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Dear Brethren

Notice is hereby given that the 218th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York will open at Masonic Hall, 71 West 23rd Street, New York City, at exactly 9:00 a.m., on Monday, May 3, 1999, and will reconvene on Tuesday, May 4, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. at the same location.

Seating will be arranged by Masonic Districts, with each District Deputy Grand Master assigned a seat with his respective District. Each District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Steward,

Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Chaplain and Grand Lodge Committee Member must report to the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials of Members and Returns of Lodges at Masonic Hall prior to the opening of EACH DAY'S session for attendance purposes. Signs will be posted in the lobby of the Masonic Hall announcing the location of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials of Members and Returns of Lodges and the Grand Lodge Committee on Pay of Members and Representatives. Failure to have your attendance properly documented by the Committee on Credentials of Returns of Lodges may adversely effect your expense voucher.

Each Lodge, provided it is not ineligible under Section 324, or Section 130, of the "Constitutions", will be entitled to representation by the Worshipful Master, or in his absence, by the Senior Warden or the Junior Warden, respectively, or in the absence of all three, by a Proxy whom shall be a Past Master in good standing with membership in the said Lodge and having been duly elected and certified IN ADVANCE, in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 or the "Constitutions".

An authorized Lodge Proxy Certificate was mailed on Wednesday, March 24, 1999, to the Secretary of every Lodge and must be received by the Office of Grand Secretary no later than April 30, 1999.

The Representative of each Lodge and others eligible under Section 130, and Section 131, of the "Constitutions" will receive his entitlement of actual expenses of a sum not exceeding \$25.00 for each day of the Annual Communication, and 10 cents for each mile necessary traveled to and from his Lodge's meeting place to New York City, by mail, following the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. Qualifying individuals may obtain a 1999 Expense Voucher from the Grand Lodge Committee on Pay of Members and Representatives on Monday, May 3, 1999.

The Grand Representatives of other Lodges will be officially welcomed as visitors (not as members) at the opening session on Monday morning, and should plan to be in attendance no later than 8:45 a.m. Those serving in elected offices will be seated in the Northeast and those appointed to Grand Lodge Offices as Committee Members, Grand Representatives, and Grand Chaplains, will be seated in the Southeast. Visiting Dignitaries and Permanent Members of Grand Lodge will be seated in the Grand East. Detailed seating arrangement charts will be available from the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials of Members and returns of Lodges. Lodge representatives will be seated in their respective District locations and areas, and the Grand Lodge Staff Officers will be seated in special assigned locations throughout the Grand Lodge Room (third and fourth floors).

Referral to Jurisprudence Committee

600. A Proposal to limit payment by Lodges to Grand Lodge on behalf of members with regard

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Ralph A. Biggar, Mason's Mason Passes

By Raymond R. Beardsley

On the 25th of March, 1999, one of the giants of Freemasonry passed away to his Heavenly Home. Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight Ralph A. Biggar, at the age of 93, succumbed to the rigors of time and a long life. Active in all branches of Masonry, Ralph, over the past several decades, was particularly supportive of York Rite Masonry; truly one of the strongest Masonic pillars in the Rochester community. Having served over the years as the Presiding Officer of all four York Rite Bodies: Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, he was accorded one of the greatest honors in all Masonry by being elected a Knight of the York Cross of Honor, an accolade bestowed only upon those who have proven their leadership capabilities in the quarries of Freemasonry.

Not only was Ralph a leader among Masons, but he also was one of the finest exemplars of Masonic Ritual, being able to portray almost every part in the various Degrees. We always knew that any role which Ralph exemplified would be carried out in an excellent and proficient style.

In the many years that Ralph and his wife, Mildred, resided on Landing Road, they were often the hosts for numerous meetings and outings at their home. In addition to his Masonic activities, Ralph was an accomplished gardener and enthusiastic horticulturist. Meeting in his home we were always surrounded with gorgeous plants; his cellar and what had originally been a garage, had been converted into nurseries for his plant endeavors. I recall that when I was installed as Commander of Monroe Commandery, Ralph constructed a beautiful display of flowers filling the entire stage of Cathedral Hall, an expression of brotherly esteem that I shall never forget.

When they sold their home, Ralph and Mildred moved into an apartment in Penfield, where they continued to actively entertain Masonic affairs. In time, Mildred suffered a stroke and eventually passed on and Ralph then moved into a senior apartment on East Main Street; however, throughout these stressful years, he continued his active Masonic support. Finally, when the rigors of age necessitated a further change, he moved to Eastern Pennsylvania to be near his son and family. There, last month, he received the final summons from the Supreme Architect, achieving the greatest accolade of all: "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of the Lord".

Masonic Career

By Stanley V. Peterson

There isn't a Lodge that would not have been proud to claim R.A.W. Biggar as a member. His ability as a Ritualist and as a knowledgeable historian could be challenged by few.

Among his Masonic career highlights were:

Master of Valley Lodge No. 109 (now Valley/Simes) in 1967 and 1979.

Grand Representative of North Carolina in 1984.

High Priest of Hamilton Chapter No. 62 (now Hiram) in 1974.

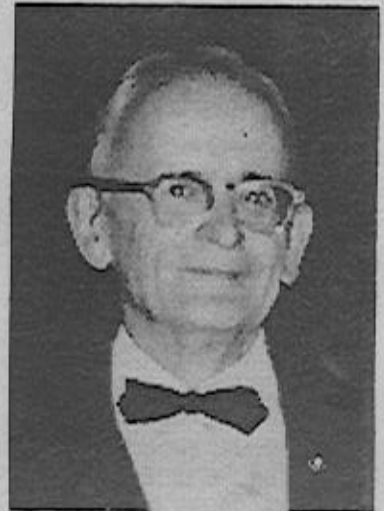
York Rite Grand Representative of Arizona.

Illustrious Master of Doric Council No. 19 in 1976.

York Rite Grand Representative of Illinois.

Commander of Monroe Commandery No. 12 (now Cyrene/Monroe) in 1975.

Elected to Empire State Priory No. 46, Knight of the York Cross of Honor.



Ralph A. Biggar

Pre-eminent Governor, Genesee York Rite College No. 25 in 1975-76, York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Associate Regent and recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross of York.

Commander of the Order of Judas Maccabeus, Assemblage No. 1 in 1977. Titled as first Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the Order of Judas Maccabeus in 1987.

Past Sovereign Master and Secretary of Genesee Council No. 51, Allied Masonic Degrees.

Past President of the Monroe County Bureau of Masonic Education.

Past Patron of Rochester Chapter No. 314, OES.

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Temple Civic Center at the Downtown Temple from 1970 through 1978.

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New Policy

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

Notice!

If you contemplate the use of the facilities at the Down Town Temple, remember to contact Barbara Goodrich, TCC representative, at the Service Bureau Office for scheduling (473-4351). Don't expect to use these facilities without first making these arrangements. The regular Service Bureau hours are 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Monday through Friday.

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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Improvements?

You may have noticed that we have been experimenting with ads. One of those changes was, with the exception of a few, putting all our paid ads on the outside edge of right-hand facing pages. This was done to increase their visibility. This, of course necessitates putting more ads on a page.

The next experiment, starting with this issue, will be setting one page aside for complimentary ads for Lodges, Chapters, and Concordant Bodies.

If you have any comments about this new arrangement, please let me know. This placement should improve the visibility of this kind of ad.

If you have any suggestions that you think might increase the readability of the Times, please let me know. All suggestions, of course, are subject to the test of Editorial feasibility, if you catch my drift.

Tax Free Status

There has been some excitement about the legislation pending in the State Legislature concerning taxes on property owned by Subordinate Bodies of Fraternal Organizations. The DDGM of the 1st Monroe, R.-W., Don Darrohn, has written to his Representative, Assemblyman Joseph Robach, about it and received a favorable reply.

We also heard from Brother Bill Jones, Secretary of Macedon Lodge in the Wayne District, who likewise queried his Representative, Assemblyman Robert C. Oaks from the 128th District, about the Bill. Included in this issue is a sample letter for the benefit of those who will take the time to make their feelings known to their representatives. The location will be listed in the **page one index**, you know, that list in the lower left-hand corner of page one? The place where those of you who like to thumb through the pages, never look.

Both these inquiries seem to indicate that there are no extras attached to this Bill, at least at this time. So, I believe that we can support it without that concern.

Summons/Summonses

There appears to be some controversy among the Brothers about the proper name for the Annual Lodge Meeting or any

other meeting of the Lodge to which the members are **summoned** (Election of Officers, By-laws changes... etc.). The Brothers of the Lodge receive a **summons** in the form of a letter (a piece of paper) to attend, thereby making it a meeting of those **summoned**. It follows logically then that it is the Lodge members who meet, not the **summonses that were sent** (pieces of paper). So, the term **Summonses Meeting**, as far as this author is concerned, is grammatically and logically incorrect. Therefore, this publication, unless persuaded otherwise, will use the term **Summoned Meeting** for such events. □

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Committees

The Scholarship Committee is busy reviewing all of the timely filed applications. The Charities Committee has made their selections and that information will be sent to all of the Directors and Representatives for their review. This will be voted on at the May 12th Bureau meeting.

Spring!

Work at Camp DeMolay has started, including the removal and cutting of another tree that fell across the Camp driveway.

Our Annual Appeal was delayed because of a computer glitch and the time requirement of the United Way Fund. Please be generous in your response to our Fund Drive.

Time on your hands?

Help is needed for equipment cleaning and repair and for telephone calling. We need to track some of our equipment that has been out for a long time. One or two days **per month** would be a great help.

We also need persons who will go to "Court of Honor" Ceremonies to present Boy Scout Eagle Award framed Certificates from the Service Bureau. □

MSB Community Service
By Harold Boltin

Possibilities

Recently I have received two possibilities for Community Service to consider. One is a voluntary service on a regular basis at the Ronald McDonald House. The other is their 10th Annual Auction and Household Sale at the former Service Merchandise store on Monroe Avenue.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

In the Ronald McDonald House issue of their publication, "Heartbeats", there are two pictures of Masons from the Have-a-Heart Campaign. One is a photo of Webster Lodge's booth and the other is of Leah Chapter No. 183, Hilton. Those volunteers were identified as Dorothy

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Wolfe, June Shaver and Nina VanLare.

The article described our participation and thanked us for "raising \$7,000.00 for their efforts, and that the Masons have raised well over \$100,000 since 1988-beginning two years before the House was built". □

Financial Planning Solutions

Gerald J. Glaser
716-442-5825

[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].

As many of the readers are aware, I happen to believe that mutual funds are the best and safest investment for almost everyone: To make a point, I read an article regarding a mutual fund that has performed quite admirably. The owner wrote, and I quote, "My grandparents invested \$10,000 in XYZ fund in 1961, and now in 1999, it is worth \$306,000 and now there are 11,000 shares for which I do not know the cost basis". BOY, WHAT A PROBLEM TO HAVE!

The IRS requires mutual fund companies to keep records for only seven years, so how does one obtain the proper tax information?

It turns out that this company goes a step or two better. Their operations department retains permanent copies of their records on microfiche, so back copies can be obtained, usually for a reasonable price of about \$25 per year of record, so that for the case above, for \$950, one can obtain the necessary information for the payment of the required taxes.

If one did not have this information, the IRS could collect a bundle on this package. I believe that \$950 for this valuable service

is a small fee to pay for not having the tax information on a profit of about \$305,000.

The moral of this tale is to be careful which companies you deal with, and the company that I deal with is the one in this story.

Be aware that this investor has been reinvesting his dividends for 38 years, and he has paid taxes on the reinvested items and capital gains for this period of time and this adds to the tax basis of the investment.

In some cases, this addition can increase the tax basis of the investment to an amount greater than its total value, so one can actually take a tax loss!

