annual Report. R.:W.: Donald Darrohn, DDGM, was gracious enough to attend and help us practice for the 2nd Degree.

We called a special communication on December 16th for the purpose of conferring a 2nd Degree. Eight candidates, seven from Churchville Lodge and one from Hesperus, received the Degree. JW John Hennessey was in the East and did an outstanding job. We thank the AGL from Genesee/Wyoming, V.:W.: Robert W. Strang, for doing the Middle Chamber Lecture. He did an excellent job. Brothers Dan Cathron and Jim Millet did the Questions and Answers and the Charge was done by Al Jeerings. Larry

Thibault explained the Working Tools to our Brothers. Daryl Bentley prepared an Italian dish of spaghetti and meatballs that was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who participated in making this a very enjoyable 2nd Degree.

January

Our 1st meeting this month will be on January 13th. It will be a regular communication with a short talk (if confirmed) on Masonry. On January 27th we will hold another 1st Degree. We do not have an exact number of candidates as petitions are still coming in. I can assure you that we will have another substantial group.

I hope to see all of you at the Degree to welcome these new Brothers. Thank you again for your support. □

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

Visitors welcome

I spoke with Ken Kassel, who has had two open heart operations. He is doing well, his spirits are good and he is looking forward to increasing his activities. He won't be able to join us in Lodge for a while, but he is able to have visitors. If you can't get out to see him, give him a call. We wish you a speedy recovery, Ken.

January

Our January meeting will be on Tuesday, the 19th. It will be "Ugly Sweater Night".

New Year

I hope you had a great holiday season and I wish you a very Happy New Year. For you snowbirds and other travelers I wish you a safe trip and hope you enjoy your travels. We look forward to seeing you in Lodge on your return. □

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

Holidays

I hope everyone had a happy and joyous holiday. Now it is time to get back to work. The Investigating Committee has two petitions for membership to Fame Lodge. If they are found okay, we could have a Degree to put on the 1st meeting in February. R.:W.: Bob Avery will be in touch with us about our parts for the Degrees.

Future Event

On January 26th we will have our Official Visit from DDGM, R.:W.: Dave Jones. A dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. by our Chef, W.: Mike Bell.

Sickness and distress

On behalf of my brother, Howard, and myself, I thank the Lodge and Brothers for the cards and phone calls on the death of our sister in California. If anyone knows of anyone who needs 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

I hope you and your families enjoyed the Holiday Season.

Future meetings

Our January 11th meeting will be a 2nd Degree. Let's fill the sidelines for an enjoyable evening. Rehearsal will be January 4th at 7:30 p.m.

On February 8th our guest speaker will be V.:W.: Bill Zufall, who will present the Morgan Affair and will make this a meeting to be remembered. Let's make a date to be in Lodge and hear Bill's colorful rendition of this event.

Great times!

We have a great line of officers and lunch after Lodge meetings. We still meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m., with Degree work on the 4th Monday, in most cases. January 11th is an exception. We meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the Temple for sociability and the betterment of our Lodge.

Need assistance?

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

The Secretary thanks all the Brothers who have remitted their 1998 and 1999 dues so far this month. If you haven't, please do it today. □

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

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

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



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

Dancing instruction

On November 28th we held our Ladies Night at the Billett School of Dance. For those of you who did not make it you missed a great time. We were given instruction on the fox trot and swing dance. We danced the night

away, some better than others. The School put on a fantastic display of ballroom dancing. This was a night of smiles and laughter as we all moved across the dance floor. Light on his feet, Mike Staub and Twinkle Toes, Dave Jones, were the envy of the class. So, if you need lessons, watch these two on the dance floor for some hints.

Official Visit

On December 1st R.:W.: Dave Jones delivered the Grand Master's Message, asking why we became Masons. His Message of using our skills to strengthen the Craft came across loud and clear.

Sadness

It is my sad duty to announce that Brother Harry Lake was called Home by the Great Architect of the Universe on December 7th. Harry has been a big part of our Lodge for many years. Harry's work in the 3rd Degree was always theatrical. His love for maintaining the Lodge, always keeping it spotless and looking in tip-top shape. The Altar was draped in his memory and a page in the minutes set aside as a memorial to him.

January

On January 5th we will have a Euchre Night. The 1st Degree will be conferred on January 19th with JW Ken Ratliff in the East. In closing, I wish you all a very Happy New Year! □

Masonic Q & A

From 101 Questions
about Freemasonry
(Masonic Service Association)

Q. What is Jurisdiction?

A. 1. Refers to the State. The jurisdiction of Massachusetts - the jurisdiction of Oregon - mean the Grand Lodges and all the individual Lodges of those States.
2. Refers to the power of the Grand Master. He has jurisdiction over the Masons in his State whether they be members of his Lodges or sojourning Masons from other Grand Jurisdictions.
3. Refers to the territory over which a Lodge has control as far as applications are concerned. Often in rural districts, jurisdiction lines are tightly drawn, so that no Lodge accepts applications from men who live within the territorial jurisdiction of another Lodge. In cities, "concurrent jurisdiction" is usual, any man being free to apply to any Lodge within the city limits.
4. Refers to the power a Lodge has over its rejected candidates; the right to give, or withhold, permission for rejected material to apply elsewhere. "Penal Jurisdiction," as this is sometimes called, varies in different Grand Lodges. In some it is perpetual, in others, it lapses after a certain length of time.

Q. Am I allowed to visit any Lodge anywhere on the globe?

A. No. You have agreed to obey the laws of your own Grand Lodge. Those laws provide that you can visit in the Lodges which are under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges which your Grand Lodge recognizes as legitimate. All United States Grand Lodges are in Fraternal relations with each other. If your travels extend beyond this nation, and you wish to visit Lodges in foreign countries, ascertain, either from the proceedings (published yearly by all Grand Lodges), by correspondence with your Grand Secretary, or by consulting the "Chart of Recognized Grand Lodges" for the Grand Lodges your Grand Lodge recognizes. □

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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

Greetings

Hopefully everyone had a safe and happy Christmas season, and each of you will have a joyous and prosperous New Year. Thanks to Brother Sean King for a fine job covering for me while I was away for the month of November.

2nd Degree

On November 9th, the 2nd Degree was conferred with Brother Sean King in the East. It was conveyed to me by W. Bob Carlson that Brother King did a fine job.

Table Lodge

From all reports, the Table Lodge was a great success. A big thank you to those Brothers who put it on and to all who attended.

Appreciation

I have gained a new level of appreciation for what a fine Lodge we have. It is gratifying to know that I, or any Master, can be away for more than a month and have confidence that all the Brothers will work together to keep things rolling. This is what Brotherhood and Fellowship is all about.

3rd Degree

On Monday, January 11th, the 3rd Degree will be conferred. W. Bob Carlson will be in the East. Rehearsal will be on January 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Bring-a-Friend

Our 2nd Bring-a-Friend Night will be on January 25th. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with a short program to follow. We are using a regular meeting night for this event to minimize travel to the Lodge during the Winter.

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154



W. Sherwin Isaacs
(h) 377-7647

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

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

Lodge kitchen facility

Brethren, your Lodge kitchen equipment has been in need of updating. Specifically, the large double oven cooking stove and the stacked double oven unit. It was also concerned that a commercial dishwasher would enhance the operation of the kitchen.

In view of the aforementioned, the Lodge Building Committee,

composed of R. W. Charles Spiegel, and W. Angelo DiCataldo, located the equipment needed at Cable-Wiedemer, Inc. The information regarding said equipment was presented at our Lodge meeting on November 23rd for approval. Thanks to all my Brethren for overwhelmingly approving the purchase of the needed equipment.

All of the equipment is being installed and should be up and running for our January dinner meeting. The ladies of Irondequoit Chapter, OES, have expressed their appreciation in having new kitchen equipment that will better enable them to prepare Lodge dinners expediently. New kitchen utensils have also been purchased.

Thanks again, Brethren, for your cooperation.

Seat cover replacement

Many of our sideline seats display exceptional wear. Again, with the cooperation of our Building Committee, new coverings are to be installed in various shades of blue. SMC, Steve Maynard, who has experience in upholstery, will gradually replace all of the chair fabric.

Master's Ball

The Master's Ball, held at the Burgundy Basin Inn on November 14th, was a great success. The food was excellent, as was the music. My congratulations to SW, Ray DiJames, for putting together a fine evening for the Brethren and their ladies.

Children's Christmas Party

As of this writing, the Children's Christmas Party of December 13th has yet to be held. Brother James VanZile informs me that upwards of 40 people will be in attendance. Hopefully, many more will attend as in the past several years.

Euchre Tournament

Should you wish to join Wakan/Hubbard's Open Singles Euchre Tournament on Friday, January 15th, please contact Brother Don McDill at 288-5718. The outcome of the Tournament will be announced in the next issue of the Times.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

The Have-a-Heart Campaign dates are tentatively set for February 5th - 7th and Feb. 11th - 14th. Locations will be at Irondequoit, Eastview and Greece Ridge Malls. The hours are from noon - 9:00 p.m. and Sundays from noon - 6:00 p.m. It is expected that Lodges will sign up for 3 hour blocks of time. Brethren, this is a worthwhile endeavor and should receive the cooperation of not only our Lodge, but all Lodges. We have been assured that all collected monies will go directly to the Ronald McDonald House and not to related charities. I have seen this facility and was impressed by the community service it performs. Brethren, please give of your time for this worthwhile project.

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night will be held on Thursday, January 21st in the evening. The evening's program will be hosted by V. W. John Zabel, Brothers Joseph Olgoetz, Steven Xander, and James VanZile. Please contact these Brothers regarding prospective candidates who will be attending.

3rd Degree

Our 3rd Degree was held on November 23rd. Welcome aboard to our new Brother, Craig Fargo. Thanks to all Degree participants for an excellent Degree.

A special thanks to R. W. A. John Tijou, V. W. John Zabel, R. W. Donald Brugger, R. W. Fred Nielsen, and W. Frank Briffa.

Sickness and distress

R. W. Stan Peterson's wife, Noreen, has had another knee operation. The operation had been held up due to a lack of a specific type of blood which was forthcoming, and she is now recovering nicely.

SW, Ray DiJames' wife, Hildegard, had a gall bladder operation recently and is doing quite well.

JD, Steve Xander, reports that his wife, Susanne, is progressing slowly on her way to wellness.

On a sad note

We have lost several of our Brothers recently:

R. W. Charles W. Thompson on November 22nd; Brother Robert H. Ewart on December 4th; Brother Charles W. Kohlmetz on December 8th.

A Masonic Service was held at the Nulton Funeral Home for Brother Kohlmetz on December 12th.

Remember

Dues are due. Please remit as soon as practicable.

Brotherhood envelopes should now be in your hands. Give as much as you can to assist our various endeavors.

Holiday wishes

Brethren, I may be a little late in wishing you and yours the best of everything for the holidays and the ensuing year. I sincerely do so at this time wish you all health, wealth and prosperity.