When the IRS runs across one of these deals, they sometimes give these people a medal for "contributions above and beyond the call of duty".

The IRS has a publication entitled, "Mutual Fund Distributions," which may help in this area. It is number 564. □

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

In last month's article, I discussed how to obtain a Child Support Order. This month I'll tell you how to collect on this Order.

A Child Support Order is like a money judgment. The Order, just like the judgment, can be used to garnish wages or levy on other assets. The problem with child support enforcement occurs when the non-custodial parent (the parent who pays child support), plays cat and mouse. By that I mean works under the table, wanders from job to job, leaves the state, and just generally does things to make collecting difficult. We have all heard stories, or know of someone, who was owed thousands of dollars in back support.

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Those days are rapidly coming to an end. Motivated by the threat of losing federal dollars, New York has enacted legislation that makes obtaining a Child Support Order, and collecting child support, less confusing and more straightforward.

The good news is that collecting child support is as simple as taking the Order and registering it with the local Child Support Enforcement Unit (CSEU). Registration of Child Support Orders is mandatory if the children and custodial parent are on welfare. Otherwise it's voluntary. Take advantage of this service. By doing so, you will enlist the power of the state in collecting child support. Here's why.

All Child Support Orders must have the social security numbers of both parents. The benefit to this is any tax refund owed to the non-custodial parent can be intercepted by CSEU if back support is owed.

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The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc. Loan Closet

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

Equip. Type	On loan
Bathtub equip.	87
Bed (Acces.)	2
Canes	104
Commodos	92
Crutches	227
Walkers	188
Wheelchairs	117
Miscellaneous	10
Total	827

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Legal Rights

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All employers are now required to report all newly hired employees to a central registry in Albany. The benefit to the custodial parent is that wage garnishments will follow the non-custodial parent as they change jobs. No longer will a parent be required to track down where the other parent is now working.

Self employment or working on a cash basis cannot be successfully used to frustrate collecting child support.

The local CSEU office is located at 65 Broad Street (Terminal Building). Their telephone number is 428-4561.

**Grand Lodge
Veterans Service
Committee**



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

In Memory

This is not about a Mason, but about a man who had committed himself to the caring and understanding about veterans, because he at one time had been in service, a World War veteran himself. His name was Robert Roy, known as "Rob", a member of the Volunteer Executive Board at the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua. I met Rob about 7-10 years ago, somewhere in that time frame, when he became a Board member. Rob was a dedicated fighter for the veterans. He served on all levels of his local American Legion Post and many offices on the State level. He also served for 40 odd years with his local fire department, somewhere in the Bloomfield area, plus many years as a volunteer at the Canandaigua Medical Center. His devotion as a volunteer was second to none. Rob was Treasurer for the Volunteer Executive Board and his country humor always had us laughing.

He should have been a Mason. For many years I asked him to become a Mason, but as a Catholic he listened to what was told him, that Catholics could not or should not join Masonry. I told him I had been brought up as a Catholic and it did not make a difference, because the Good Book tells us all Masons are to be on the level. Here was a man who exemplified all the Masonic teachings. Many of those in Masonry could have taken a lesson from him. In the few years I knew him, we became very close, as close as two humans can get without being brothers. In a sense, that is what we became.

On April 10th I went to his funeral service in Victor. His wife saw me entering the Church and came over to talk to me. After the usual greetings, she said, "Who will you pick now?" I replied, "No one can take his place".

Rob will be sorely missed.

Help is needed

How about all of the Lodges out there? Have you sent in your donation for the National Veterans Golden Age Games? They will be August 7-12, 1999. They need your donations so the games

can take place. Just think, if all of the Lodges contribute \$50.00 each, we could give \$1,000. They need another \$10,000. If you plan on donating, make check payable to Golden Age Games and send to Thomas Paglia, 84 Grand View Land, Rochester, NY 14612. I will see that they receive them

Visitations

Our visitations are over for now and will resume in October. This year was a very rewarding and exciting year, for we now have a new ward to visit. The Banquet will be another chapter for our Masonic volunteers. As you have read in the *Masonic Times*, all of our activities are very well presented by Harold Bollotin, our star reporter, and because of his efforts, our group is well recognized throughout the State. Thanks, Harold, for a job well done.

Memorial Day

We have again been requested to attend the Memorial Day Parade at the Bath VA Medical Center. More on that later.



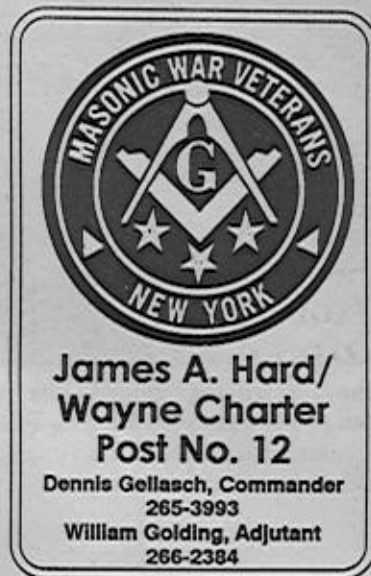
Season's final visit

On Sunday, April 11th, the final ward visit for the current season was made. The regular volunteers were Tom and Cora Paglia, Larry and Marge Hood, and June Moon.

Future events

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

Sunday, October 10th, will be the first ward visit for the Fall season. It is scheduled for Building 8, Ward A at 1:30 p.m.



By F. Jay McCullough

Welcome new comrades in arms

Harry Hopkins, Albert Johnson and Frederick Prince became members of the Post in February. We welcome them into the fold.

Parade, anyone?

The Post was invited to be in the Memorial Day Parade in East Rochester. Since we are all of an age, it seems, we did not turn down the cars that Don Moore promised to accommodate attendees. The invitation was accepted and there have been several who volunteered to be present. A few more are de-

sired, so don't hesitate to contact Adjutant, Bud Golding, at 266-2384 to participate.

Color Guard at work

We continue to accept engagements. The more recent ones have been the Interfaith Service and Breakfast, Veteran's Day at the War Memorial and Pearl Harbor Day at the Summerville Coast Guard Station.

The Post Guard has agreed to participate in the Reception honoring M. E. Arnold E. Palmer, the newly installed Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York. The Grand High Priest has also been accepted as a member of the Post, pending his obligation at an upcoming meeting.

Election and Installation

Alfred Pulcino III was elected Commander; Dean Marsaw, 1st Lt. Commander; Kenneth Rhodes, 2nd Lt. Commander; Brad Hebner, Chaplain; Bud Golding, Adjutant and Don McDill, Finance Officer, all for the ensuing year. The office of 3rd Lt. Commander has been dropped.

We will have a Public Installation and Dinner on May 27th at the Post home at Fame Temple. Make reservations with the Adjutant.

New meeting night

Post vote has changed the meeting date to the 4th Thursday of the month.

Summer approaches

The Annual Picnic is scheduled for July 21st at the McDill digs. Don's cottage has seen several such schedulings over the past few years and we appreciate his hospitality.



Sub feed panels

This scenario is one where the home owner bought a new range, clothes dryer and microwave. All of the appliances were delivered and, as usual, the installers expected to find the necessary wiring to just plug in and play (just like you do on a computer), and they would be on their merry way. False. They found the electric panel all right, took one look and said, "before you plug any of the new appliances in, better get a licensed electrician and check the wiring".

They then explained that they did have an electric range at one time, but the people before them installed a gas range and used the wiring for a dryer and there wasn't room in the panel to install wiring for what they needed. What the other people did was to use the 50 amp. wiring for the dryer (a dryer only draws 30 amps.). In order to use the wiring, they had to cut some of the strands to make them fit in the 30 amp. outlet, which means they probably had a 12 amp. wire feeding the dryer, which explained why the dryer would trip out every now and then. This is what the people now living there told me. I also found a certificate dated 1950, supposedly when the existing panel box was installed. Surrounding the main panel box were four small boxes for sub feeds. All of these were connected to the main feed with no protection or any way to shut them off as necessary. These sub feed panels were installed because the home owner did not want to pay for updating the existing service.

Biggar

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Community

By Myron J. Biggar

Ralph Albertson Biggar, 93, formerly of Rochester, died in Nazareth, PA, on Thursday, March 25, 1999 at the Masonic Eastern Star Home. He was a retired manufacturer's representative with A. Vincent Associates and the H.C. Johnson Agencies. From 1923 to 1946 he worked for the Stromberg Carlson Co. in telephone/switchboard manufacturing and as a senior radio design engineer in the development of FM radios.

Born on Friday, October 13, 1905 in Niagara Falls, NY, he graduated in 1926 from the A&M Institute (now RIT) in Rochester as an electrical engineer.

During the war years he served in the Civil Air Patrol (now a USAF Aux.) as a squadron commander, pilot, and developed an extensive communication network.

He was a 70 year member of Brick Presbyterian Church (now Downtown United Presbyterian Church).

His beautiful and extensive gardens in Brighton and Penfield, NY, and Nazareth, PA, were enjoyed by his family, friends and neighbors. He was an avid card player and enjoyed playing Bridge and Pinochle with the Blossom Seniors in Rochester, where he served as Vice President, and the Lower Nazareth Seniors in Nazareth, PA.

Family

He is survived by his son, Myron, of Nazareth, PA, daughter, Dianna Woodruff of Englewood, FL, granddaughter, Barbara S.B. Saslo, Nazareth, PA, grandson, Scott Biggar of Rochester and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life

By R.W. Herbert Spencer

The family of R.W. Ralph A. Biggar has set aside Sunday, May 30, 1999, Memorial Day

He took the easy way out, thinking he was correct. Remember, every time you add a sub feed panel, there is always a potential for voltage loss and overheating. If you do install a sub feed panel, you should make sure it is installed properly.

The existing service was only 60 amps., which is insufficient. So what was needed was the installation of new service to accommodate the appliances they were installing.

Upon inspecting the outside wiring, it was found that the piping used for the old service was still attached to the house, it was never removed. The old 30 amp. wires were still inside the pipe, with wires outside the pipe, both at the entrance and in the base-

Weekend, for "A Celebration of Life". The place will be the 3rd floor dining room of the Downtown Masonic Temple, 875 Main Street East, Rochester.

This is a fitting place where Masons come to meet. Starting at 3:00 p.m., there will be services by the Order of the Eastern Star, followed immediately by a Masonic Memorial Service by Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109, where Brother Ralph was a member.

It will give all who attend an opportunity for remembrance of Ralph and what he meant to each of us.

It was Brother Ralph's wish to have a party and buffet in his honor and memory. At the request of the family, all those who were touched in any way by Ralph are invited to attend the Service.

Reservations should be made with R.W. David C. Clarke at 889-9134 or Scott Biggar at 359-0269.

Contributions

Contributions may be made to the Masonic Eastern Star Home East, Flower Cart Fund, 850 Norristown Rd., Warminster, PA 18974 or the Masonic Service Bureau, 875 E. Main Street, Rochester, NY 14605 in memory of Ralph.

The "A" in R.I.T.

(For those who wondered about the A & M Institute)

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ment. This is a pure violation of the code.

It was also found, that the wire normally used for jumping across the water meter, was missing. Just imagine what would happen to the water meter man if he had to install a new meter. There is always a potential voltage going through the copper water pipe, if high enough it can create an arc of electricity and seriously hurt someone.

What should have been a routine installation turned out to be a disaster for the home owner.

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Go to Church Sunday

This year the District Go to Church Sunday will be on August 1st. Due to an unfortunate circumstance, we will not be able to attend church in Attica as planned. The Service will be in the Java Village Baptist Church, which is across the road from Mt. Vernon Lodge.

The Breakfast will be at Mt. Vernon Lodge from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., and the Service at the Church will be at 10:30 a.m. Wear your Masonic regalia. The Batavia Commandery No. 34 will serve as a Color Guard. Last year we had a good turn out, let's make this one even larger.

Don't forget Grand Lodge. It is very important that someone from your Lodge attends.

Rewarding year

One year of my term of office has gone by (very fast!). As of April 1st, I have made 60 visits to the Lodges in the District and one outside the District. It has been a very rewarding year for me, and I hope in some way I have given Masonry something back for what it has given me.

"Be the change that you want to see in the world". Author unknown.

God bless you all and thanks for a very pleasant year.

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 JW Ed Law

Greetings, Brothers

Eagle Valley's Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que is happening, as

previously stated, on May 15th in conjunction with the Eagle Hose Company's (also known as Bliss Fire Department's) Annual Auction. The Bar-B-Que is acknowledged by aficionados to be by far the finest in the Genesee/Wyoming Region. Come dine with us, or if you wish, take a meal or several meals home with you. We are pleased to serve you. Saturday, May 15th, will be a memorable day in Bliss. We shall welcome you!

Remember our veterans

Let us not forget our veterans. On Tuesday evening, May 18th, Eagle Valley Lodge hosts "Bingo Night" at the Batavia Veteran's Hospital. Our Secretary informs us that Brothers interested in helping out should be at the hospital by 6:30 p.m.

Survival

It appears that we have survived the rigors and inclemencies of the 1998-99 Winter season. Many of our number have suffered from the flu, colds, and a host of maladies, many undoubtedly related to the relentless advance of years. It is perhaps time that through the medium of the telephone, or better yet by personal visit, we converse with our Brothers. Masonry teaches us to "respect the ties of friendship", and "assist the feeble". How long has it been since you have given an encouraging word or a little morale support to a Brother? Have a really good month!

Oakland Lodge No. 379 F. & A.M.



W. Henry Robinson
Master
322-7545

1st and 3rd
Tuesdays
(Jan/Feb/Mar:
1st Tues only)

W. Richard L. Smith, Secretary
493-5408
134 South Main St.
Castile, N.Y. 14427

Greetings Brothers

I don't know about anyone else, but it sure is good to see the last bits of snow melting away. One of the many benefits of living in New York State is the beauty we can all enjoy from the four seasons. The smell of fresh air, the sight of new flowers and green grass, and the sounds of flocks of birds, let us know that Spring is here to stay. Another sign of Spring is the returning of familiar faces and their families from down South to assist us in our labors. Welcome back.

Yum yum

On March 19th several Brothers from Oakland assisted in the District Fish Fry held in Arcade Lodge. Congratulations to Len Mason for a job well done and a great meal. Thanks to all the

Brothers who assisted and contributed. On Good Friday Oakland held its Annual Fish Fry. Once again there was fabulous support from the community, Masons, and their families. For the third year in a row we sold out! We can attribute this to good food, but especially to the generosity of Brother John Cook and Constellation Lodge for once again allowing us the use of their illuminated sign. What a difference it makes. It has been proven for the past few years. Thank you, thank you.

More thanks

Special thanks to all the Brothers, wives, and children who helped out and donated to this worthwhile fundraiser. We were certainly blessed to have had the services of Bud and Sandy Hoffmeister, who not only provided most all of the supplies and food, but did an excellent job cooking as well. Thank you so much. Not only did we sell out, but financially this was our best year in at least the last dozen. Great job!

New York, New York

With the graduation of my daughter from Cornell University, I've found myself unable to attend Grand Lodge. Nonetheless, my heart will be with all the attendees from around the District. Next to my 3rd Degree, last year's communication was a highlight in my 12 years as a Mason. Good luck to all those attending and have a safe journey.

Retiring

As many of you may have read in the Empire State Mason, our Grand Lecturer, M. W. Calvin G. Bond, has retired. It is hard to imagine the countless number of Masons he has assisted in all his years as a student of the Craft. Good luck in your retirement and good health. M. W. Bond's replacement is R. W. Edward Gilbert from Buffalo.

The best way I can think of to lend our support to R. W. Gilbert is through regular attendance at Lodge and through District functions. There is no better way to learn the Craft than by participation. Brothers, mark your calendars and plan to attend our next communication. Our new time for our meetings will be 7:30 p.m. Please assist me in heeding the words of our Grand Master, M. W. Stewart McCloud, "Together We Build".

God Bless!

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

During May, we have many activities and events that you will not want to miss.

Awards Night

May 8th will be Awards Night. There are 17 Brothers who will receive Membership Awards. Brother Kenneth Davis will be honored for 65 years a Master Mason, Brother Austin Gaugel - 60 years, and Brother William

Calnan - 50 years. Fourteen more Brothers will be honored altogether and 17 honorees total 600 years of Masonic membership. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. - \$7.00, the Awards portion of the evening will be at 6:30 p.m. The DeWitt Clinton Award will be presented to Stevan A. Craver, Scout Master of Troop 23 of the LeRoy Methodist Church.

DEC Report

At the May 5th Lodge meeting there will be a discussion of the DEC Report, final preparations for Awards Night, and plans for the Oatka Festival, including breakfast and participation in the parade on Saturday, July 17th.

A Special Evening

The 19th of May will be a Special Evening. You will have to be in Lodge to know and enjoy what will take place.

Thanks

Special thank you to R. W. Paul Smith and Clayton Dimick, DSA, for all the electrical repairs to our facility. Up the stairs to the "attic" is all 3-way switches, the kitchen is very bright, the ladies room is on one switch, and the men's room is on another. No longer do we have to pull R. W. John Roth's chain. Brother John, we saved your chain so we will always be able to "Pull Your Chain".

A special project

The week of May 10th we expect to start our Masonic Video Tape Project in the local day care centers. All who would like to help, we would like to see you there. It's a grandma and grandpa exercise, taping all the little ones.

Looking ahead

To all Brother Masons and ladies of the OES: July 17th and 18th is the Oatka Festival in LeRoy. Olive Branch Lodge in-

vites all Masons and Concordant Bodies to participate in the parade, Saturday, July 17th, at 10:00 a.m. Hopefully each Concordant Body will be represented in the parade and display their charities.

Saturday, July 17th, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Olive Branch invites Masons and Eastern Star members to breakfast at the Masonic Hall, 8 West Main Street in LeRoy. The price is \$1.00 with an up-to-date dues card.

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



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

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

Hello Brethren

Spring has finally arrived and showers will bring May flowers. This is most folks favorite time of year. West Star No. 413 has been busy and we still have a lot of fun to enjoy. On March 15th, West Star had its Annual Rendezvous Night. Paul Baetzold, Jr., and John Geitner visited our Lodge and Neil and Dennis Parmerter told the boys how mountain men lived in the 1800's. It was very interesting and the boys enjoyed the night. John enjoyed the Limburger and onion sandwiches.

Looking back

On March 17th, Brother Ed Dryja played the organ at Attica's Ladies, Widows, and Awards Night. Ed's music was a great addition.



The "Electrifying" Pair of Olive Branch Lodge: R. W. Paul Smith and Brother Clayton Dimick, DSA



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tion to a nice program. On April 5th, West Star had its 2nd Annual Uniform Night. Everyone spoke about their job, hobbies, or pastimes. It was very enjoyable.

Looking ahead

We have some things to look forward to. On May 23rd we will have our Roast Pork Dinner. We will be selling advance tickets. We need help and pies. Varysburg Neighborhood Days will be June 26th and 27th. Our Chicken Bar-B-Que will be on Saturday, June 26th. The proceeds will go to the Gordon M. Brown Scholarship Fund. Again, we need help and pies. The Pumpkin Growing Contest will be held on October 9th. Contact the "big pumpkin", Neil Parmerter or his "co-pumpkin", Dennis Parmerter for seeds. The Contest is open to all Lodges in the GW District. Soon it will be the time to plant.

Sickness and distress

Under this heading we have a sad note. The Altar has been draped for 30 days in remembrance of W.. Arthur Ackler, who passed to the Grand East.

Brotherhood Fund

Before I close, I have to mention the Brotherhood Fund. We have only a month left for this year's Drive. If you have a few extra dollars, send it to the Lodge and I will see that it is sent in.

Enjoy the nice weather and take care.

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837



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

1st and 3rd Thursday

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

Brethren

May is upon us already and Grand Lodge opens on May 3rd. I will be there to enjoy the festivities and report back our Grand Master's Message.

I am looking forward to this-it is a great privilege to have the Lodge send me. Remember, Brothers, May 6th is Election of Officers and it is a Summoned Meeting. Our new officers for the year 2000 would appreciate your vote and input.

We had a great April with a 3rd Degree at Churchville Lodge on April 14th, with a combined Hesperus and Churchville member participation. Thanks to W.. Louis Sanfillipo for his wonderful hospitality again and Master of Ceremonies, Daryl Bentley, for a fabulous Pot Roast Dinner.

The next night we did it again at Hesperus Lodge and put through our candidate for another great evening. Many thanks to Joyce Sands and her Eastern Star ladies for a great meal.

Mother's Day is coming fast, so buy your Chicken Bar-B-Que tickets soon and help our SW, Jon Cooper, with ticket sales. The money helps our Lodge.


Camp Turk

This year we are sponsoring a child to Camp Turk, so help out with our fundraiser by contacting our JD, Ralph Marsocci, for more information.

See you in Lodge.

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

Main Street Pike, N. Y. 14130



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

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

W.. Richard Anderson, Sec. 493-2203

Grand Lodge

I hope all the Brothers who attend Grand Lodge this year enjoy themselves. I won't be able to attend, but will be thinking of you.

Congratulations

Paul Stickley of Constellation Lodge No. 404 of Perry, won our Annual Round Robin Euchre Tournament. Jim Rattigan and Fletcher Parker tied for 2nd place.

Thank you


W.. Paul Flint presented a program on his trip to Alaska. It was very interesting and informative for all. Many thanks, Paul.

Golf Tournament

Brothers, reserve your t-time for our Annual Golf Tournament at the Rolling Acres Golf Course on June 5th. Call Barb Moore at 716-567-8557 for reservations. T-times start at 6:00 a.m. Food and beverages are available from 6:00 a.m. till the end of the tournament.

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, Brethren

It looks like Spring has finally arrived. How enjoyable to see flowers blooming, lawns greening up, and the return of the songbirds. Let us not forget the return of the "snow birds", too!

Projects

Here's an update on the projects at the Lodge building: the 2nd floor bathroom is now complete; installation of new floor for the basement meeting room, the one used by the Boy Scouts, is underway; the double door for the back room has been ordered. Thanks to the Brothers who are helping with these projects.

Congratulations

The Service Awards Night on April 15th was an enjoyable one for all of us. Brother Crandall DeGross (a 50 year recipient), Brothers Fletcher Parker and Searl Hocking (55 years), and Brother Ivan Hodges received Pins and Certificates in honor of their years as members of Constellation Lodge No. 404. The Awards were presented by DDGM, R..W.. Ray Barber.

Award recipients not present were Brothers Willard Partridge, Cletis B. Shoup and Joe Pascoe

(50 years), and Robert Gingrich (55 years).

All present enjoyed a fine dinner provided before the Ceremonies by Mrs. Evelyn Ault. I thank her and those in attendance for an enjoyable evening.

Summoned Meeting

Our next meeting, May 6th, will be a Summoned Communication for the election of officers for our next year.


Thanks

At this time I wish to thank everyone for helping make my year as Master an enjoyable and successful one. Again, many thanks!

In closing, remember that there is still time to contribute to the Brotherhood Fund, Sam Sherman, Chairman.

Don't forget your Lodge dues. Thanks again.

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

Hello, Brethren

The Restoration Project at our Lodge went well. The downstairs is now painted white and everything is spic and span.