Lodge attendance

Your Lodge Brothers await your attendance at Lodge meetings and functions. You are missed and you are missing the good fellowship of your Brothers. I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



W. Michael G. Batz, Master
(h) 334-1989
(w) 272-8470

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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

Attendance is up!

We are pleased with the results of our first four meetings! Attendance has doubled our average, and with programs for the ladies going on during our abridged "down to business" meetings (35-40 min.) we have had more time to socialize like the old days. I, for one, am really excited!

Our meeting in January will have a program as well, with the exception of having the ladies out. However, we are having another ladies night program at our February meeting on the order of a Sweetheart Dinner with entertainment.

December

In December we had a buffet prepared and dropped off by Runds on the Ridge and presented by W. Richard Snyder and his lovely wife, Rita. Rita also prepared all of the hors d'oeuvres, as well as the fantastic desserts. All

in all, it was a splendid evening enjoyed by 54. We were entertained by a quartet sans stand in (W. Vern Saunders), and during our meeting R. W. David Clarke presented holiday ideas on creating memoirs and history through photo albums. As a side note, I felt that the German Potato Salad should have been warm. We thought we would try the buffet this once.

Speedy recovery

We are hoping for a speedy recovery for Hilde DiJames, we love you. Hopefully she will be back at par for our January meeting. We have a great program scheduled for that night.

Degree

We have two petitions and we could be doing the Degree as scheduled on the 4th Tuesday in January. We need a few Brothers for non-speaking parts. Call Herb Spencer, 271-8577, or Gary Burke, 865-4940, if you are interested.

We need petitions

Please pass along any names you wish us to contact about Masonry and we will be glad to follow up. We need more youthful members to keep our Lodge's future safe from a lack of good leadership. We have the money, but without willing leaders, we could jeopardize our Charter and have to turn our assets over to Grand Lodge. We lose 6 - 10 Brothers a year through attrition and adding 2 - 4 is not going to be enough down the road. Please support me in this rejuvenation effort and point us to men that are "able" to be good Masons. We will handle the "ready" and the "willing" parts.

Sadness

A page in the minutes was set aside, suitable inscribed for the passing of Brother Robert Foreman. The altar was draped and prayer given. Well done, Brother Robert.

Poinsettias

Poinsettias were delivered and were accepted graciously.

More news coming

More news will be forthcoming about the Widows Luncheon. I seem to be busier than before and I apologize for the brevity of this article.

Seneca Lodge

No. 797

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6:00 P.M.



W. Gary R. Stein
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Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary
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1999

Of course the 1st paragraph of the 1st article in this issue of the Times is one that wishes everyone a very happy, prosperous and fulfilling new year. I hope that all readers of this message had a wonderful holiday season.

Official Visit

The 1998 year at Seneca Lodge ended with the Official Visit of R. W. Donald Darrohn, DDGM of the 1st Monroe District. It was nice not to have to close the Lodge. R. W. Ruel Lovett, Grand Sword Bearer, was there and also delivered a wonderful message.

Visit to the VA Hospital

The Brothers of Seneca Lodge visited our friends at the Canandaigua VA Hospital on December 20th. They presented them with sweatshirts and other related items. Thanks to R. W. Tom Paglia and W. Don Rose for
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Continued from page 9 making the necessary arrangements that made our visit possible. What an experience!

Looking ahead

The New Year at Seneca will be an exciting one to say the least. We will be visited in January by a representative from the Ronald McDonald House, just in time for the Have-a-Heart Campaign. In February we will have a Financial Planner come and talk to us about making the necessary preparations for the 'Golden Years'. March we will hear from the Director of Adult Day Services at the St. Ann's Community Center who will talk about alternatives to nursing homes. Plus, a healthy social program which will include a Ladies Night some time during the Winter months. We plan to have a Seneca Lodge Night at Frontier Field in May. Don't forget our Awards Presentation Ceremony in April and the Installation of Officers in May.

The Degrees, with all the associated hard work, are now out of the way. Now is the time to enjoy all the 'fun' programs your Lodge has planned for you. See you at Lodge!

CLIO LODGE No. 779



W. Sean Noonan, Master 392-8156

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

Charles A. Tucker, DSA Secretary 392-2006 287 East Ave. Hilton, N.Y. 14468 <http://www.frontiernet.net/~dupham>

Reflections

Greetings to all. Hopefully your holiday was filled with family and friends celebrating the festive season. For the Brothers of Clio Lodge, December 1st was as festive as it gets. 64 Brothers and family members attended our Holiday Dinner, complete with Yule logs burning in the fireplace and Christmas decorations throughout. W. Dave Upham and Brother Scott Blystone put on the entire affair. The baked ham with all the trimmings was delicious. How about that home made corn bread? Thanks again, Brothers, we love you.

Degrees

JW Bob Pederson and the Degree Team did their usual excellent work conferring the 2nd Degree in November. On December 15th the 3rd Degree was conferred and we raised our new Brother, Joseph S. Gresko. Congratulations, Brother Gresko, and welcome to the Craft.

Spaghetti Dinner

The December 9th Spaghetti Dinner was well attended, but a little short on help. Please make an effort to help us if you can. Just an hour or so really helps, especially for the clean-up after 6:30 p.m.

Coming events

Our January Spaghetti Dinners will be on the 13th and 27th. January 19th will be our Annual Communication. The 1st Degree will be conferred on February 2nd with SW Jeff Ross in the East. Rehearsal for this Degree is on January 31st at 2.00 p.m.

Birthdays

Best wishes to all having a birthday in January.

Closing


A warm Clio Lodge welcome back to Brother Don Gala. We look forward to seeing him in Lodge soon.

All of us that attend Lodge regularly know that some of our Brothers have loved ones dealing with serious health challenges. Please remember this in your devotions to Deity and let's not be afraid to offer kind words to each other.

May God bless us all in the New Year.

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479

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



W. Dennis F. Tianello, Master 352-9757

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

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

Lunch with a Brother

While pursuing her volunteer duties at Westwood Commons Adult home in North Chili, Judy Gillott discovered that Bob Hopson was a Mason. Judy is the wife of Ed Gillott, a Past Master of Etolian Lodge No. 479 who is active in the Lodge's Hi-12 monthly lunch program. Following up on Judy's lead, Ed determined that Hopson was W. Robert Hopson, a Past Master of

Churchville Lodge No. 667. Thinking that Bob might enjoy a change of pace from his daily routine Judy suggested that she drive Brother Hopson to Spencerport where he attended two of the monthly luncheons. He renewed contact with Brother Joe Elliot of Etolian Lodge. Brother Joe's daughter is married to Brother Bob's son who has an automotive business in Spencerport.

Having enjoyed himself on this outings, Brother Hopson wanted to return the favor and invited the group to lunch at his home, Westwood Commons, where he was the first person to take up residence when it opened. On November 19th, 19 Brothers from four Lodges joined Bob for a lunch prepared by Judy, Carol Agosto and other members of the staff. Prior to lunch music was provided by Ed Gillott on the organ and Karl (Conehead) Heinz-Reich on the accordion. A tour of the facility was provided following lunch and a donation was made to the Home for their efforts. Brotherly love prevailed thanks to a caring and alert Judy and Ed Gillott.



Karl (Conehead) Reich squeezes out the tunes as Dick Barr in the background looks on.



Fathers-in-law, Joe Elliot and Bob Hobson.




Ed Gillott, Judy Gillott and Bob Hopson.



Bob Hopson (left) with (far side) Ev Hoak and Lou Campaniello, (near side) Bob Spencer and Hank Spencer.

FAIRPORT Lodge No. 476



W. Tom Richenderfer, 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

Another year gone!! Where does the time go? It seems like just last week was our first meeting of the Masonic year, and now it's a brand new calendar year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the Brothers of Fairport Lodge and their families a joyous New Year.

Meeting recap

December is one of the months that Fairport Lodge meets only once. That meeting, on December 14th, was our Monday Night Football night. Our Junior Warden provided lots of good food and drink and a great time was had by all!

I would also like to thank W. Tom Goodrich for volunteering to take over the Senior Warden's chair after the departure of Doug Skelton. It's good to know that when things get tough, there is somebody willing to help. I encourage all of the Brothers of Fairport Lodge to support W. Goodrich in every way possible so that Fairport Lodge can once again start growing.

Finally, if everything worked out, there should be a picture of the newest Master Masons at Fairport Lodge. Brother Robert Johnson and Brother Anthony Martin were raised in our 3rd Degree on November 23rd by the Shrine Past Master's Degree Team. I thank the Degree Team again for a wonderful presentation.

Upcoming events

We start off the New Year on January 11th with a Table Lodge. I have spent some time updating the Toasts and hope that everyone can attend. Please call me at 377-7782 and let me know if you're coming.

I had originally planned the January 25th meeting to be Past Master's Night. However, I have postponed that and have made arrangements for W. Daniel Clark from the Masonic Home to come and talk to us about the Masonic Home and the facilities available to Masons.

On Sunday, January 31st, Super Bowl Sunday, I am planning a Super Bowl Party at the Lodge. This is intended to be a family affair. Refreshments will be provided. Please call me at 377-7782 and let me know if you plan to attend.




Newly raised Fairport Lodge Brothers Robert Johnson and Anthony Martin.

A final note

I wish all the best to Brother Doug Skelton in his new home in Chicago. It was a pleasure working with Doug at Fairport Lodge. He will be missed, not only at Fairport Lodge, but in the Monroe Districts. Doug's departure has left some holes in our Lodge. I am asking each and every Brother to pitch in and help out in whatever way possible. This is your chance to make your mark on Fairport Lodge and keep it vibrant and alive.

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

Fellowcraft Dinner

The Fellowcraft Dinner at FDR's Restaurant on December 3rd was a fine night out for the group. It was well attended and the food was great. We are planning to have more dinners in 1999 on the 1st Thursday of the month. We will keep you posted as the events are planned.

Business meeting in December

The December 10th meeting was the Annual Business Meeting for Flower City Lodge. Several officers and members were unable to attend and we had one of the shortest meetings of the year!

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

Plans are in the works for Saturday evening, January 9th, which will be our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Only one name has been submitted thus far and we need many more names of friends to be added to the invitation list for this important event. Please call R. W. Phil Averbach with the name of a friend to be invited to the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night.

Future events

Our January meeting is set for the 14th at 7:30 p.m. There are going to be some important items brought up at this meeting, including planning for the balance of the year.

There will be a "Lodge of Confusion" at Fairport Lodge on January 20th at 7:30 p.m. This is to be counted as attendance of a School of Ritual. Officers, please note and attend.

February 3rd, which is a Wednesday night, at the Masonic Temple, also at 7:30 p.m., will be

Hiram's College of Knowledge. This will be very informative for all the new Brothers regarding visiting other Lodges, as well as other important Masonic information.