Special thanks

Brother Bernard Whaley orchestrated our Pancake Breakfast and carried the burden of logistics and supplies for it. He also directed of the Renovation Project. A superior job well done, Bernie! Many, many, thanks.

3rd Degree

Three Brother Fellowcrafts were raised to the 3rd Degree of Masonry on April 12th.

A parting thought

I was rifling through our DDGM's old files and found this poem. As JW I found it amusing, but sad, at the same time. Let me share it with you:

The Working Tools of the 6:30 Degree, The Knife and Fork Degree

By Richard R. Waldron, Arcade, NY

I do not attend the meetings, For I've not the time to spare, But every time they have a feast, You will surely find me there. I cannot help with the Degrees, For I do not know the work, But I can applaud the speakers, And handle the knife and fork. I'm so rusty in the Ritual, That it seems like Greek to me, But practice has made me perfect,

In the Knife and Fork Degree.

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George Washington


This year, 1999 is the Bicentennial Celebration of Brother George Washington's passing to the Celestial Lodge. Perhaps you'll recall the article in the December, 1998 *Masonic Times* about the plans for the world's largest Masonic emblem. The emblem is being added to the grounds of the Washington Memorial at Alexandria, VA. The dedication in June of that Masonic Emblem will be one of many events that will take place this year to honor the father of our country.

We all have the opportunity to encourage, participate in and assist with the implementation of programs to recognize the distinguished 1st President of our nation. Every Lodge should have received a package outlining the necessary steps to be taken within your community to have it qualify as a George Washington Bicentennial Community. There are several avenues a Lodge may take to assist its community with very little cost to achieve this recognition. Proclaim a George Washington Day; plant a tree; plant a George Washington Memorial Garden; read a book; give a book; write a letter to the Editor; just a few of the suggestions identified in the Bicentennial Community Celebration Planner available FREE from George Washington's Mount Vernon. Their toll free number is 1-877-492-1999.

I know that the opportunity is there for our Masonic Lodges to encourage their local communities to recognize this great Ma-

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son. It will also cause recognition to be brought upon your Lodge. If we don't do it, there will be some other club or fraternal organization that will. Let's do it!

Ask your Master what plans he has to make it happen!

On track

May is a critical time for every Lodge! The Masonic "train" is summoned to stop to switch engineers for the ensuing year. What will be your "train's" destination for the coming year? We know that there are many well prepared Wardens along the rails who have traveled down that Road to the East and will be able to assume the engineer's role as Master. His Trestleboard in hand, ready to perform. The engineer (Master)

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needs many associates to run the train and keep it on the right track. You've paid the price, your dues, why not get on board? Your train will no doubt come to many switches and crossings, your engineer will need everyone pulling together to keep a full head of steam. Who knows how far your train will travel down that track!

Installations

An awesome event! You elected that Brother as your Master for the coming year. Be there to support him at his Installation. Masters-elect and Brethren, you are encouraged to attend other Lodges Installations. There are fewer thrills more meaningful than seeing a Masonic Lodge filled for any event.

Joint Investiture

Attention all Past Masters! You are hereby encouraged to be present for this year's Joint Investiture Service on Friday, May 21, 1999, at the Downtown Temple. Demonstrate your support for your new Master-elect by being there.

Grand Lodge Staff Officers of the Monroes

R.W. Ruel R. Lovett
Grand Sword Bearer
494-2546



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

By R.W. William Spillane
My time as a Grand Lodge Staff Officer is quickly coming to an end. I must admit, the last three years have just zipped right by. In that time I've put a lot of miles on my car, gained 25 lbs. from all the meals I've consumed, (yes, I have been known to have seconds), and have made a lot of good friends. There are so many, in fact, that if I tried to mention all of you the Editor of this paper would run out of ink. So to be fair, I thank everyone who helped me make my term successful and, most important, enjoyable.

Closing

There are five people I have to mention. They are the current Grand Lodge Officers for the 1st Monroe District, Don Darrohn and Ruel Lovett; Cy Kloner and Gene Brendel, Past Grand Lodge Officers for the 1st Monroe and finally, my traveling companion and sometime Euchre partner, Dave Jones. Without your insight, dedication, wit and humor, the last three years would have been dull, indeed.

Thanks again, and I'll see you in the trenches.

Membership Development

R.W. Bruce Chilton
1st & 2nd Monroes

It's all in our image, Brothers
This month's article will be a little different for me and I ask that you read it in its entirety to fully grasp the point.

On March 14th my family lost my mother-in-law to the Great Architect of the Universe. The death was not sudden and can be looked upon as a blessing because of the illness with which she was afflicted.

Although it is hard at the time to see any good in the loss of a loved one, especially anything alluding to membership in an organization, after the funeral at a luncheon, I was able to do just that. The death was on a Sunday morning and the calling hours were scheduled for just one day with two, two hour sessions.

In spite of the fact that everything was so quick and her name was not the same as mine, the outpouring from the Masonic Fraternity was overwhelming. Respects to my wife and I were made by Brothers of my two Lodges, Brothers that I was a Grand Lodge Officer with, Brothers and their spouses of whom I was a 1990 Master with and Brothers and their wives with whom we have become close to in the Shrine. The numbers were in the twenties and coupled with the cards and letters, e-mails, and phone calls, it was a moving and extremely appreciated.

During the break between the two sessions, one of our Masonic families opened their house for our whole family (30 of us) providing us with a place to go and presented a wonderful table of food for our pleasure.

I really began to realize how important it was to come to the aid of a Brother and his family in their time of need. I thought a lot about the lessons we are taught in Freemasonry and our progress from the rough stone to the perfect ashlar as we constantly try to better ourselves through its teachings. From that time on I have made a further commitment to be there for my Brothers in their time of need.

I was not the only one that noticed this incredible outpouring. As one of my Brothers and I were kidding around with my sister-in-law from North Carolina (Carol) she looked at me and said, "How come you have never asked my brother John to be a Mason, I think he may like it and it would be good for him."

That, my Brothers, is what it is all about. While we practice the fellowship that Freemasonry teaches and the true Cement of Brotherly Love, we at the same time, project an extremely positive image which can be attractive to the non-Mason.

Remember that your actions are the most positive attraction for bringing men into the Craft and through those actions we will always continue to attract the kind of men that we need to keep this wonderful Fraternity vibrant.

On behalf of my family we again thank all of you who came to my family's aid in our time of need and I want you to know how proud I am to be able to say that I am a member of the World's Greatest Fraternity.

Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County

President:
V.W. John Zabel

By V.W. John Zabel

Those other Organizations

Harry was out shopping one Saturday morning. Well, not really

shopping, but walking the mall looking in many of the shops as a way of getting out of the house and getting some exercise. He was also thinking about Freemasonry, having been recently raised in the Lodge when he saw George coming from the other direction.

"Hi, George, how are you?" asked Harry.

"Hey Harry, haven't seen you since your 3rd Degree. How have you been?" replied George.

"I'm fine. Say, do you have a few minutes? I've got some questions for you," said Harry.

George looked at his watch. "Well, I have a few minutes. I don't have to be anywhere for a while."

"Good, let's go sit over here," indicated Harry pointing to a bench. After they were seated he went on, "Right after I was raised, Dave handed me petitions to join the Scottish Rite and Shrine. I took the petitions, but I am not sure what to do. Dave said that I should join these organizations as soon as possible, but he didn't say why. He did say that the Shrine is the fun organization in Masonry. Can you tell me anything about these groups?"

"Sure can. They are called Concordant Bodies. These Concordant Bodies require that a candidate maintain membership in a Blue Lodge. The Shrine requires the level of 32° in the Scottish Rite or membership in the Knights Templar in the York Rite for admission to membership. Let's start with the basic Concordant Bodies."

"As a Master Mason you can join such organizations as the Grotto, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Scottish Rite, and Royal Arch Chapter, Cryptic Council or Knights Templar in the York Rite. Each group has its own Rituals and Ceremonies used to impart more knowledge about Masonry and help build your moral and social character."

Harry cut in saying, "OK, but I mentioned the petitions to Tom and he said that I shouldn't join because the Lodge needed me. What was Tom saying?"

George replied, "Some Masons have the impression that the Concordant Bodies steal members from the Lodges. That's what I think Tom was alluding to. In reality, every Concordant Body member is still a member of his Lodge. A Mason that really understands the Fraternity realizes that the Lodge is the basis of all Freemasonry. As such, you should always support your Lodge regardless of what other Bodies you join."

"Why would I want to join these Bodies?" asked Harry.

"There is no easy answer to that question. It's all in what you personally want to do," replied George. "I'll tell you what I can do. I will get you literature on the Bodies I have mentioned. You can look it over and then we can get together again for further discussion."

"Sounds good to me," said Harry.

"I've got to go. If you're available Wednesday evening, I'll stop by with the information."

"Yes, I'm going to be home, see you then," replied Harry.

"See you then," said George.

What's happening?

Last month I forgot to give you the website address for the Grand Lodge Web Page. The address is www.nymasons.org. I did not include the http:// since this is not required for either Netscape or Internet Explorer browsers. Another location for information on

Freemasonry on the internet is freemasonry.org. This site includes links to many domestic and foreign Grand Lodges, constituent Lodges and most Concordant Bodies, plus many other related sites. Check both of these out if you have internet access.

The Bureau of Masonic Education will be holding its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 12th, in the ante room of Doric Hall, on the 3rd floor of the Downtown Temple. All Master Masons are invited to attend and take part in the planning for the coming Masonic year. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude no later than 9:00 p.m.

Monroe Masonic Secretaries Association

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A worthwhile evening

The last Tuesday in March was when a dozen and a half local area Secretaries and other interested Masons met. They had a "Hildy and Joy" dinner and the program which drew them was "The Masonic Lodge Secretary System". That's a Grand Lodge software program that's intended to bring Lodge records together in an up-to-date manner and make the work of the Secretary easier. We are getting away from the old long hand entries on almost obsolete forms which add days to doing the chores of a Secretary.

The program was professionally presented, as expected, from those tried and true past DDGM's, Terry Wihlen and Rich Friedman. They are both now Secretaries of their respective Lodges. They used a laptop computer, large viewing screen and an instructional oral presentation to get the message across. Those attending are ready now for more brief programs that will help make their Lodge record keeping efficient.

Passings

We learned that Ralph Biggar and Clark Kunes have passed on during the last couple of weeks. Both were well known local Masons and their strong love of the Craft and their dedicated input has contributed to the betterment of us all. Ralph served in many capacities as his obituary notes, and Clark had one of the longest secretarial tenures, being in that position at Etolian Lodge from 1949 through 1992. His records are all in the old secretarial long-hand, as you would imagine-and very thorough!

Interfaith Service and Breakfast

This event is scheduled for Sunday morning, October 17th. The Secretaries are noting it on their calendars, perhaps for the purpose of forming carpools or vanpools to get together at their Lodges, as in the old days, to travel to Logan's to reflect and renew. We are promised a well known personality to receive the 40th Distinguished Community Service Award. Past Award recipient, Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., plans some variety in those

ministering with him at the Interfaith Service itself.

The attending secretaries suggested they be sent a letter on how and with whom to handle reservations this year. In addition, there was a consensus that the letter should be copied to the Lodge Masters who can help encourage attendance. Watch the September issue of the *Times* for all the details!

Change times of Service Bureau meetings?

The Executive Director of the Service Bureau was invited to consider an evening Service Bureau meeting on occasion, instead of always holding noontime meetings. This change could get more to attend who have work schedules that now restrict attendance. The Lodges believe they could find more who would be willing to be Representatives and in fact, attend meetings.

Let's grade or rate Grand Lodge service

Secretaries want to see our next meeting program concentrating on areas of Grand Lodge that they often deal with. How about discussions on the Grand Secretary's office staff processes, Grand Lodge Registry Department and Lodge Sales? Are these units doing what we believe they should, delivering service accurately, efficiently and in a timely fashion?

Any new secretaries being installed?

The Secretaries Association invites all Secretaries of all Bodies to attend the dinner meetings of the group. The next one will be August 31st, a fifth Tuesday, and just in time for column entries in the October *Masonic Times*. We will have dinner as usual, so make reservations with the Secretaries' Secretary, Phil Averbach.

LIBRARY NOTES
Mike McCullough, Librarian

By M. McCullough

You thought you belonged to a "secret society!"

With several hundred books on Freemasonry on shelves in the Sarachan Library, and knowing there are hundreds more at the Grand Lodge Livingston Library, in local Lodge libraries, private collections, and even in the public libraries, it seems the secret is out.

Should anyone desire to relocate their own, or their Lodge collections, they can always contact Jay McCullough at 352-1061, who will be happy to acquire them for the Sarachan Library, which is on the 3rd floor of the Downtown Rochester Temple.

Masonic encyclopedias

We have a few two volume sets of Mackey and McClanahan encyclopedias that individuals or Lodges may acquire for a small donation to the Herman Sarachan Library. Your set can be reserved by calling the Service Bureau office.

Volunteering to sort and stack

Ramona Dimino has been regularly sorting books to get them properly placed on the "Dave Berger" racks. We have a Monday morning work party each week to complete the organization of printed materials. Should you be free at that time, don't hesitate to join us.

Computerization

An early Mac computer, printers and the like, were acquired from Bill Lindsay. Recently, George Bracht has begun the pro-

cess of upgrading that equipment to enable us to update and create card files, indexes, and general library records.

Visit, browse, borrow

At present, we are staffed on Monday mornings only. We may be slow, but we're steady! When more of the basic work is completed, those who have volunteered some time (as in Short and Frame from Charlotte/Corinthian) will be sought out to staff other days, and evenings or Saturday mornings, depending on what the traffic warrants.

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Charges for damage will be assessed individually.

Euchre?

'Tis the custom of this casual group to gossip a bit more over a few hands of Euchre after the program. One knows he's talked too long when several in the audience start to fidget because they only came for the card playing in the first place!

So, now that you Past Masters and reigning Masters know the drill, won't you come join us once in awhile? If you're a member, you'll get a reminder card in the mail each month. We used to have a stamped return card but decided it wasn't worth the postage, so we dropped it this year. You can still drop in, have a Fish Fry or whatever you choose, say "Hi" and "Goodbye" and come again another month. We'd enjoy your company.

1st Monroe District

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

Fellowcraft

On May 18th the Fellowcraft Club will be at R..W.. Dave Clarke's home. A great program is planned.

April Lodge meeting

All of the March programs were rescheduled to our April 13th meeting night. It was a Ladies Night and we were treated to a great Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner, followed by a demonstration for the ladies on making flower arrangements. The young lady who owns Rolling Romance, Amy Masline, gave this free workshop. Feedback was very positive and I've been asked to have her back. I'll pass that information on.

Following our very short business meeting, an informational presentation of health care issues and long term care concerns ensued. Lynn Hanrahan of Finger Lakes Long Term Care, addressed a number of frequently asked questions on Medicare and Medicaid, as well as financial solutions to many health care problems. She graciously offered product specific information and allowed for a question and answer period that generated many good questions. If anyone has an interest in the pertinent details of the discussion, contact me at 272-8470. I am very knowledgeable in this and other areas of proper planning.

Ron Axelrod, a local attorney, spoke on the subject of trusts and estate planning. He referred to ways to protect assets and still qualify for Medicaid benefits. Many questions were asked and Ron offered a one hour consultation to anyone who attended, as a courtesy to me. He handed out information and a business card, but if you need more information, please call me. We had a large group of people attending these programs.

I'll report on my Grand Lodge trip in our next Lodge flyer. Your new Master will be writing the Times article, so my mug won't be in there anymore.

3rd Degree

The 3rd Degree was held at ERAC Lodge No. 943 where we raised two new Brothers on Monday, April 26th. We will report further at our Annual Elections and Reports meetings on May 11th. We intend to keep the meeting focussed so that it won't be overly long.

There will be a dinner at Lodge before the meeting and refreshments after the meeting. Call Dick Giedd or Herb Spencer with your reservation.

Come out and meet your new line of officers, and encourage them. Your new Master has been very pro-active in preparing for next year. He has chosen the appointed line of officers, and completed his Trestleboard for the whole year. Your Secretary and I have familiarized him with the rest of the particulars he needs, but you know he still needs our support.

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538
30 Orchard St. WEBSTER, N.Y. 14580
W.. Jacob J. Ponschock, Master 338-2998
1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:30 p.m.
Henry Libera, Secretary 872-5427

Busy year

Welcome home to all the snow birds. We hope your trip South was very enjoyable. We can now get back to good hard planning for the new Masonic year.

This past year we tried a few things that Webster has not done for several years, such as a Family Picnic, and the Tall Cedar Yellow Dog Degree. We did our usual annual events-the Webster Arboretum and Craft Show, the Webster Good Neighbor Days, where this year we had a very successful Child ID Program.

Over the holidays we had our visitations, where we visited widows and Brothers who cannot get out. We presented them with a Poinsettia plant and chatted with them for a while to let them know we care.

To the Brothers who helped with each of these events, in both the planning and the actual participation, I give my deepest and sincerest thank you. They would not have been as successful as they were without your efforts.

Welcome

We were very fortunate in adding five new Brothers this year. Let's say welcome to Brothers Thomas Vasile and Michael Nohle, and our two newest Brothers who were raised on April 15th.

Thanks to Brother Keith Stambach, from Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, and Brother Bill Russell of Seneca Lodge No. 797, for coming to our aid at the last minute to help with the Second Section of the 3rd Degree. This kind of dedication is what keeps Masonry alive.

Service Awards

On May 16th Webster is having its Annual Service Awards Night. I invite all Brothers to come and celebrate this evening with the Award recipients.

Spaghetti Dinner

On Friday, May 7th, Webster Lodge again invites everyone to come to our Spaghetti Dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Where else can you get all the Spaghetti, salad, bread and beverage you can consume for \$6.00 and children for \$3.00?

Important night

The big night of the year is May 20th, our Election of Officers. This is the one night of the year that your presence is required. Please plan to be there.

Reflections

Over all it's been a good, busy year. We have done a lot. I have truly enjoyed being Master of Webster Lodge No. 538, and vow my support to our next Master for the 1999-2000 term.

I wish to thank each of my officers who have done what they could to make my year a success.

A special thanks to two Brothers who helped me the most thru some trying periods, either by their personal involvement or the ability to get me on the right track when I felt I was lost. They are W.. Emil Schirano and R.. W.. Bruce Chilton, and were always there when I needed them.

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154
W.. Sherwin Isaacs (h)377-7647
2nd & 4th Mondays 7:30 P.M.
W.. Theodore J. Snyder, Secretary 487-0165
1822 Penfield Rd. Penfield, N.Y. 14526

Thank you

Thank you, SW Raymond Di-James, for filling my Chair during my absence. I understand he did admirably. Thanks also to those who filled in as Senior Warden during this time.

Back home

It is great to be back home after a month's hiatus. My wife, Virginia, and I were afforded the opportunity for needed rest and relaxation. We basked in a warm climate and only shivered upon observing the TV weather report picturing a snow covered Monroe County. Hopefully you all survived this sea of snow without any major problems.

Rescheduling

The floral arrangement presentation, scheduled for March

8th, was cancelled due to the storm and rescheduled for April 26th (the date originally set for the 3rd Degree). The floral program was done by Liz Maynard.

Ladies Night

The Ladies Night, scheduled for April 24th, has been switched to coincide with the "Down Memory Lane" party at the Mapledale Party House sponsored by the Masters and Wardens organization. This will be on Saturday, May 8th. Cash bar - 6:30 p.m., Buffet Dinner 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Live music will be provided.

Looking to the future

The Election of Officers will be held on May 10th. The ladies are invited to our Move-Up Night on May 24th. There will be a dinner and entertainment, provided by the PJs, "Music in Mirth".

Open Installation

There will be an Open Installation of Officers at the Lodge on Saturday, June 12th, 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the Installation.

Strawberries anyone?

June 14th we will have a dinner with the ladies invited. It is our Strawberry Social/Sport Shirt Night. Plan to come out and welcome our new Master.

Widows Luncheon

Assisting at the Annual Widows Luncheon were: W.. Les Andrews, W.. John Rees, DSA, W.. Angelo DiCataldo, and Brothers, Paul Kober and Gordon Ball.

Moving time

Elbert Outermans now resides in Kirkhaven Nursing Home.

R..W.. Charles Spiegel has moved from Webster to a ranch home in Greece.

I sincerely hope that all is well with you and yours.

Past Master's Supper Club
President R..W.. F. Jay McCullough 494-2546
Secretary R..W.. Robert Sanford 292-6383

When we meet

On Friday, May 28th, several Past Masters from the various Monroe County Lodges will arrive at the Redmen's Club on Lexington Avenue between 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. They'll be casually attired (slacks and shirt are the norm) and have a brief attitude adjustment period before the Secretary calls them to refreshments in the main dining room. Here they will choose an entree from the menu, and exchange various tales of the good old days! No smoking for those who care, there are more of us every day!

A brief business meeting will take place. Anybody ill or passed to the beyond? Did we have any minutes of significance from the last get together? How are our finances? Do some others have their \$7.00 dues for 1999 to offer the Secretary tonight?

What's the program?

It is our pleasure this year to return to our private lair, or remain in the dining room if all others have left, and attend to the evening's main program. This month, the Prez (me) is again taking advantage of the opportunity to speak on one of his Masonic topics. How about "George Washington and the Society of the Cincinnati"? The presentation is brief, but hopefully, enlightening.

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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

First, I would like to apologize for not getting my article in on time last month. I know many of the out-of-area people like to read this to keep in touch, and I am sorry for missing the deadline.

New Appointment

I would like to recognize the appointment of our newly made R. W., J. Edward Gillott, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Honduras near the Grand Lodge of New York. I congratulate Ed on this honor and would hope that at a future Lodge meeting he could explain not only the title and what it means, but also the duties that such a rank carries with it. This is a part of Masonic Education that we don't always get to see, we are fortunate in Etolian to have two such appointments, the other being to R. W. James Powell, who is Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of New York. I thank Brother James for being my proxy at Grand Lodge. Circumstances were not conducive to my attending and Brother Jim took that step up to lend a hand and fill in. Thanks.

Sad news

Brethren, it is my sad duty to inform you that the Great Architect of the Universe has called Home, W. Clark Kunes, DSA. Clark passed away on March 19, 1999. He was a Past Master of Etolian, serving in 1948, Lodge Historian and Lodge Secretary from 1949 to 1991. He had been a Mason for 60 years. Clark died suddenly and will be missed by all who knew him. A Masonic Service was held for Clark at the White Church on March 23rd where 31 Brothers paid their respects.

Brother Rev. William Calkins, Jr., passed away last week at his home in Arizona. He was 81 years old. He had been a Mason for 33 years.

3rd Degree

On April 12th, Brother Jeffrey VanSice was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. I extend a hand and welcome our new Brother to the Craft. I know each and every Brother will do the same. The 3rd Degree went very well, but the Second Section was extremely well done. A lot of the credit for this goes to W. Len Perlmutter, for his diligence in not only recruiting all the help he needed to fill all the parts, but for having 20 Brothers show up on the night of the rehearsal. For me it truly was a very special evening. I try to do the Ritual work well, and sometimes do, but the fellowship that was present that night, the help each person gave to the next, the right amount of levity with that serious thread that held it all together was truly memorable. This was the night of the true Mason, giving as well as receiving. Thanks, this is how members of a Lodge should work together. The dinner was coordi-

nated by W. Floyd Seeley with the help of the Eastern Star. Thanks for the great meal!