Last but not least, is the Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House. This year the booths will be manned generally only on the weekend. We are scheduled for Saturday, February 6th at Irondequoit Mall from noon until 9:00 p.m. This will be the first day and I am going to need a few Brothers to help set up the booth and also people to man the booth for 3 hour shifts. □



This story is about a man who called to say he smelled wires burning in the wall and would it be possible to have a look at it right away for he feared a fire may start at any time. Arriving there the usual questions were asked to try and determine the exact cause, what he was doing, when did he smell smoke, where did the smell come from? He said he had plugged an electric heater into a wall receptacle and about 10 minutes later he smelled smoke. He told me he had taken the receptacle out of the wall box and the smell was gone. He found nothing wrong with the receptacle or the wiring.

The receptacle was again removed from the wall box and what I found was wiring that did not belong there. Someone had attached lamp cord to the wall outlet. When I asked where the wire went, he said he did not know. By the look on his face you knew his answer was not entirely right. Wiring like this is usually done by home-owners or do it yourselfers, just to save money. Further inspection found that the wire had been tapped off a junction box in the basement. What was burning was the wires in the junction box at the point of connection.

Lamp cords are made to handle no more than 5 or 6 amps. I guess most of you can figure out what was happening to the wire. The point of greatest resistance is at the connection, so that's where it started to heat up. He was lucky, for if it had continued to burn it would surely have started a fire before he actually found the problem. How can a person who owns a \$150,000 house or any house, not call in a qualified electrician to do the work? To do the outlet repair properly would probably have cost him only \$40 to \$50, but he decided to jeopardize his house and family and do it himself.

If he had left the heater on all night, he and the family would never have had a chance. Remember, common sense and proper wiring for your appliances is the safest way to go. Don't save pennies when you may end up spending a lot of dollars correcting a mistake. Til the next time - keep your wires cool. □



Brotherhood Fund

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tion for Medical Research and Human Welfare, which was the forerunner of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL)?

Are you aware that for the past 40 years the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory has been addressing some of the major health issues facing society?

Are you aware that the MMRL is internationally renowned, especially in the area of cardiology?

Are you aware that the majority of known cardiac arrhythmias (irregular heartbeats) have either been discovered or their mechanisms (cause) unraveled by scientists at the MMRL?

Are you aware that the MMRL research has played an important role in the implementation of devices like the pacemaker and AICD (Automatic Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator)?

Are you aware that MMRL continues to play a major, and in some cases, a pivotal role in the development of heart medication?

Are you aware that the MMRL discovered a new sub-population of heart cells termed, "M" cells?

Are you aware that the MMRL is diligently working to learn the cellular basis of the various waves that appear on the ECG? The MMRL has uncovered the basis for the J wave and T wave of the ECG, thus providing cardiologists a more accurate means of diagnosing cardiac disease?

Are you aware that the MMRL formed a worldwide consortium of scientists that discovered the first gene responsible for Sudden Cardiac Death?

Are you aware that the MMRL discovered a treatment for people at high risk of Sudden Cardiac Death (Brugada Syndrome)?

Are you aware that the MMRL together with foundations such as SADS (Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome) and CARE (Cardiac Arrhythmias Research and Education Foundation) is working to educate physicians about the Long QT Syndrome, a syndrome which takes the lives of many children and young adults in their prime?

Are you aware that the MMRL has a \$2.04 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as well as a \$475,000 NIH grant for our new Molecular Biology Program? Testimony to the quality of our research and the ability to garner competitive grant support in a climate of limited funding.

Are you aware that the MMRL has recently received a United States patent for oral tolerization as a potential treatment for Lupus Erythematosus?

Are you aware that the Masonic Brotherhood Fund accounted for 50% of our operating budget 10 years ago, but today it is only 14%? There is no doubt that our scientists could do more if they had additional funds. We are most appreciative of the support we have received and continue to receive. For those who support medical research know that the best that science has to offer is yet to come.

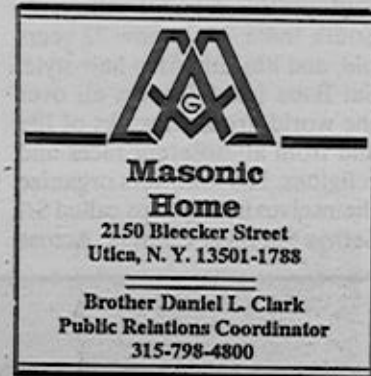
Are you aware that basic biomedical research conducted at the MMRL and others institutes like ours, is responsible for major breakthroughs in medical care? Research provides a skilled doctor the special equipment, surgical techniques and drugs necessary to save your life or that of a

loved one. Basic research is dedicated to developing the cures and treatments of tomorrow, and thus improving the quality of life for each of us.

Are you aware that the MMRL recently received international recognition of its work by the American College of Cardiology, the North American Society for Pacing and Electrophysiology and other Societies in the cardiac field.

Are you aware that millions of Americans and citizens of other countries have benefited from the research studies conducted at the MMRL with your generous support?

Now you are aware of what the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory does and how important your support is to humanity. Please contribute to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund and earmark your donation for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. Together we can build a better, happier and healthier tomorrow. (Courtesy "MMRL Update") □



Alzheimer's affects more people today than we can verify. Here are some thoughts from Emily Harris, LPN, head nurse on 4 Smith Stewart, who works with Alzheimer residents every day.

Every day, you are there. You greet me in the morning with a smile and a gentle touch to let me know you are there. I may not know your name or what you do, but the tone of your voice tells me I can trust you. You tell me what you are doing, though I may not understand, but with reassurance and guidance you help me complete my daily tasks.

Yes, there are times when I don't want to comply. I may display various emotions and at times forms of "Martial Arts". You, my caregiver, along with many other hands, help develop interventions to enhance my quality of life and safety.

I get lost in the present, looking for the past. Where are my loved ones? I want to go home! You lend a listening ear to the questions I ask often and to the stories I have told before.

You involve me in activities such as Good Morning Group, Action Games and the Alzheimer's Walk. These activities help maintain my quality of life and social well being. I may not be able to participate fully, but it allows me a change of scenery and a break in my daily routine.

Time has no meaning to me, so if I'm up all hours of the night, you are there to assist me. You talk to me, offer me something to eat, make sure I'm comfortable and I might lie down and go to sleep.

I don't know your name or what you do, but I know I can "Count" on you.....for you are always there. □

Letter of Appreciation

By Carmine Tripolone, a former Rehabilitation resident

Thank you Masonic Home for giving me back my life!

In June of this year, I received a liver transplant at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. I went

through a very difficult time, and it was a miracle that I survived the procedure. In July, after seven weeks of intensive care and hospitalization, I was ready for rehabilitation. At this time, I could not sit up, stand, walk and the left side of my body was useless. I had to return to New York State to receive rehabilitation. I applied to several facilities in Utica for it, but no one would accept me, perhaps it was their fear of caring for a transplant recipient.

Fortunately, I was accepted at the Masonic Home Rehabilitation Unit and within one month, I was able to return to my home, and today, I am walking, able to take care of my own needs, and "as good as new".

I cannot thank the Masonic Home enough for what they did for me. I lived in a beautiful room, amongst beautiful surroundings, but more importantly, I lived among beautiful, caring, and dedicated people - administrators, nurses, therapist, aides and those who delivered our dinner trays.

Thank you, Masonic Home, for your efforts, expertise, encouragement, and giving me back my life. Your motto, "a tradition of caring since 1893", says it all. □

A Story

Although I try not to plagiarize in my writing, I came across a funny story on E-mail and thought that with a few changes it would be amenable to the Fraternity. Here goes!

A man was walking on a beach in California and came across an old, strange looking lamp. He picked it up and rubbed the sand off. Suddenly out popped a Genie.

The Genie said, "OK, OK, you released me from the lamp...etc. This is the forth time this month and I'm getting sick of these wishes. So, forget about three, you only get one wish!"

The man thought for a while and said, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I'm afraid to fly and I get sea sick. Can you build me a bridge to Hawaii so that I can drive there to visit."

The Genie Laughed and said, "That's impossible. Think of the logistics! How would the supports reach the bottom of the Pacific? Think of all the concrete and steel! No, you better think of another wish."

The man said, "OK", and tried to think of a really good wish. Finally he said, "I am the Master of a Masonic Lodge and my Brothers think that I am insensitive and really don't care. So, I wish that I could understand my Brothers, know how they feel inside and what they are thinking when they give me that silent treatment...know what they really want... know why they are complaining... know what they re-

ally mean when they say 'nothing'...Know how to make them truly good Masons."

To which the Genie replied, "did you want that bridge two lanes or four?" □

Poetry Niche

Masonic Song

[Said to have been recited by Burns at his admission as an honorary member of the Killwinning St. John's Lodge, Kilmarnock, October 26, 1786]

Ye sons of old Killie, assembled by Willie
To follow the noble vocation,
Your thrifty old mother has scarce such another
To sit in that honore'd station!
I've little to say, but only to pray
(As praying's the ton of your fashion).
A prayer from the muse you well may excuse
(Tis seldom her favorite passion):

'Ye Powers who preside o'er the wind and the tide,
Who marke'd each element's border,
Who forme'd this frame with beneficent aim,
Whose Sovereign statute is order,
Within this dear mansion may wayward Contention
Or wither'd Envy ne'er enter!
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Final Comments of Dr. Kamath

This is the completion of Dr. Padmanabh Kamath's remarks after receiving the Masonic Service Bureau's "Distinguished Community Service Award" at the Interfaith Service and Breakfast on October 4, 1998.

While I am being given this Award, it will be wrong for me to accept it just for myself. Each of the projects is being carried out not just by me, but by a team of volunteers working together. While it is not possible for me to mention all the volunteers, I would like to mention two people without whose consistent and dedicated help I could not have played my role well.

The first among these is my wife, Amrith. While she has her moments of frustration with me, she has always stood by me in each one of the activities, and done much more than her share in the call of duty. I have said this many times to my friends, if she takes on a job, she does it extremely well. Honey, thank you for your support, and I accept this Award on your behalf.

The second person I want to acknowledge is one who never

complains, and who has been working with me for more than 10 years. He works with me at the Highland Hospital, at the Metropolitan Funeral Home, at the Faith Community, at the India Community Center and at the Hindu Heritage Summer Camp. That person is "Jeff", or Lawrence Jefferson. I just have to tell Jeff what I need, and he will make sure that it is done. He would go out of his way to accomplish it. Jeff, you have been a very important part of my life. I thank you and accept this Award on your behalf, also.

Then there are a whole lot of dedicated volunteers at each of the activities I have been associated with. It has been my good fortune to get to know them and work with them. So, with gratitude and thanks, I accept this Award on their behalf.

When Jay McCullough called me about the Award, one question that crept up in my mind was, "Who exactly are the Masons?" I had a very limited knowledge about the Masons-I knew that they bring the circus to town, The Shrine Circus. We have attended a couple of circus shows with our kids. I knew that Masons make charitable donations to the worthy causes. I had attended one of

the functions with Rosa Wims when they gave a grant of \$500 to the Faith Community Health Awareness Center. I did not know exactly who they are, and what they stand for. It appears that Jay read my mind, and when he came to see me for the first time, he brought the flyers explaining who exactly the Masons are. In the flyers, I was very impressed to read the core principles of the Masons: Belief in God; Faithfulness to one's religion; Dedication to the service of mankind; Be good Citizens of their country.