Award's Night

On April 26th we had an Award's Night and the recipients were: 20 Years-Brothers Rodney Grigg, Karl Williams and Eric Zierk; 25 years-R. W. Ruel Lovett, Brother Howard Smith, Jr., W. James Stuewe and Donald Walzer; 30 Years-Brothers Richard Fial, George Livingstone, John Page and Allen Widrick; 35 years-Brother Dana Spencer; 40 years-Brother William Enssle, Jr., and R. W. F. Jay McCullough; 45 years-W. William Farnsworth, Brothers Luther Martin, William Steele, and Norman Weinreber; 50 years-Brothers Arthur Hauck, Robert Johnson, Walter Maier, Elmer Stollery and Alvin Zarnstorff; 55 years-R. W. Charles Barron and Brother Kenneth Tucker.

If you see any of these members, please extend a hand and congratulate them on this accomplishment.

Monroe Masons in bloom

I would like to again draw your attention to the flower beds situated East and West of the Gillette Road overpass. As the snow has melted and the warm sun has started to thaw the earth, we can now start to see the labors of the Masons who helped Brother Michael Schwartz this past Fall. The flower beds have come alive with the 600 bulbs that they planted. Please take a look when you pass by, carefully look at the work they have done (no accidents, please!). We will be doing a Spring planting sometime in May when the County again has flowers ready for us to plant. Please contact Brother Michael Schwartz if you would like to help in this year's gardening project.

Election of Officers

The first meeting in May, which is on the 10th, will be Election of Officers. Please come out and vote for the officer of your choice. Please come and participate in this event, make your thoughts known and express your feelings on what you want from this Lodge and the leadership team that will take us into the next millennium.

**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**Spring has sprung**

Despite the fact that it snowed yesterday, it is that time of year when everything becomes new again. The trees get leaves, the flowers bloom and nature renews itself for the season to come.

Renew and refresh

I encourage my Brothers that have been absent from Lodge these many cold, dark months to take the opportunity to 'renew and refresh' your ties to the Lodge and your friendships with your Brothers by coming out to our meetings. This is the perfect time of year since there's no Monday

Night Football (or Baseball) and the daylight is lasting longer into the evening. Like they say in the New York Lottery ads, "Hey, you never know!"

April recap

On April 10th R. W. Chick Becker, W. George Bracht and I had the pleasure of escorting six lovely ladies to the Widows Luncheon at Logan's Party House. It was a wonderful lunch, followed by a great presentation from the Director of the Shrine Hospital in Erie, PA.

On April 12th we held our 2nd Degree Ritual with Junior Warden, W. Dwight Turner, in the East. W. Turner did an excellent job and I congratulate him for the impressive Degree.

April 26th was Move-Up-Night for the officers to try out their stations and places for next year. In addition, W. Allen Fowler put on the Lantern Lecture for our new Brother since we were unable to do that during the 1st Degree Ritual. He put on a great presentation that all of the Brothers appreciated.

Coming events

On May 10th, our only meeting in May, we will be holding our Annual Meeting and elections. It is important that as many Brothers as possible come to this meeting to give their input of the running of the Lodge.

At this writing I am still looking at alternatives for getting our new Brother scheduled for the 3rd Degree. I will let everyone know as soon as possible when I have this arranged.

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

**Flower City
Lodge No. 910****W. Jerry
Sporo,**
Master
334-7616**2nd
Thursday**
7:30 P.M.**R. W. Phillip Averbach,**
Secretary 458-1817
875 Main St. East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605**Now a word for our out of
towners**

There are many members of Flower City Lodge No. 910 scattered throughout this great country of ours. I want to take a moment to share some information with you. First off, you folks are very important to us. Most of you have labored very hard over the years to keep Flower City both vital and active. It is necessary that we acknowledge your efforts and thank you once again for your good work.

We are in the midst of a continuing program to bring in new members and to share with them the accomplishments of our Lodge's past and the plans for our future.

Let us know...

We are discussing whether to have a much needed, one time increase of our dues in the amount of \$2.00 or \$5.00 per year. I am sure you've noticed that our dues have remained low for many years while other Lodges have had a number of increases. Your input would be greatly appreciated since this issue affects all of

us. Please understand that YOU are far more important to us than a dues increase. Please share if this may cause a problem for you.

**Fellowcraft meeting date
changed**

Please note that the April Fellowcraft meeting will be April 29th in Ionic Hall at 7:30 p.m. This is due to the Jewish Passover Holiday in early April. I am requesting all Officers and Past Masters to attend this important meeting. Lodge finances, the line of officers for 1999-2000, as well as the planning of the Steak Roast will be the topics for discussion.

Dates to remember

There will be a Fellowcraft Dinner at the Swiss Chalet on S. Winton Road near Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road on May 6th at 7:00 p.m. The May 13th Lodge meeting will be our Annual Election of Officers. There will be an Open Installation on June 10th with a dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Our Annual Steak Roast will be on Thursday, June 3rd at the Henrietta Town Park commencing at 5:00 p.m., with dinner starting around 6:00 p.m.

Please share with Phil Averbach or me if you plan to attend any dinner events so we have enough food prepared for everyone.

**MONROE
Lodge No. 173****W. Melvin
Doverspike**
Master
638-6830**2nd
Tuesday**
7:30 P.M.**Roy D. Goold, Secretary**
637-6419
67 Main Street
Brockport, N.Y. 14420By Roy D. Goold, Secretary
Annual Pork Dinner

We are pleased to report that our Annual Pork Dinner has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 1st, at the Methodist Church, downtown Brockport. There will be two seatings, 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.00 per person. For reservations and tickets call Mel Doverspike, 638-6930 or me, 637-6419. That is with all the fixings of the 173 tradition. Bring your appetites, however, you will have to speak to the fellow in the chef's hat about seconds. The ladies of Mary Jane Holmes Chapter No. 440, OES, will be assisting us. Since it isn't supposed to snow we are hoping for a good turnout.

Widows Luncheon

It is a pleasure to report that the Widows Luncheon on April 10th was thoroughly enjoyed by the ladies of our departed Brothers. Each received a flower vase with carnations to mark the occasion, not to mention the repast that Logan's is noted for. This was the 13th Annual Luncheon, the 14th is scheduled for March 18, 2000. We particularly thank R. W. Caldwell for his truly inspired idea and his efforts each and every year, above all others, which has brought so much enjoyment and pleasure to all who have participated each year.

Dues are due!

We have a number of members who have not sent in the current year's dues. If you do not

have a 1999 card in your wallet, please send in your dues right away. It will save us the expense of sending out another billing. For Life Members dues are \$23.50 and regular members, \$36.50. The new directory is ready and will be sent to you with your new card by return mail.

Congratulations

Our congratulations to Gerry and Marge Werner who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We understand there is a special trip planned to mark the occasion.

A tip of the Master's hat to Richard W. Sweeting who completed 55 years in Masonry in March. With the snow birds beginning to return we hope they will come to Lodge and say "hello".

Seneca Lodge**No. 797**Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.**W. Gary R. Stein**
(h) 544-1658**Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary**
233-595330 Orchard St.,
Webster, N.Y. 14580

Wow, it's hard to believe that this year is over and that this is the last time I'll have to meet a press deadline. Meeting all the deadlines on a month to month basis was an accomplishment in itself.

This month's news of the happenings at Seneca Lodge will be very short as I only have two things to say.

First, I want to thank the staff who put the Times together each month, the Brethren of Seneca Lodge truly appreciate your hard work. I personally feel that it is the cement that keeps us all focused and looking in the same direction.

Second, I want to publicly thank all of my Seneca Brothers for allowing me to be your Master--this is an experience I will never forget and would not have missed the opportunity for anything. You are without a doubt the best, most faithful, helpful and caring people I have ever worked with. I will never forget you and hope that I lived up to your expectations of being a good Master. Thanks for the many memories.

**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. April has been extremely busy at Clío Lodge. A warm welcome to Brother Aaron Thompson who was raised by his dad, W. Gary Thompson, on April 6th. Brother Aaron joins the likes of W. Stu

Brickman and Brother Scott Brickman, Brothers Harry and Doug DeHollander, and Gus and Gus Neidrich, as active father/son members.

On April 10th the Widows Luncheon was held at Logan's, with three ladies from Clio in attendance.

The Spaghetti Dinners continue to be well attended and the extra help is appreciated. Thanks to Cantisano Foods of Fairport and Nancy and Allison for their help at our last dinner.

Thanks to all who helped at our Annual Ox Roast.

Special thanks to Brother Scott Brickman, who prepared dinner for the 3rd Degree.

Future events

May 3rd and 4th is Grand Lodge in New York City.

May 4th will be Move Up Night with the Senior Warden in the East.

May 12th and May 26th are the dates for the Spaghetti Dinners.

May 18th will be our Election of Officers.

May birthdays

Birthday wishes to W.'s Jim Wells, and Gary Thompson, Brothers John Himmelsbach, Robert Baxter, Art Miller, Dick Picket, Kay Dodds, Ken Mullen and Steve Mitchell.

Closing

Brother Steve Mitchell is recovering from recent surgery. Brother Carl Dole is doing much better and is in St. John's Home.

Hope to see you in Lodge soon.

2nd Monroe District

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969

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



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

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

By Robert Ogden

New record

Damascus Shrine recently sponsored a school bus trip for Masons and their wives to feast on a buckwheat pancake luncheon at the Maple Tree Inn (South of Nunda). The "World's Book of Records" was surpassed by our "One and Only", W.: Bill Hook. I hesitate to mention the number consumed.

Craftsman/Robertson Hosts Brother Bring-A-Friend Night



3rd Degree and Dinner

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge can be proud of 4 Brothers, plus 2 more from Fame Lodge, in receiving their 3rd Degree, with a dinner preceding the ceremony. Approximately seventy-one (yes, 71) attended the dinner and Ritual. Sounds like a record.

Brotherhood Fund

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund received through April 5th, from 110 donors \$4465.00, compared to last year's 121 members contributing \$4426.00. We are on track and hopefully we will have a successful campaign.

Condolences

It is our sad duty to report the passing of a Robertson Lodge Past Master, Walter Gibaut, on April 3rd. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Summoned Meeting

Our congenial Secretary, W.: Tom Kendig, announces the Summons Notices will be in the mail about May 1st with the meeting date of May 18 for Election of Officers.

Dinner meeting

There will be a Dinner Meeting May 4th with the ladies invited. There will be an Officer's meeting on May 11th, the location is unknown at the present.

Milestones

We salute the Brothers with birthdays in May: Ed Bastian, Al Bowers, Chuck Chatfield, Chuck Freida, Sam Grover, Andy Kanaby, Bill Leggett, Terry Ramsey, Paul Robertson, Bert Scarlett, Ed Start and George Wilkinson.

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

Things are bustling all over. Our Lodge dining room has been completed, the downstairs hallway has been refinished, and many small tasks have been accomplished in the Winter months. A big THANK YOU to those Brothers who made it possible. Stop in, see, and enjoy them.

Congratulations

Our Worshipful Master, R..W.. Robert Sanford, presented W.: Richard Dye his 40

Year Certificate and Pin at our March 8th meeting. W.: Joseph Cotteleer was the recipient of Union Star Mason of the Year Award, a well deserved honor for his dedication to our Lodge.

Future events

Our Election of Officers on May 10th, will be preceded by a Lasagna Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Temple. For your reservations, call Bob Sanford at 292-6383. This will be a Sportshirt Night.

The Fellowcraft Steak Roast will be June 21st. Reservations, please, to Bob Sanford.

The Officers and Trustees Picnic will be at the Master's home, 30 Landing St., May 24th, 6:00 p.m.