I was impressed because these are not only the universal principles for any good person to follow, but also the core principles followed by the spiritual group that I belong to. I want to share with you some of the teachings and the charitable activities of our Group.

Our spiritual master is Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. He lives in an ashram in Puttaparthi, a small village in South India. He is now 72 years old, and has this Afro hair style. Sai Baba has followers all over the world, from all walks of life and from all different races and religions. His followers organize themselves into groups called Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centers. Across

the world, there are 1,200 Sathya Sai Baba Centers.

What are Sai Baba's teachings?

Believe in God, for there is only ONE GOD for all mankind, though he may be called by many names.

Follow sincerely your respective religions and live your daily lives in consonance with the teachings of good behavior and morality.

Respect all other religions, for no religion advocates the negative and lower qualities of man.

Perform selfless service to the poor, the sick, and the needy without the thought of reward or fame.

Cultivate in your lives the values of truth, divine love, right conduct, peace, and nonviolence and promote these values among all.

Be patriotic and respect the laws of the country in which you live.

These are universal principles. Any good person living in any country and belonging to any religion should be able to follow these. If mankind can follow these principles, and develop tolerance, acceptance and respect for each others' faiths, there will be perfect harmony in the world.

It is wonderful to note that the Masons are dedicated to the service of mankind. I want to share with you some of the service projects of Sai Baba. His service projects are mainly in three fields: education, health care and service to the needy.

In the field of education, Sai Baba places great importance on proper education for young people. Parents and community leaders are urged to concern themselves with the informal as well as the formal experiences to which their children and young adults are exposed. He has established a model education system, which includes primary schools, secondary schools, and an accredited university with three campuses, offering undergraduate, Masters and PhD Degrees. No fees are charged to the students, and admission is open to all, regardless of race, religion or economic condition. At his schools, in addition to the academic curriculum, the students take courses in morality and spirituality and devote several hours a week to some form of community service. Sai Baba says, "the end of education is character".

In the field of health care, Sathya Sai Baba has built an ultra modern 300 bed hospital in the village of Puttaparthi. This is called a super specialty hospital, and highly specialized operations, including open heart surgeries and kidney transplants, are conducted there. There is no charge to the patient for professional or hospital expenses. Motivated by the desire to serve humanity, doctors, nurses and other health care workers render extraordinary compassionate, and loving care to all patients.

In the area of service, the crown jewel of Sai Baba's projects was the water supply to about 500 villages suffering from chronic drought. This project now provides adequate supply of pure water to 1.5 million people. By such activities, Sathya Sai Baba demonstrates that it is the duty of society to ensure that all people have access to the basic amenities of life.

My purpose in sharing this information with you is to make you aware of some of the wonderful charitable activities that are going on in another part of the world, so that it may serve as an additional source of inspiration to you to take on more and bigger projects.

Before concluding, let me share with you some of Sri Sathya Sai Baba's slogans:

Work is Worship.
Help Ever, Hurt Never.
Love All, Serve All.

Finally, Sai Baba's ABC's for conducting your life:

Always Be Content.
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Always Be Careful.
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From the Potentate



Joseph E. Bourcy III

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Thanks

As 1998 draws to a close, I am full of mixed feelings. My year as your Potentate is fast coming to an end. It has been an experience that I will long remember. Barbara and I thank all of you for your support during this great year. We had lots of fun and hope you did, too.

January meetings

On January 6th we will have our annual elections and a new regime will take office. I know the Temple will be in good hands under the direction of Don Leisten and the rest of the Divan. Please support them as much as you have me.

Our Shrine meeting dinner on the 6th will be Steak and all the fixins for \$1.00.

You must have a 1999 dues card to get in. You must also have a reservation called into the office by noon on Monday, January 4th. I'll see you all there.

Parting thoughts

Last month I left you with a few parting thoughts from 1998. I would like to add a few more to this article.

They've changed my whole life, these years that have passed. Looking back on them now, they've really gone fast. When I started this voyage of service to you, I had no idea I would be Potentate, too. Being part of the Divan means hard work and great fun, Then someone suggested to give OG a run.

That started things rolling toward the seat in the East. I learned how to travel and I learned where to feast. I went to the hospitals which filled me with pride To visit our kids who are making great strides.

It's hard to express all the emotions I hold, but fond memories will linger till I'm very old.

To the Divan and ladies, these thoughts are for you. '98's been successful for me, thanks to all of you.

Because of your efforts, good friendship and cheer I could not have done this with out all of you here.

'99 is upon us and Big D is all ready To take hold of these reins and keep this ship steady.

I congratulate Don and his lady, Pat. I wish them both fun, success and all that.

As '98 is now closing and I run out of time Don't anyone forget to "TURN ON TO THE SHRINE".

God bless all of you and thank you all for some really great memories.

Have a happy and healthy New Year.

Damascus Shell-A-Buck Dinner

Wed., Jan. 6, 1999
Steak Dinner
with all the trimmings

\$1.00
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Social Hour 4:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting
and election of Officers

Dinner Reservations must be
made by Monday, Jan. 4th
Call the Office 671-7701

Erie Hospital

By Donald A. Rose

The construction at the Erie Hospital is progressing ahead of schedule, and the staff is looking forward to moving into the new facility. There is currently a situation that has arisen concerning the continuation of a program, that although well received by the communities it is started in has, because of its popularity become threatened.

The Sled Hockey Program, whereby kids on sleds play Hockey against one another, has been touted as one of the most therapeutic activities disabled children can participate in, and for that reason, has grown from one small team sponsored by the hospital to several teams in the Erie, PA, area and additional teams sponsored by Temples in Pittsburgh, PA, and Buffalo. These programs have provided the Shrine with priceless publicity in area newspapers and on local TV telecasts, but this growth has also caused the situation the hospital now faces.

Erie Hospital has been a leader in the development of this program, however, other hospitals in the Shrine system have started their own programs. These new programs and the moneys necessary to sustain them have placed Headquarters in Tampa in a situation where the "tail is wagging the dog".

This is to say that the programs have grown far and above that anticipated, and have drained any budget amounts set aside this year for the programs. Erie Hospital had presented an interim budget request to fund in full this program through the end of this year. This request was turned down because Tampa has put a hold on the development of this program until it can prepare a system wide program and budget, and thereby be able to control the growth and funding of this program. This puts Erie Unit in a difficult position of being a leader in the institution of this program. It is either forced to curtail activities or ask for donations of dedicated funds to the hospital for this program. Since the loss of this program would hurt the image of the hospital, as giving and then taking away this activity, I am asking you for any

small donation you could make to the Shriners Erie Hospital - Sled Hockey Program. This timely gift will assist the hospital with a worthy program through the end of this year, and afford the giver with a year end fully deductible tax donation. It is important that any donation be dedicated by having the words Sled Hockey Program on the check. Any donations may be sent to: Damascus Temple, 979 Bay Rd., Webster, NY 14580, or directly to Shriners Erie Hospital, 1645 West 8th St., Erie, PA 16505. I thank you in advance for your assistance in this important program.

recommended that you make your own airline reservations to and from Dallas. In making your flight reservations, keep in mind we have tickets for the Mesquite Rodeo, Saturday, July 3rd.

Due to the high cost of transportation in the Dallas area, you may want to rent a vehicle at the Dallas Airport. Suggested places to rent vehicles that are giving Shriners a discount are:

Budget Rent A Car (800) 527-0700 Acct. #V255641
Enterprise Rent A Car (972) 986-1890 Acct. #D3CON
Adventure Express (800) 577-2252 Contact: Priscilla Mantle

Agenda for the week

Saturday, July 3rd-Arrival Dallas and Renaissance Hotel; 4:00 p.m. leave hotel for Mesquite Rodeo (Chuck Wagon Bar-B-Que 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.-Rodeo at 8:00 p.m.). Hospitality when we return to the hotel.

Sunday, July 4th-Continental Breakfast-Hospitality Room; tour Dallas; dinner and Tournament-Medieval Times. Hospitality at hotel.

Monday, July 5th-Continental Breakfast-Hospitality Room. 9:00

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Imperial Sessions, Dallas

July 3-8, 1999

Ill. - Donald F. Leisten and his Lady Pat invite you to join them for the pilgrimage to the 125th Imperial Convention in Dallas, Texas.

Due to so many wanting to use Frequent Flyer Miles, we will not have a sufficient number for reservations on any one airline. It is

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July 3-8, 1999

Dallas Renaissance Hotel

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Scottish Rite NEWS

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back on what has transpired during the last 12 months. I challenge you to look forward on what you expect to accomplish in the new year. We have many plans for the activities in the Valley of Rochester. Some are new, some are traditional, and some will be changes in the way we have previously operated. Will you be a part of what we are doing? Is there something you would like to see happen? We are open to suggestions and look forward to your participation in 1999.

May you have a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. □

1998 Scottish Rite Family Day a Great Success



Thanks

Congratulations and a hearty welcome to our 14 new members of the Valley of Rochester. These members of the Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MSA Class were the beneficiaries of excellent Degree presentations at our Fall Reunion. We look forward to seeing them at our meetings and other activities in the coming months and hopefully they will take part in future Degrees.

Special thanks

A special thank you to all who participated in the Reunion. The Degree Directors, participants in the Degrees, the Class Committee, our hard working and efficient Stage Crew and those who just came to be present made the Reunion a success. A special thanks to our Office Staff for putting in extra hours and making sure that all the clerical details were handled in a timely and efficient manner and to Brother Don Brugger, 32° MSA, for coordinating our newly upgraded sound system. The improvements made in this system have greatly improved the presentation of the Degrees.

Taking a look

It seems that this is the time of the year when everyone reflects

Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MSA, Class 1998 Fall Reunion



Scott J. Brickman
J. Mark Craib
Peter Fallon
Joseph H. Gingold
Ralph Jurgens
Jasper E. Kennedy
Richard A. Marchner

The Officers chosen from this Class are:
President - William D. Shelby
Orator - Joseph H. Gingold
Secretary/Treasurer - Jasper E. Kennedy

Joseph F. Oelgoetz III
Darren L. Perreault
George N. Romanyshyn
Gary R. Sanford
William D. Shelby
Duane W. Smith
Ian J. Wilson



Veronica and her father, Alan Goodrich, with Shrine Clowns.



Freddie (Charlie Chaplain) Griesmeier and Company entertaining the attendees at the Scottish Rite Family Day.



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Some of the Brothers, family and friends at the Family Day.
(Pictures - Vern Goodrich)

Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas Paglia, 32° MSA
Albert W. Brown - not feeling well.

James Wilkins - had a stroke and would appreciate hearing from you all.

Simon Simel - very ill.

Harold Donish - at home recuperating from a heart attack.

Clyde Buck - had intestinal problems.

Norman H. Selke, 33° - is in Strong Hospital, had leg surgery.

Don Leisten - still not feeling well.

Remember these Brothers with cards and phone calls. □

**Best Wishes for
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Lalla Rookh GROTTO

News

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Richard Topel, Monarch

Monarch's Message

I hope everyone had a happy and joyous holiday this year. Now that my year is coming to an end, all I can say is, where did the year go? I thank my Officers, Past Monarchs and the Prophets for all of the help they gave me this year. When I was elected Monarch for 1998, I felt honored that the Officers and Prophets of Lalla Rookh Grotto had faith in me; for this I say again, thank you to all the members.

Future events

The Cast Dinner will be January 14th at the Spring House, 3001 Monroe Avenue at 5:45 p.m. On January 20th we will have our Annual Board of Governors Dinner at Rick's Prime Rib House, 898 Buffalo Rd, at 5:45 p.m. January 23rd (Saturday) will be the Installation of Officers for 1999 at the Downtown Temple at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. On January 30th the Legion of Honor will have their Installations at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Avenue at 6:00 p.m.

Sickness and distress

PM Merch Merritt had been in the hospital and is now home. Our condolences to the family of Prophet Gerald Sherry who passed away on November 22nd. My brother, Howard, and I thank the Grotto and Prophets for their cards and phone calls on the recent death of our sister in California. If anyone knows of someone who is sick and in need of our aid, please contact the Office or me at 663-2547.

Grotto News

By Ron Morthorst
As we celebrated the holidays, we gave thanks for what we have to enjoy at this time of the year. Your Officers and Prophets hope the holidays have been good to you and your families. Enjoy the New Year and may it be a great one.

Condolences

Our sympathy goes out to our Monarch, Dick Topel, and his brother, Howard, and their families on the passing of their sister in California. Our sympathy to Earl Steffen and his family on the passing of his wife. PM Merch Merritt has been in the hospital and now is home.

Give him a call when you have a chance.

Open Installation

We will be honored to have the ESGA Officers do the Installation on Saturday, January 23rd. The Ceremonies will begin at 4:00 p.m., refreshments at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Dancing and social hour will follow the dinner.

Dinner reservations and checks by January 15th, PLEASE!!

The dinner choices are: Sirloin of Beef or Stuffed Chicken. The cost is \$10.00 per dinner. Make checks payable to: Leon VanHuben, 284 Electric Avenue, Rochester, NY 14613. State the total enclosed.

Membership

Our 1999 Membership Chairman is William Fredenburg. We need new energy, new teamwork, and new ideas.

We need to reach out to Masons in every Masonic Lodge, and get out the Grotto message.

They will make many new friends through their associations with our Grotto, and that true spirit of good fellowship will brighten their lives.

Have you invited a Brother Mason to join Grotto today?

Legion of Honor

By Ken Hutchinson
Our thanks to Past DDGM, Raymond Beardsley, for the very interesting talk on Masonry at our December meeting.

Election

Our 1999 Legion Officers were elected that same night. Leon VanHuben was elected our 1999 Commander. He will give us his best. He is worthy of the best that we can give him.

Thanks

My thanks to all for the opportunity to take my turn as Legion Commander.

January 30, 1999

The Legion Installation will begin with a buffet dinner at the Dutch Mill, 2901 Dewey Avenue. Invitations will be sent.

Grotto Cast

By George Knierim
The Grotto Cast Annual Dinner will be at the Spring House

Dates to Remember

Thurs., Jan. 14th - Cast Dinner-Spring House 5:45 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 14th - Caldron Meeting Doric Hall 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 20th - Board Of Governors, Spring House 5:30 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 21st - Caldron Executive Meeting Home of Bev Murray

Sat., Jan. 23rd - Lalla Rookh Grotto Installation 4:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Downtown Temple

Sat., Jan. 30th - Legion of Honor Installation Dutch Mill Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Attend Grotto Meetings Enjoy the Fellowship

Restaurant on Thursday, January 14, 1999. The social hour will begin at 5:15 p.m., with dinner at 5:50 p.m.

Reservations are to be made by January 12th to me at 865-0494 or to the President, Earl DeSmith at 473-4146.

Caldron News

Happy New Year!!

Future events

January 14th is our regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

January 21st is the Executive Council meeting at Bev Murray's home.

Under the weather

Please remember our Daughter, Pat Slack, who is at home.

In closing

Special thoughts keep hearts in touch. The new year is a perfect time for us to keep in touch with those we very seldom see, but think about so much.

This comes with the warmest thoughts and special wishes for a year filled with all the things that bring real joy to you.



Legion of Honor Commander, Ken Hutchinson, presenting the "October Jokefest Award" to Past Monarch Mike Bell for his show stopping story.



Legion of Honor Commander, Ken Hutchinson, presents the 1998 "Legionnaire of the Year Award" to Prophet Frank Murrer.

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

Sympathy Good Fellowship

Open Installation

4:00 p.m., Saturday, January 23, 1999

Cathedral Hall - Masonic Temple
875 Main Street East, Rochester N.Y.

Social Hour 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Dinner - Dancing to follow.

Dinner reservations by January 15, 1999 - Please!

Dinner Choices:
[] Sirloin of Beef [] Stuffed Chicken Breast
Cost \$10 per dinner. Make checks payable and send to:
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Imperial Sessions

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a.m.-Marketplace opens at Wyndham Anatole Hotel (across street from our hotel). 4:30 p.m.-Parade-West End Market Place. Dinner on your own. Special Hospitality Room after the parade.

Tuesday, July 6th-Continental Breakfast. 9:30 a.m. tour of Southfork. Afternoon shopping and dinner on our own. Hospitality room.

Wednesday, July 7th-Continental Breakfast. Scottish Rite Hospital Tour (Southern Jurisdiction). Lunch at Hospital. 3:00 p.m.-Public Relations Presentation-Chantilly Ballroom at Headquarters Hotel. Dinner on your own. Special Hospitality.

The cost of the trip includes 5 nights at the hotel, Saturday night dinner and Rodeo, Sunday night din-

ner at Medieval Times, Scottish Rite Tour (transportation is included for these), Hospitality Room, Continental Breakfast, and an Imperial shirt. We will be renting 2 vans for limited transportation.

Price per couple will be \$943.00 (2 per room).

Price per single person-1 per room-\$748.00.

Southfork and Sunday tour of Dallas will be priced depending on the number of people on each tour.

A deposit of \$20 must be made at once to reserve a room. A \$200 per person deposit will be required by March 1, 1999. Please contact the Temple Office with your reservation as soon as possible at (716) 671-7701. A credit card will be accepted for all deposits.

See you in Dallas!

Did you ever think...

Did you ever think what would happen if the Secretary refused to share the minutes?

Did you ever think of what would happen if the AGL would get the Ritual Right?

Mountain William

Any Nobles interested in joining a

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York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
Judas Maccabeus

District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District



R.E. William J. Kuehne
671-8774

Grand Chapter

It is time of year to think of Grand Chapter in Albany. This year the Conclave will be March 5th and 6th at the Holiday Turf Inn. For those planning on attending, PLEASE read the following reservation requirements:

Reservations for rooms, luncheons, and banquet are due to me no later than January 15th as follows:

Mens or ladies Friday luncheon-\$13.00.

Friday Banquet-\$20.00.

Room type desired, king, or twin doubles, number of days required at \$82.00 per night, along with either a check for deposit made payable to the Holiday Turf Inn, or credit card type, number, along with date of expiration. I urge you to make your reservation to me as early as possible to afford us to have our choice of desired rooms.

As in the past, Linda and Bob Zahn will host our Hospitality room, making our stay a lot of fun. We are hoping to have the room available on Wednesday.

Looking ahead

The Order of the High Priesthood will be held at the Rochester Downtown Temple in Cathedral Hall on Saturday afternoon, February 13th. A reminder to all newly elected Chapter High Priests that this conferral is required as a prerequisite to presiding over a Chapter. For anybody not able to attend at Rochester, it will be repeated at Albany on March 5th.

Please respond early!

Thought for the month

Happy is the man who is always early-if he can stand the loneliness. □

Hiram Chapter



No. 62



2nd & 4th
Thursdays

E.. Lawrence Dunn, High Priest
546-2088
Richard J. Oliver, Secretary
594-2380
875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14805

By R..E.. Lawrence Dunn
Companions

As your elected 1999 High Priest of Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM, I want to thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me to lead this great Chapter for the coming year. Although I was the last High Priest of Hamilton Chapter before the merger of Hamilton and Ionic Chapters, I consider myself starting fresh in Hiram Chapter.

The Installation for 1999 will be held on Thursday, January 14, 1999, in Cathedral Hall. It will be a "closed Installation". There will not be a dinner preceding, but there will be a reception following the Ceremony.

Busy year!

This year will be full of activities, not just for our own Chapter, but for all of the Royal Arch Masons. This year our own R..E.. Arnold E. Palmer will become the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York. Two events concerning R..E.. Palmer that we should all try to attend are his Election and Installation in Albany on the first weekend in March, and his Grand High Priest Reception here in Rochester in April.

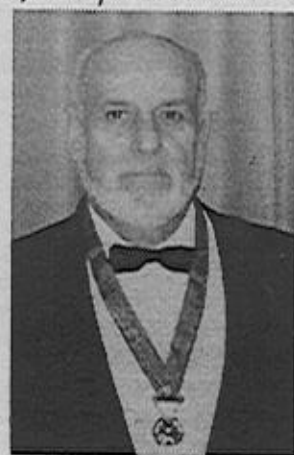
Hiram Chapter will be having programs, following or instead of the meetings, during the year, that I hope will be of interest to you. We are also hosting the District Grand Lecturer's Convention, our picnic in May, a Summer event, and the Canadians are coming to Rochester in the Fall. There will be more information coming concerning all of the above.

As High Priest Elect, I hope to see you at the Installation on January 14th. Until then, may our God above watch over you and yours until we meet again. □

I am not going to sit here and stand for those kind of insults.
(Rush Limbaugh)

District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District



R..E.. Daniel N. Evans

Holidays end

Joyous greetings Companions

The holidays are now over and I hope each and everyone of you has survived them. Here's hoping that your Christmas was merry and that your new year will be filled with good health and happiness. The time has now come for us to view the trestleboard, and resume our labors in the quarries.

Grand Chapter

The time is fast approaching for those planning on attending Grand Chapter. Room reservations for Grand Chapter may be made through me the same as last year. The cost of the rooms this year will be \$82.00 each, plus tax. The name of the person responsible for the room reservations must have them in no later than January 1, 1999.

Tickets for the men's and ladies lunches, as well as the Friday night Banquet, may also be purchased from me. The payment for the tickets will also have to be to me by January 1, 1999. There will be no tickets available in Albany. If you are interested in obtaining tickets, please contact me at 716-492-2807. All tickets not sold by January 1st will be returned to Grand Chapter. Last year the 29th District was well represented. This year I would like to see an even larger turnout.