Lodge meetings are for the enjoyment of the Brothers' fellowship, breaking bread and socializing after the meeting. Enjoy an evening out-come to Lodge at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month (6:00 p.m. if we have a dinner). Read your Masonic Times for what is going to take place at your Lodge.

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

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

By Phil Hurwitz, Master-elect

Greetings, Brothers

Thank you for electing me as your Master. I consider it an honor and a privilege. A debt of gratitude to W.: Dan Emerson for all he has done as Past Master, and will continue to do as Junior Warden. I look forward to continuing my partnership with W.: Lou Campaniello as Senior Warden. Brother Joe Bogmis will be our Senior Deacon, and W.: John Bryce, Junior Deacon. Thank you, Brothers.

More thanks

My thanks also go to Brothers Harold Murphy and Scott Caplan as Stewards, Brother John Bryce as Marshal and W.: Sol Phillips will be our Chaplain. R..W.: Ron

Mertens continues as our Treasurer, W.: Fran Warburton as Tiler. Thank you, Brothers.

R..W.: Terry Wihlen will continue as our Secretary. Brother Terry's efforts as Secretary are crucial to the successful administration of our Lodge. Towpath Lodge is grateful for all he is doing.

Spaghetti Dinner

Our Soap Box Derby Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Lodge on May 7th, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5/adult; \$3/children 12 and under; \$15/family of four. It's all you can eat. This year Josh Folino will race our car again. The race itself will be held on June 5-6 at Durand Eastman. The race begins at approximately 9:00 a.m. and runs throughout the day.

This year Towpath can have the use of Fame Lodge on Culver Road for this event. Fame Lodge is near the entrance of Durand Eastman. If the weather holds up, we will have a picnic that Saturday afternoon (6/5). Plan on bringing a dish to pass.

No long speeches!

The Masters and Wardens Association is hosting its annual party on May 8th at the Mapledale Party House. The cost is \$25.00 per person. It promises to be a fun evening. Why? Because there will be no head table or long speeches. Just a chance for the Brothers and their partners to mingle and get to know one another better.

Please attend

Roll Call will take place on June 1st at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of Roll Call is to help us all get reacquainted with one another. I urge all Past Masters to attend if you are able.

If you cannot make the Roll Call, then please drop us a line, by postal or e-mail to let me know how you are doing.

E-mail

W.: Sol Phillips is in the process of creating a list of e-mail addresses of all Brothers who are on-line. Please drop Sol a line with your e-mail address at iveesep@prodigy.net. My e-mail address is phurwitz@frontier-net.net.

I am in the process of putting our trestleboard on line. It's experimental. It may turn out to be more effort than reward! Help me out by putting it to the test. Drop me a line at towpath@jump.com to get access to the trestleboard.

Join us

Please come to a meeting. I would like to meet as many of the Brothers as possible.

Masonry isn't an immutable concept. It's meaning invites deeper understanding as our perspectives change. What may have sounded or read as gibberish when we were first made a Mason may make sense with the mileage we accumulate through life.

The level of commitment to this Fraternity is a matter of personal choice; the square and angle of your work and the length of your cabletow dictates this.

I look forward to meeting or hearing from you during my tenure. I can be reached at 581-1831 or found on-line at phurwitz@frontier.net or towpath@jump.com.

Take care.

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Does it seem possible? Spring is here with upcoming events.

Awards

The DeWitt Clinton Award presentation will be held April 29th at Northfield Lodge.

Scholarship Fund

We encourage all members to continue to support our Scholarship Fund.

Ladies event

There will be an afternoon cruise on Canandaigua Lake with a delightful dinner at a date to be announced. All ladies will be invited. For reservations, please contact our JW, Michael Herrmann at 872-0113.

Party Time

Down Memory Lane, sponsored by the Masters and Wardens Association, will be Saturday, May 8th, 6:30 p.m., at the Mapledale Party House. The music will be by Celebration and the cost is \$25.00 per person.

Strawberry Festival

This delightful event will be held on June 24th at the Lodge. For further information, please contact Mrs. Linda Zahn at 381-4241.

Installation of Officers

Our Installation of Officers will be held May 20th.

Good news

R.W. Robert and Linda Zahn have returned home from vacation in the pink of health!

In closing

This will be my last article, so I wish to thank all the officers and members of Northfield Lodge for their support. I wish our SW, Jim Weick, and his officers, a wonderful and productive year. May God bless.

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Awards Night

On April 6th we had our Awards Night. It was a night to honor our Brothers for their years of dedication to the Craft. It was a pleasure to meet these Brothers and award them their Certificates from Grand Lodge. Brothers present to receive their Awards for 50 years were: W. Harry Ellender, Edward E. Rupp, Rudolph E. Reiber, and Fred R. Ogborne.

Receiving their Awards by mail or personally are: 50 years - Bruno Kuhn, Fay S. Corbett, Edward L. Cone, Lloyd H. Constantine, Edward N. Doescher, and Clifford G. Vroom. 55 years - John W. Parker, Norman W. Brown, Edward Cotton, Donald S. Judd and James S. McKellar, Jr. Brother Hewett W. Strever has been a member for 60 years.

More Awards

Nicholas Vlahos received Charlotte's "Man of the Year" Award. The Bravo Award was presented to Brother William King for his willingness to help at all our events.

The next three Awards go to Brothers who have helped me through the year. They have been my mentors, counselors, my crying towels, and punching bags. Whenever I would call, they were there to answer. They had the answers to all my questions. I could not have made it through the year without them. These Brothers are: R.W. Joe Privitera, and Clifford and Jim De Lorenzo. Thank you for all your help.

Future dates

We will have our Move-Up-Night on May 4th and our Summoned Meeting for the Election of Officers will be May 18th.

Don't forget to sign up for the Family Picnic on June 13th at Camp Eastman, Durand Eastman Park. Contact Brother Ken Ratliff at 323-1014 if you plan to be there.

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Thanks

I thank W. Mike Schum, Master, and the Brethren of Craftsmen/Robertson Lodge for allowing our two candidates to receive their 3rd Degree with their candidates. I also thank the Shrine Past Master Degree Team for an outstanding job of conferring the Degree.

Events

On April 13th we had our Awards Night. Our Official Visit of DDGM, R.W. Dave Jones was on April 27th.

Sickness and distress

I called Doug Hunt and he is recuperating. He hopes to be out to meetings soon. Brother Charlie Peterson was scheduled for by-pass surgery on April 12th. All of us at Fame Lodge wish him well and a speedy recovery. We hope to see him in Lodge soon.

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

Rent

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

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Secretary 392-1629

Degree time!

Our 3rd Degree, was conferred on Wednesday, March 24th, at the Downtown Masonic Temple in Ionic Hall. Eight new Brothers were welcomed to Churchville Lodge, and it was a great success following an excellent dinner. Many thanks to JW John Hennessey, and W. Garry Hutcherson, who prepared the dinner. I would also like to thank the Shrine Degree Team for doing such an excellent job. It was a pleasure to see you in action.

On April 14th another 3rd Degree was held at Churchville Lodge, following a dinner, welcoming 5 new Brothers to Lodge. This Degree was conferred by Churchville Lodge, along with Hesperus Lodge. Many thanks to our Hesperus Brothers, who made this Degree so successful. These two Degrees brought a total of 13 new Brothers to Lodge.

Good time

My wife and I attended the Widows Luncheon on April 10th at Logan's Party House. There was a great turnout and it was so nice to see Anita Drake, Corinne Pimm, Lynn Springer, Betty Brew and Wilda (Billie) Robinson. Billie received a Widow's Pin from the District Deputy Grand Master, Dave Jones. The buffet was excellent and a good time was had by all.

The month of May

On the May calendar is the Election of Officers on May 12th and our Installation of Officers on May 26th. Please attend both of these meetings and bring support to your new line of officers.

Grand Lodge

I am looking forward to going to New York City and Grand Lodge to represent Churchville Lodge. I will be traveling with the Masters of other Monroe Lodges on the train and am looking forward to the Grand Master's Reception and Dinner on May 3rd. Thank you for electing me.

Successes

Overall, our 1998-99 Lodge year was a big success. This began with our December program, the welcoming of 13 new Brothers to Lodge, participating in the Have-a-Heart Charity Benefit, (raising more than \$950) and electing and installing the new officers for the 1999-2000 year.

A new regime

This year will give the incoming Master and his line officers a challenge to do better for Churchville Lodge. Knowing the people involved, I know that they are up to the challenge.

Attention

The Scottish Rite now has a FAX machine for your convenience. The number is: 271-0980



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Retirement-It's a beginning, not an end

This is very obvious by the wide range of activities that the residents at Acacia Village are enjoying. If you see our residents talking with their hands, don't be alarmed. Jodie King, Fred Blakeslee, Louise James, Helen Terry and Carolyn Caul have been attending sign language classes. Our crafters were treated to a demonstration of intricate leather designs by artisan, Ralph House. Others are learning caricature drawing and jewelry making. The computer class is attended by Al Votik, Dave Parry, Mae Burrows, Ida and Josephine Manze, Jane Blakeslee and Charlotte Peck.

Residents traveled to other parts of the world without leaving home, thanks to our very own Peg and Tom Hassett, who shared slides of their trip to Turkey. Dr. Theodore Thomas, a longtime physician in this area, presented fascinating slides of England and Wales. Over 100 parallels and coincidences between Lincoln and Kennedy were presented by Cheryl Pula from the Dunham Library in Whitesboro. Orpha Curry, a local college professor enthralled her audience with her ghost stories from the Adirondak Mountains.

If that's not enough, some of our residents have been busy knitting and crocheting lap robes to be donated to the residents of the Masonic Home. The editors (Susan Babcock, Jane Blakeslee and Al Votik) of our newsletter, *Acacia Haven't Heard*, are busy on the third edition. Children from the Masonic Home Child Care Center participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt and visited with Peter Rabbit (also known as Frank Colling) on April 1st.

No time for a break now; warm weather is finally here and that means trips, planting gardens, walking around the beautiful grounds to catch a glimpse of the wild life, playing shuffleboard, horseshoes, croquet, bocce and golf (on the driving range).

Who said this was a retirement community?

Residents recognized

The Oneida County Office for the Aging is celebrating May as Older Americans Month in 1999. While we're proud of the accomplishments of all of our residents, we have singled out a few to salute, representing a cross-section of the whole:

Brother Frederick Griffin, for his contributions to the community through the Utica Rescue Mission.

Brother Ward Cushman, for his role as Chapter Specialist as well as Past President and District Director of the Herkimer County AARP.

Brother Frank Colling for his healthy, active lifestyle. Frank rides the stationary bicycle every morning, and walks 3-5 miles around the Masonic Home Campus every day. Like the postman, "neither rain, nor hail, nor sleet, nor snow" shall deter him.

Brother Albin Votik is President of the Acacia Village Sunshine Committee, an editor of the Acacia Village newsletter, *Acacia Haven't Heard*, and a constant presence-always offering a helping hand to his fellow persons.

Brother Fred Blakeslee and his wife, Jane, are among the most physically active residents. They swim every day in the Acacia pool. Jane is walking proof of the positive results that can be achieved by swimming. When she came to Acacia Village nearly two years ago, she was recuperating from a hip replacement. She walked with a cane, and couldn't even swim one lap; now she is "cane free" and can swim 15-20 laps. Fred was recently elected President of the Acacia Village Residents Association. This year he ran five miles in *America's Greatest Heart Walk/Run*. Congratulations to you both!



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A very successful Admissions Counselor Training Program was held this past February. Fifteen Brethren learned about the Masonic Home and what is required to make an admission come to reality. They also received the most current information about the programs available on the Masonic Campus.

A planning session was held to begin the process for the next training program. We are looking at the end of September or early October to welcome our next group of Masons dedicated to becoming ambassadors for the Masonic Home. The program has already produced results and we know the more Brothers trained will only increase the number of Masonic admissions.