"Oops", sorry

It seems that a boo-boo was made by me in the November issue of this paper. The corrections are as follows: R..E.. Horace H. Wilder, Jr., Grand Representative to Kentucky, is the Treasurer of Western Star Chapter No. 35, not Wyoming Chapter No. 181. R..E.. Richard (Doc) Benn, Grand Representative to Manitoba, Canada, I completely omitted. My apologies. It just so happens that he is the Treasurer of Wyoming Chapter No. 181. Once again, I apologize to both of these Companions.

Degrees

It is again time for the Chapters to begin bringing in new candidates to the Craft. Plans are in the works for the Degrees to be presented in the early Spring. More information on dates, times and places will be forthcoming.

Anointing

All newly elected High Priests who have not been anointed, may attend the Ceremony in the Downtown Rochester Temple on Saturday, February 13th, or they may also be anointed at Grand Chapter in Albany on March 5th.

Chapter committees

All Chapters should by now have the following committees in place and working-Membership, Long Range Planning and Charities. The full potential of this District's accomplishments rest solely with the High Priests.

The District is moving ahead. Let it continue into the next millennium. □

3x3 Chapter NO. 333

Royal Arch Masons
(Chartered in 1990)



2nd Tue.
7:30 p.m.

E.. J. David Goodrich
High Priest - 392-3384
E.. Karl Heinz-Felch,
Secretary - 426-6836

133 S. Union Street
Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

1999 Officers

At the December 8th convocation of 3X3 Chapter, RAM, in Spencerport, those of your fellow Companions who volunteered to serve in offices until the 21st Century were duly elected and installed.

On behalf of the Chapter, I thank R..E.. James J. Powell for the leadership he gave us as 1998 High Priest. His dedication to the Craft has been a benefit for us all.

I thank the following Companions who have accepted the challenge and opportunity to serve as Chapter Officers:

King -
R..E.. Ruel Lovett
Scribe -
Comp. Earl Steffen
Secretary -
R..E.. Karl-Heinz Reich
Treasurer -
Comp. Edward Gillott
Trustee -
R..E.. James Powell
Chaplain -
Comp. Eugene Brendel
Capt. of the Host -
V..E.. James McConnell
Principal Sojourner -
R..E.. Gary Thompson
Royal Arch Captain -
Comp. Frank Gray
Master of the 3rd Veil -
Comp. Lawrence Thibault
Master of the 2nd Veil -
Comp. Donald Darrohn
Master of the 1st Veil -
Comp. Larry Bright
Organist -
Comp. Edward Gillott
Sentinel -
R..E.. Robert Dagen

Two important reminders

1. Mark the dates of our scheduled 1999 convocations on your calendar: Jan. 12th, Feb. 9th, Mar. 9th, Apr. 13th, May 11th, June 8th, Sept. 14th, Oct. 12th, Nov. 9th and Dec. 14th. I hope you will do all you can to keep

these dates clear for 3X3. You will only benefit from our Craft if you are a part of it.

2. Our Secretary, Karl, is ready to accept dues.

Thanks

Thank you for giving me the honor to serve as High Priest. I'm looking forward to an active and exciting RAM year. □

Doric Council No. 19

Cryptic Masons
(Chartered in 1861)



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I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Just think, in one short year it will be the year 2000 and the start of the new millennium. Let's hope it will be the start of a new vitality in Masonry.

Sadness

Doric and all of Masonry have lost a good Brother and Companion with the passing of Harry W. Lake. He was called home to the Supreme Architect of the Universe on December 7th. I remember how Harry was always happy and eager to help out in any way he could. He will be missed.

Charities

Don't forget the Council Charities Drive. The Conductor of the Council, John Dudley, is heading up the Drive this year. Last year we were the top Council in the State. I hope we can repeat it again this year.

Membership

I don't want to give everyone the impression that I am obsessed with membership, but I guess that I am. Are you involved in your Blue Lodge? Have you invited your friends and family to become members of our great Fraternity? Have you replaced yourself in your Blue Lodge. Remember that Council is not an organization unto itself, but is an organization erected upon the strong foundation of the Blue Lodge. Doric Council cannot grow and prosper without this strong foundation. All of us should remember this and make a pledge to make Masonry stronger as it enters a new century.

Looking ahead

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be March 17th and the Annual Table Council will be April 21st. Put these dates on your calendar. I will remind you of these events in the future.

There will be NO dinner this month! □

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Recorder 786-3897
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Batavia, NY 14020

Greetings to all Sir Knights and their Ladies

A new calendar year is about to begin as we celebrated the Birth of Christ, providing an ideal opportunity to reflect upon ourselves as well as to initiate changes. Within each of us is the ability to affect change; to promote our happiness and that of our families and within the circle which our daily lives are conducted. One such means to affect positive change is through CHARITY. To restore the gift of sight, to assist another person to enjoy the works of our Creator through sight, is a change we all may participate in. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign is underway and we ALL can be a part. Remember the lecture, Sir Knights, of Faith, Hope and Charity? Which is the strongest? Which transcends the grave through eternity? Your assistance to promote and restore vision is directed to your fellow Americans, who are not able to enjoy the glorious works of creation through sight.

Thanks

I thank the Ladies of Templary for the Thanksgiving Dinner, reported to me as EXCELLENT, even though SK Brade tried to carve the turkey with his gold plated sword! I was called to Fishkill on Grand Council business and expended \$75 for Melissa and I to enjoy "Masonic Banquet-type Cuisine". Oh, how I yearned for a little dark meat and gravy! My appreciation is extended to SK Denton for arranging the Christmas Toast and the Ladies for their role in making the evening a success. This ceremonial occasion we celebrated offered an annual opportunity for us to invite our select non-Templar Brethren and get a glimpse of what Templary is about, Christian Masonry.

January

There will be a conclave at 8:00 p.m. on January 14th. We will resume rehearsal for Inspection. All officers are requested to be present. Refreshments will follow.

On January 28th the Ladies of Templary are planning a dinner prior to the conclave. The arrangements will be communicated to all Sir Knights. As usual, dinner time is 7:00 p.m. We will continue to rehearse our roles for Inspection. SKs Wing, Kohlhagen and Capwell will help, aid and assist us. White shoe polish will be available for marking "L" and "R" on our shoes to distinguish left from right for those in need.

**Cyrene Monroe
Commandery
No. 12**



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1993

1st & 3rd
Mondays

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

By Don Brugger

The first meeting in December was short and no work was done in preparation for our Inspection. This situation must change if we are to continue as a Commandery. Although we had the necessary number to conduct business, in fact more than enough, the people who need the practice and experience were not there.

Sickness and distress

SK Stelianou is still recovering and is doing well, but still must stay off his feet. SK Poole is also doing well and is back on solid food. We hope to see him after the first of the year.

We regret to announce the passing of SK Harry Lake on December 8, 1998. He was a loyal member of Cyrene/Monroe and will be missed. We offer condolences to his family.

Christmas Toast

Our Annual Christmas Toast was well attended and festive. A big thank you to the members of the Schicker Club for again putting on an excellent spread for the Reception following. We thank those who were instrumental in making the ceremony impressive and meaningful, espe-

cially SK Charles Roberts, who did his usual fine job of arranging and officiating.

The New Year

We are looking forward to another Templar year and hope that more of the Sir Knights will come out to the regular Conclaves in preparation for the Inspection on the first of March.

There is a definite possibility for new members in the Spring and we need your help in conferring the Orders. This time of preparation offers an excellent opportunity for those of our members who have not been attending, who may be a little rusty, to get back into the habit. If you need transportation to and from the conclaves, please contact me or one of the officers and arrangements will be made. I can be reached at 473-4351 from 9-noon weekdays and other times at 458-6125. If I am not there, please leave a message on the machine at either number.

For the Holiday Season and the coming year we extend greetings and best wishes for health and prosperity.

**Genesee
York Rite
College No. 25**



Rochester, New York
(Chartered July 14, 1962)
Pre-Em. Governor
Ruell R. Lovett 494-2546
Secretary
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The Fall session of the College was held at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport.

By-Laws

The By-Laws have been slightly amended to include an affiliation fee. This is in harmony with all other Masonic Bodies. Another good job by CK Bill Jones and the By-Laws Committee.

Study!

This is our final session before the Knight of York Degree in March. Every person who has a part in the Degree has time to study. Let's do a particularly good job on this one. Our cast includes the top of the line, the elite, the cream of Degree performers. We have every reason to be proud of this presentation. Let's make our candidates feel the same way.

Legal Rights

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the IRS may confirm this. Some of the more notable provisions are outlined below.

Accountant/Client Privilege

Under prior law, any communications (oral or written) between the taxpayer and his accountant was subject to disclosure to the IRS. No longer. Communications between a taxpayer and his accountant are privileged in the same way a client's communication with his lawyer is privileged. This privilege also extends to tax return preparers, if they are subject to federal regulations.

Burden of Proof

Under prior law, if the IRS accused the taxpayer of tax law violations, such as under-reporting income, then the burden was on the taxpayer to prove compliance with tax law. This amounted to making the taxpayer "guilty until proven innocent". Under the Reform Act, once the taxpayer can satisfy the court that they have complied with the procedural and record-keeping rules of the tax law, then the burden of

proving that a violation occurred is on the IRS. No longer will the taxpayer be required to disprove the IRS's position in court in order to prevail.

Joint Liability on Jointly Filed Returns

Under prior law, one spouse could be liable for another spouse's tax liability, if there was a finding of unreported income. This assumes both parties filed joint income tax returns. To claim an "innocent spouse" exception, you would have to prove you didn't know or had no reason to know of the understatement when you signed the tax return. If you have become divorced after the disputed tax return was filed, the law will now allow you to have the IRS allocate only that amount of the tax deficiency that can be traced back to your income. In addition, the law will allow a court to provide equitable relief to the taxpayer who does not neatly fit into any legal exceptions. For example, a tax is owed on a particular return, and you had reason to believe that it was paid, when in fact the other spouse took the money to pay the tax and spent it on him/herself.

Installment Agreements

Under prior law, if you owed back taxes, then it was at the discretion of the IRS whether to allow repayment of back taxes in installments. Under the Reform Act, the IRS will now, absent exceptions, be required to allow repayment in installments if: the amount of back tax owed does not exceed \$10,000, you are financially unable to pay the amount in full on demand, can repay it within three years, and have not entered into any prior installment agreements with the IRS within the past 5 years. Another important reform now forbids the IRS from levying on state income tax refunds while an installment agreement is in effect.

Offers in Compromise

An offer in compromise is a settlement offer by the taxpayer to the IRS. If the offer is accepted by the IRS, then the taxpayer can repay back taxes for an amount less than what was originally owed. Under prior law, the IRS would negotiate a settlement with the taxpayer only if there was doubt as to liability or doubt as to collectability. Under the Reform Act, the IRS must adopt a flexible standard which considers the taxpayers circumstances. So for example, even if liability or collectability is clear, the IRS must seriously consider offers from taxpayers who are in financial difficulty, but have made good faith efforts in paying their taxes.

Further information on IRS tax regulations can be found on line at http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/plain/tax_regs/index.html

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Mid-Day Bowling League



John Specht, Secretary
548-2694

By F. Jay McCullough

Gearing up for Elmira

There is time to get on board. Masonic bowlers, along with family members, are encouraged to enter the State Masonic Bowling Tournament in Elmira in the Spring. Join the league at Spencerport Bowl on Tuesday afternoons, and establish a handicap.

Several members of the mid-day league are feeling feisty, in spite of their senior status. They plan to enter the State Masonic Tourney the weekend of April 24-25. League President, Ruel Lovett, (494-2546) is handling Tournament data and Secretary, John Specht, (548-2694) is arranging lodging.

What's up

'Roarin' Richard Kessler is reducing his handicap by leaps and bounds. He gets advice from all quarters and then proceeds to do as he sees fit! We're looking for last year's Chet 'Boom-Boom' Riley to plow the pins under. 'Lefty' Mattern hangs the ball on the edge of the gutter (when we old guys started, that's what they were called. We didn't have polite terms like "lanes" and "channels". Ours are/were alleys and gutters! Also, try not to kill the pinboy). As I was saying, Mattern's ball is half on the alley and half in the gutter, and about three quarters of the way down, it spurts to the right and most often, into the 1-3 pocket.

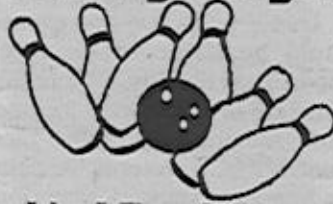
We're loaded with lefties. Buz Lovett is one. He started the season OK, but talks of changing to the right hand of late since he can't seem to concentrate on the correct board. He moves one or two boards, right or left of the first set of arrows, then keeps it there the rest of the game. (I feel lucky if I see the arrows!) Oil is his major nemesis, he claims. Me thinks his mind is on his newest venture-taking lessons at Batavia as he attempts to earn a private pilot ticket.

Lefty Giedd hangs in there with that ball he won a couple of years ago at Maiden Lanes. He gets on streaks where no matter where he throws it, the ball hits the pins mid-alley. (Change from 'lefty' to 'unconscious'?)

Refreshment flows steadily

Remember, both leaded and unleaded coffee pots are hot all the time, courtesy of the house. We rotate across the 16 lanes each week. It's a kick! There's still plenty of time to drop in for a 3 game set. We practice a few strokes at about 1:30 p.m. and are on the way home by 3:30 p.m. We'll look for you.

Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

By John J. Flynn

Congratulations to Rex Edwards, Sr., for his 543 series, which was 141 points over his average and earned him an ABC Senior Award Patch. His series included a 200 game, his first of the season.

Over the past four weeks, league bowlers have rolled 8-600 series and 48 - 200 games. 600 series were rolled by Dave Mawhiney-677 (255), Don Weis-651 (222, 222), 637, 633 (229) and 628, Jeremy Fromm-648 (247, 217), Bill Rubert-620 (241, 215), and John Flynn-608.

Notable games were rolled by Dave Mawhiney-223, Rick Flanagan-216, Craig Russell-215, and Brian Mosher-214.

The league bowls at 8:45 p.m. at Maiden Lanes on Wednesday nights. The league is open to both Masons and non-Masons. Stop by and see us some time.

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Leo Tolstoi

I am only one. But still, I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

(Edward Everett Hale)

The heart of a fool is in his mouth, but the mouth of a wise man is in his heart.

(Benjamin Franklin)

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DDGM

Rt. Wthy John A. Specltr

DGL

Walk-a-Thon

The Genesee/Wyoming District held a Walk-a-Thon on November 21st to raise funds for the family of Robert M. Zinni, a 12 year old boy from Batavia who is in treatment for leukemia. Twenty people walked including Robert, his mother and father and his grandparents. To date, we are excited to report that over \$1,800 has been raised. A check will be presented to the Zinni's for Christmas this year. Thank you to all our walkers and sponsors!

Christmas Party

A District Christmas Party was held on Friday evening, December 4th, at the Warsaw Masonic Temple. About 45 Brothers and Sisters were in attendance to enjoy Christmas music by the Genesee/Wyoming Choir, as well as Christmas Carol sing-a-longs. Two beautiful solos were sung by Robert Mullen and Debbie LaWall. Rt. Wthy. Annette Simmons entertained us with a drama depicting the realities of riding on a "one horse open sleigh". "Santa" (Rt. Wthy. Don Hargrave) distributed gifts for a gift exchange. Some individual collections were on display for added enjoyment. Rt. Wthy. Marilyn Liles and I displayed bells, Rt. Wthy. David Liles, some of his toy John Deere tractors, Wthy. Judy Flanagan, her giraffe collection, and Rt. Wthy. Norm

Steinbaugh brought his Schwinn Black Phantom bicycle to show us. \$72.00 was raised for the Robert M. Zinni Fund from the sale of centerpieces and ornaments contributed by each of the nine Chapters in the GW District. Christmas cookies, punch and coffee were enjoyed by all to put the finishing touch on a fun-filled evening.

On behalf of the District, a very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of health, happiness, and memorable Star experiences.

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DDGM Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano



DGL Rt. Wthy. James Coleman

Something to be happy about: a child singing, bringing tears of joy and happiness into your life. Happy New Year from Miss Barbara and Mr. Jim.

What a wonderful Reception, a four and a half year old child steals the show. Gianina Spano was one of the soloists at the



Combined Reception on November 20th. Her song was "Castle on the Cloud" from Les Miserables. She was dressed as Cosette and gave a marvelous performance for us. Rt. Wthy. Ruth's sister-in-law sang a lovely song especially for Rt. Wthy. Ruth.

It was a very exciting and wonderful evening; the room was filled not just with people, but love and friendship. On behalf of the 1999 Grand Officers, I would like to thank the Chapters who worked so hard and long to make this evening what it was, "wonderful"! I am speaking of course of Webster, Corinthian/Fellowship and Rochester Chapters. The floor work was exceptional. A round of applause to all who joined us for this evening. It seemed so nice to see so many folks there, even to have folks in the balcony!

New Year-new work

With the new year comes new work. It is time to get on with it. Installation of Officers:

Jan. 4th-Germania No. 72, 7:00 p.m.

Irondequoit No. 572, 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 5th-Monroe No. 57, 7:30 p.m.

Nola No. 368, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6th-Henrietta No. 475, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 7th-Lea Court No. 539, 8:00 p.m.

Jan. 8th-Charlotte No. 507, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 9th-Fairport No. 444, 8:00 p.m.

Jan. 11th-Mary Jane Holmes No. 440, 8:00 p.m.

Jan. 12th-Leah No. 183, 8:00 p.m.

Jan. 13th-Corinthian/Fellowship No. 322, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 16th-Rochester No. 314, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 18th-Etolian No. 308, 8:00 p.m.

As I mentioned in my last article, I would include a picture of the recipients of the Dedicated Service Awards. My apologies for not knowing which name goes with the persons in the picture. Receiving this Award were: Erna Utz, Germania; Eva Anderson, Webster; Eleanore Doell and Carl Doell, Leah; Norma Gingold, Rochester; Betty Daggs, Mary Jane Holmes; Jane LaPree, Oatka; Shirley Smith, Corinthian/Fellowship; Catherine Muller, Nancy Hogerman, Fairport; Enola Heydt, Henrietta; Mary Barager, Charlotte, and Eunice Osborne, Irondequoit.

Important meeting

The organizational meeting will be January 9th at 9:30 a.m. at the Downtown Masonic Temple. Brunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. There is much to do, but I will try to be organized so everything runs smoothly. It is very IMPORTANT for all Line Officers to attend. Attendance is going to play a big part in the District this year, so come out and see what I am talking about. OK??

The School of Instruction will be on January 23rd at 10:00 a.m. SHARP at the Downtown Masonic Temple. A letter has gone out to all the Chapters with this information. If there are any questions, please feel free to call me. Bring a Brown Bag lunch with you. There will be beverage and dessert provided for lunch.

Reminders

Please continue to save used stamps, Campbell labels, etc., as we have in the past. Let us not forget the veterans-soft cover books, lap robes, etc.

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Until next time, I wish you peace. □

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With the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping over, we can look forward to a new year and settling down to business.

Open Installation

Installation of Officers will take place on Saturday, January 16th at 7:30 p.m. in Doric Hall. It is open to everyone-you don't need to be a member of any Masonic Body. Refreshments will follow in Dining Room A.

Rehearsal is on Sunday, January 10th at 2:00 p.m. sharp. It won't take more than 1 1/2 hours if everyone is there on time.

All meetings this year will begin at 7:30 p.m. This should be of help on nights when there are shows. It will also allow more time for programs and general fun.

Working together

Bob and I are looking forward to a year of work and play with our own Chapter members, as well as others throughout the District. If the spirit and enthusiasm displayed at the joint Reception for the new Grand Officers is carried on all year, it will be great!

Watchwords

Our watchwords are Love and Friendship and we extend them to all of you. The humpback whale is our symbol and we do expect to have a "Whale of a Time in '99".

Thought for the month

Always listen to the opinion of others. It may not do you any good, but it will them. □

NOLA Chapter
No. 368
Order of the Eastern Star
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1st & 3rd Tuesdays
8:00 p.m.

Rt. Wtly. Kim Morici
Matron
Rt. Wtly. Carol Wynings
Secretary

20 South Main Street
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Wtly. Avis Theis

Installation

An Open Meeting will be held January 5th at 7:30 p.m. Sister Kim Morici and Brother Santo Morici will be installed Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. The

evening Committee will be Rt. Wtly. Carol Wynings, Sister Elizabeth Morris and Rt. Wtly. Wilda Robinson.

Sympathy

We extend our prayers to Sister Diane Drake on the death of her father.

Concerns

It is good news the Wtly. Madeline Beattie is recovering at home and Sister Kathleen Skelton is doing much better. We wish Brother George Simon a speedy recovery.

Meetings

On January 19th at 7:30 p.m., we will have a regular meeting, followed by a Candle Party. The Committee is Rt. Wtly. Susan Huff and Sister Barbara Heeg.

January birthdays

Rt. Wtly. Carol Wynings, Sister Doric Daycock, Rt. Wtly. Judy Lenzi, Wtly. Bernie Riley, Sister Alice Hassett, and Wtly. Mary Shakeshaft all have January birthdays. Our best to these birthday Sisters and Brother.


Thanks

We all enjoyed hearing from many members this holiday season. Your gifts to help with the *Masonic Times* and our Chapter were greatly appreciated.

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In this New Year may you know peace in the tiny margins of time around the busy days, may you have silence now and then; and above all-and beyond all else-may you have love to give and to receive.

Happy New Year! □

Rochester Chapter
Order of DeMolay

1st & 3rd Fridays
Charlotte/Corinthian Temple
4550 Lake Ave.
Master Councilor
Kenneth Ratliff
323-1014
Chapter Dad
Jeff Wood
342-1947

By David Gorall

New Officers

Well, what can we say, this is our first article for a long time. Our new Master Councilor is Kenneth Ratliff; Senior Councilor, Josh Andrews; Junior Councilor, Matthew Zona, with a great supporting cast behind them.

During the past months of November and December, we have been active. On the 15th of November, some of our members attended a clean-up at Camp DeMolay. We have also started two fundraisers, one for our Chapter and another for the DeMolay Dream Team. We are selling 1999 calendars for our Chapter. We have started a Penny Fund Drive to support our Dream Team in granting wishes to chronically or terminally ill children.

On December 12th we held a Region Meeting to discuss topics such as the Frontier Region Ball, along with the Region Mass Class. We also had a dance afterwards.

In the upcoming months of January and February, we plan to stay active. January 16th we are to be hosting the Region Mass Class in the Downtown Temple. This is an important event for us. The entire Region is conferring Degrees. If anyone is interested in

this occasion, please don't hesitate to stop by.


Our Valentine's Day Dance is in February. Next month's article will have more on this event.

Spaghetti Dinner

However, the best that we are doing in the future is putting on a Spaghetti Dinner at Charlotte Lodge on the 24th of January, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. We will be serving Spaghetti and Sausage, along with other condiments and dessert. It will be a great time for all. The cost will benefit our Chapter. It is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children 12 and under and \$15.00 for a family of four.

Please RSVP to Kenneth Ratliff at 323-1014 or me at 458-5255 by January 17th. Walk-ins are welcome, reservations are recommended.

As you can see, DeMolay is heading in the right direction. With your help, we can stay that way. If you know a young man who loves to do many things like we do, from the ages of 12-21, give us a call. Call either of the numbers above or call one of our advisors. Michael Gorall and Jeff Wood can be contacted at 458-5255 and Mike Staub at 342-1947. □

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1999 will be celebrated as the 80th year for DeMolay. DeMolay has come a long way since 1919, when nine young men gathered and began what developed into the premier youth organization dedicated to teaching young men to be better persons and leaders. Still today, under the advisorship of adults, leadership skills, civic awareness, responsibility and character development are learned through a variety of self directed, real world applications and activities. DeMolay builds confidence; teaches responsibility, cooperation and community service; and fosters trust respect, fellowship, patriotism, reverence and sharing; always creating tomorrow's leaders.

The DeMolay International Service and Leadership Center was completed in 1986. It represents DeMolay in its mission, plus it reminds all DeMolays of the brotherhood and fellowship shared since our beginning in 1919. The center is the place we preserve our heritage, provide efficient service, pursue excellence and promote the order of DeMolay. It's a symbol of DeMolay, showcasing our strength and ideals. To celebrate the 80th Anniversary, DeMolay has a 12 month project to complete the ceramic tile wall map of the United States located immediately inside the front door, where each visitor to the Service and Leadership Center is greeted. Names of DeMolay Chapters, Jurisdictions, Chevalier Courts, Legion of Honor Preceptories, Parents Clubs, Mothers Clubs, Knighthood Pories, Alumni Associations, all Masonic groups and individuals, are allowed and inscribed on these tiles.

There are three sizes of tiles. 4 inch for \$200, 6 inch for \$400 and 8 inch for \$600. The program will end December 31, 1999, and the tiles are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Donating individuals or groups wishing to purchase a tile for permanent recognition, or if you wish more information concerning DeMolay, 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. Registration Forms will be available at the Masonic Service Bureau Office. □

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DeMolay members include three Olympians and two Olympic Gold Medals plus two Bronze Medals won.

Three DeMolay members are recipients of the Horatio Alger Award.

Two Senior DeMolays are members of the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Two senior DeMolays were Presidential Cabinet members.

DeMolay alumni include a Pulitzer prize winner and a Nobel Laureate.

Two senior DeMolays are recipients of the Peabody Award.

DeMolay has eight United States Senators and five United States Congressmen, including a former Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Ten Governors are senior DeMolays.

DeMolay members include Baseball, Basketball, Football and Tennis Hall of Fame members.

Senior DeMolays include College Head Coaches, even a multiple National Football Champion.

A DeMolay member played on a Hockey team that won the World Championship.

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Six DeMolay members played Professional Baseball.

Four senior DeMolays are Astronauts.

Two DeMolay members are permanent Smithsonian Institution honorees.

In Memoriam
November

Cochrane, Harold G.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 lost a member with the passing of Harold on November 16th. He is survived by many family members.

Skeates, Edwin C.

Edwin was called Home on November 19th. He was a member of Fairport Lodge No. 476 and is survived by his wife, Eunice, children, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Thompson, Charles W.

Death claimed Charles on November 22nd. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and an MSA recipient in Rochester Consistory. He is survived by his children, and 2 grandchildren.

Bieber, Alfred W.

Alfred joined the Great Architect Above on November 28th. Etolian Lodge No. 479 was where he had his membership and he leaves his wife, Corine, children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Kless, Ronald S.

Ronald went to his Heavenly Reward on November 28th. He was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include his wife, Sylvia, and children.

Quigley, J. Leslie

Seneca Lodge No. 797 lost a member with the passing of Leslie on November 28th. His wife, Jean, children and 7 grandchildren survive him.

Maier, Walter J.

Walter was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163 when he died on November 30th. He leaves his wife, Ursula, children and 2 granddaughters.

December

Statt, Frederick P.

Frederick was 81 years old when he died on December 1st. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and is survived by his wife, Helen, children, 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Ewart, Robert H.

The Lord took Robert into His Loving Arms of December 4th at the age of 83. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154. His wife, Emily, children and grandchildren all survive him.

Laney, James M.

James was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 when he died on December 4th. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, daughter and grandchildren.

Sweet, Perry T.

Perry was residing in Florida when he passed away December 5th at the age of 87. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. His wife, Gladys, survives him.

Lake, Harry W.

A dedicated Mason, Harry died on December 7th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Hiram Chapter RAM, Doric Council, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, Genesee York Rite College, Order of Judas Maccabeus and Charlotte Chapter, OES. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Kohlmetz, Charles W.

After a long illness, Charles joined the Great Architect Above on December 8th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. He leaves his wife, Bernadine, children, 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

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

Schuppenhauer, Victor

Attica Lodge No. 462 reported the Nov. 11th death of Victor. □

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

- 1999
- Feb. 3 Hiram's College of Knowledge, DT Tmpl. 7:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 6 Road to East, 3rd Session, Downtown Temple.
 - Mar. 1 Damascus Florida Picnic, Mount Dora, FL
 - Mar. 5-7 Grand Chapter, Albany
 - Apr. 17 Grand High Priest's Reception, M.-E.: Arnold Palmer, Thruway Marriott, W. Henrietta Rd.
 - Apr. 24 All Day Scottish Rite Reunion
 - May 3,4 Grand Lodge Communication, New York City
 - July 3-8 Shrine Convention - Dallas
 - Oct. 17 58th Interfaith Service & Breakfast, Logan's Party House



Restaurant Assistant Manager: Applicants with the necessary experience need not apply. Please FAX resume to Rita on 2865. Help Wanted, Hong Kong South China Morning Post

- Jan. 3 - Pancake Breakfast, Attica Lodge, 8:00 a.m.
- Jan. 8 - Spaghetti Dinner, Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St. Webster. Adults \$6, Child. \$3.
- Jan. 10 - Pancake Breakfast, Mt. Vernon Lodge, Java Village.
- Jan. 11 - Table Lodge, Fairport Temple, see article.
- Jan. 13, 27 - Spaghetti Dinner, Clio, East Ave, Hilton, 4-7 p.m.
- Jan. 17 - Breakfast, Warsaw Lodge, 8:00 a.m.
- Jan. 24 - Spaghetti Dinner/wSausage, Charlotte Lodge, 4 - 6 p.m.

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Sat. Jan. 2
Sesame St.

Fri. Jan. 8
Patty Labelle

Sun. Jan. 10
RTOS
8:00 p.m.

Winter is on my head, but eternal Spring is in my heart.
Victor Hugo

Wanted

Ladies who would be willing to sit with a semi-ambulatory shut-in for a couple of hours once or twice a week. This would allow the husband to get out for shopping, meetings and other errands. If interested, please call Barbara at the Masonic Service Bureau, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, 473-4351.

Lodge Rentals Available

Etolian Lodge, Union St., Spencerport - Cap. 250 Tom Michielson - 352-4831
Fairport Lodge, 87 North Main St., Fairport Doug Skelton 223-0502, Tom Richendorfer 377-7782, Ralf Kraft 621-1979
Fame Lodge, 4275 Culver Rd., Rochester John Rehback 338-7918
Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St., Pittsford - Cap. 80 Dan Walker - 429-6572, Bill Spillano - 436-0264, John Dudley - 586-6426
Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St., Webster - Cap. 200 Frederick Cornell, Sr. 671-3102

The *Masonic Times* will list your Lodge in this space if you desire to offer your facility for rent. Call: 9 - Noon 473-4351.

Classifieds

For Sale-Like new Masonic ring-size 9. Call 964-3089.

Wanted: Toy Trains, (O and O27), and accessories, any condition. Will offer fair price based on Greenberg Book value and condition. Call Don Brugger at 473-4351 (O) or 458-6125 (H).

Program Speakers

Harold August
"The Morgan Affair", Expense Reimbursement requested. Middleport, N.Y. 716-735-7557

Donald Brugger
"The Masonic Times, a short History and Profile", "Writing for a Masonic Publication" - (w) 716-473-4351, (h) 716-458-6125.

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

Vern Goodrich
"The Masonic service Bureau", "Financial Planning" - (w) 716-473-4351, (h) 716-377-0367.

Charles Hancock
Scottish Rite - 716-223-1850.

William Lindsay
Various Masonic Topics - 716-621-3573.

Grant Romer
"Solomon's Temple", "Masonic Aspects of the Great Pyramid" - (w) 716-271-3361, (h) 716-242-0619.

William Schenke
"55 Alive Program" - 716-254-0729.

William Zufall
"The Morgan Affair" - 716-271-0795.

e-mail poetry

To prove that e-mail to the Service Bureau works, here are two contributions received.

Angels

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people become friends and stay a while, Leaving beautiful footprints on our hearts. And we are never quite the same, because we have made a good friend!

Anonymous

Yesterday

Yesterday is history, Tomorrow a mystery, Today is a gift, That's why they call it the present.

Anonymous

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"x"=No. of months missed. XX/XX = date rec. (late)

Monroe	3X
Triluminar	
Warsaw	
Webster	
Churchville	12/14
Flower City	12/14
Hesperus	12/14
Oatka	12/14
Towpath	12/12

The Deadline for the February issue is: **January 12, 1999**

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

January Flower - Carnation
January Gem - Garnet

Calendar January 1999

Masonic times February Deadline.

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