If you think that this could be a service that would interest you, then contact W. Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator at 800-322-8826 to be added to the list in invites for the next training session. The information that you receive will be of great benefit to the Brethren of your Lodge and District. Become a part of Admissions Counselor Team that will allow the Masonic Home to better serve our Fraternity.

Come and visit

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

Join us for FREE FAMILY FUN!

Come to the Masonic Festival, Saturday, June 19, 1999, on the Campus of the Masonic Home, 2150 Bleecker St, Utica, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fun for the entire family. FREE kiddie rides, games and face painting, dunking booth, strolling magician, Buster the Bus, McGruff the Crime Dog, Arts and Craft Show, Antique Car Show, dance and gymnastic demonstrations, Tai Kwon Do demonstrations, tap your feet to the music of the Red Marching Band, and swing and sway to the tunes of the Mohicans and Jeff Glatt. Hop on our cam-

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO

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Ron Morthorst, Monarch

Monarch's Message

May flowers are blooming, Daylight Savings Time and warmer weather are here. Let us rejoice and enjoy the season. Attend your Grotto and the many events that are going on this time of the year.

May 19th is the Ceremonial at 7:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Make your reservations with Dick Topel at 663-2547.

May 17th is the Legion of Honor at 7:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call Al Pulcino at 225-8471.

The Grotto Golf Tournament is June 19th, 10:00 a.m., at the Old Hickory Golf Club, 6655 Big Tree Road, Livonia, NY. Register early (see ad on this page).

The Prophets and Officers will be honored by the ladies of our Caldron at their May 8th Prophets Night meeting. It is always a fun evening and enjoyed by all present. Thank you, ladies.

Awards Night

On April 21st we had the privilege to honor our Prophets at our Annual Awards Night. Receiving Fifty Year Awards were Prophets William Melville, John W. Parker, George Wyatt, and Alvin R. Zarnstorff. Receiving a 35 Year Award was Charles W. Webb. Receiving 30 Year Awards were John S. Archibald, James Bareham, Gordon Fromm, and Ronald W. Charron, PM. Congratulations to all of these Prophets.

Enchanted Lanterns

Yes, they are available. Same donation as always-\$50.00. Send your request to our Enchanted

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pas wagon and enjoy tours of our entire campus and end the festivities of the day with a magnificent parade starting at 2:00 p.m. Great food will also be available by a variety of food vendors. Don't delay-make your plans NOW to attend this Masonic event-an

Lantern Ambassador, PM Dick Topel, 949 Bennington Dr., Rochester, NY 14616.

The Stamp Program is available at the Grotto meetings.

Sickness and distress

Our sympathy goes out to the Knierim family upon the passing of Ruth Knierim's sister.

Day at the Races

This event will take place on Sunday, July 25th, and is open to all Grotto members and guests. The cost is \$15.00 per person. This includes Clubhouse admission, Racing Program, tax, gratuity, seating charge, plus Terrace Buffet. This consists of 3 salads, 2 meats, hot vegetable, potatoes, eggs, breakfast meat, pancakes or French toast and dessert, plus coffee and soda. Arrive at noon.

All reservations and checks must be sent by July 15th to me at 231 Mystic Lane, Rochester, NY 14623.

Dates to remember

Monday, May 3rd is the Board of Governors meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Grotto Office.

Wednesday, May 19th, is the Ceremonial at 7:30 p.m., dinner at 6:15 p.m.

Legion of Honor

By Leon VanHuben
As stated before, all veterans are welcome to join our group on the 3rd Monday of each month, except June thru August, at the Dutch Mill on Dewey Avenue and Stone Road. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

A date hasn't been set for our Summer Picnic, but all will be notified of date, time and place.

event that takes place on YOUR campus each year. Looking forward to seeing you June 19th.

For information, contact W. Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator or Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations on the Masonic Home's toll free number, 800-322-8826.

Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid. Your contact person is Prophet Al Pulcino at 225-8471 or me at 647-1391.

Until next time, see you at the Grotto meetings.

Master of Ceremonies

By Dick Topel

The Ceremonial on May 19th will be preceded by another delicious dinner at 6:30 p.m. The donation is \$7.00 and reservations must be honored. Call me at 663-2547 by May 12th.

Dates to Remember

Sat., May 1st-Caldron
White Fez Luncheon-
Cartwright's

Mon., May 3rd-Board of
Governors 7:00 p.m.
Grotto Office

Thurs., May 13th - Caldron
Supreme - Doric Hall
7:30 p.m.

Mon., May 17th-Legion of
Honor Dutch Mill Din-
ner 6:00 p.m.

Wed., May 19th-Ceremonial
in Cathedral Hall 7:30
p.m Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., May 20th-Caldron
Executive Council-
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Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

The Master Mason Night at the Henrietta Town Park was very successful and we had several guests attend.

As a reminder, every Prophet should be recruiting new members for Lalla Rookh Grotto. We have excellent literature on the Grotto that can be obtained from the office. This information, along with a petition, should be carried by each Prophet at all times so that when the opportunity arises, you can offer it to a prospective candidate. We cannot afford to let our membership decline.

Please do your part.

Chief Justice

By Leon VanHuben

On May 19th we will be having our Spring Ceremonial. I hope to see a few sideliners to support our new members, our officers and the Ceremonial Cast.

June 1st the Board of Governors will meet at 7:00 p.m.

June 9th thru the 12th, Supreme Council will be in Reno, Nevada.

June 16th is the Grotto Picnic at Henrietta Town Park.

June 19th is the Golf Tournament in Livonia, NY, and last, but not least, the Cast Picnic will be June 28th at Henrietta Town Park.

Welcome back to all you snowbirds. Let's see you at some of the Grotto events.

Cast

By George Kničrim, Director

We need your help to set up the stage on May 18th at 7:00 p.m. The Ceremonial will be May 19th at 7:00 p.m.

If you can help, please call me at 865-0494, or just show up.

Caldron News

Greetings to all

The good weather is upon us and so are the children playing outside. Please take care and watch out for the young ones who may decide to run into the road you are driving down.

Our Annual Smorgasbord was held on March 20th and we had a wonderful turnout. We thank Bob Battaglia for his help. To everyone who worked, I thank you for a job well done.

Coming events

April 29th-7:30 p.m.-make-up for cancelled meeting and rehearsal for Supreme Visit.

May 1st-White Fez Luncheon at Cartwright's. See Sue Wilson.

May 13th-Dinner and Supreme Visit.

May 20th-Executive Council at the home of Cecil Losinger.

Under the weather

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

In closing

We look forward to seeing you at the Supreme Visit on May 13th. There's a very special garden where the flowers of friendship grow.

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Donald C. Bell, scribe

Mother Nature has done it to us again. As I write this month's article, outside the window I can see thick snow flakes. April fool, she has us thinking of Spring and we get another last harrow of cold and snow!

News and views

Brother Don Bell will be breathing a sigh of relief as he has made it through another busy tax season. Brother Carl Busack is still trying to get to Florida for some warmer weather.

Mark this one on your calendar, Brother Charles Spiegel missed ice cream that was served with cake for the Grand Tall Cedar's Birthday. Brother Spiegel had a good excuse, he and Elaine were unpacking and settling in their new home.

Special thanks to Brother Don Brugger for his article on the Tall Cedars.

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting on May 26th.

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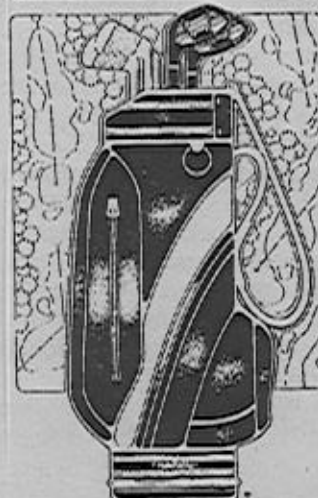
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FROM THE POTENTATE



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671-7701

Memorable event

A big THANK YOU to all who attended the Reception at the Marriott on March 20th. This was a very emotional weekend for Lula and myself. Your support made this a very memorable event for both of us. To our Assistant Rabban, Don Rose, it only shows that practice makes perfect! You and your Committee did a great job.

My thanks to the Kitchen Staff who prepared the breakfast on Sunday for our out of town guests. It was the greatest. The guests who were in attendance could not say enough about it. In fact, some of the other Potentates wanted to know if they were for hire and would travel!

M-m-m-good!

On March 23rd, forty-nine of us set out for the Maple Tree Inn for pancakes, with MacGath at the wheel of a school bus. We were off over hills and bumps! After a brief stop at exit 9 to pick up some more hungry Shriners, we arrived at the Maple Tree Inn safely and had a great time eating

and joking. I think Bill Hook set a new record for Damascus by devouring 24 plus pancakes. The trip back to the Mosque was leisurely, and a great time was had by all. Thanks to Ken and Mary Buckland for making the reservations.

Busy month

Now that Spring is here (I hope), we are getting ready to welcome back our snow birds. It will be nice to see them back safe and sound. April has been a busy month for Damascus and its Divan. On April 10th we attended the Masonic Widows Luncheon and in the evening we hosted a dinner at the Temple to promote our Membership Drive for all the York Rite and Scottish Rite Masons who are not Shriners.

There was a one day Reunion of the Scottish Rite, followed by a Public Shrine Ceremonial on April 24th. I think that this is a first in New York State where the Scottish Rite Reunion is combined with a Shrine Ceremonial in a one day session. Both Classes were dedicated to R.W. Paul R. Gleason, Jr.

Nobles, your Membership Committee is hard at work bringing you programs at Damascus to stimulate an increase in membership. Without you Nobles out there beating the bushes, and talking about the Shrine, none of this would happen.

On April 29th we will have the Circus Workers Party at the Mosque. If you have not been in the Mosque recently, please take note that our 1940's cushions have been replaced. Does this mean that we are getting ready for the Year 2000?

Unless we take a chance or two in order to begin, there's hope of gain, no prizes that we can win. We must accept uncertainty, set our doubts aside, and

be brave enough to risk a loss or setback to our pride. We should not be afraid to dare, if we just take a chance, life hands rewards beyond compare.



Damascus Past Masters Degree Team

Our life is like a garden that needs constant loving care. There are woes that beset us, and things that make life seem unfair. Our deeds are bright as flowers and our prayers help clear the way. Every kindness that is rendered will make a better day.

Thanks

Bill and I thank the Past Masters and Nobles who participated in dramatizing the 3rd Degree in the Lodges. To date, from the first of the year, 25 candidates have become Brother Masons.

Without your help, this could not have been accomplished. All the different Lodges thank you very much. If there are any Lodges that want the Damascus Shrine Past Masters to confer the 3rd Degree for them, please let us know. If there are any Past Masters who would like to join us, please let us know.

Remember, when you place upon your head the Red Fez of a Shriner, you are symbolically tying about your waist the White Lambskin Apron of a Master Mason. Never forget this.

Daughters of the Nile

By Elaine B. Spiegel, PQ

New beginning

With Installation of Officers over, our new Queen, Juanita C. Gorton, and her staff of officers are preparing for the beginning of a new year in Zama Temple. Our 1st stated session was Saturday, April 10th.

Card Party

Come and enjoy an evening of cards and fellowship. Bring your friends and plan an evening out. Let's make this a special event for our Queen Juanita.

This event combines fun and philanthropy. All proceeds are given to the Convalescent Relief Fund, which supplies braces, prostheses, and other appliances for the outpatients at the Shrine Hospitals and Burn Institutes. They need your help more than ever.

It will be held on Friday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m. at Damascus Temple, 979 Bay Rd., Webster. Donation is \$1.50 per ticket, \$6.00 per table. Contact Pr. Wilma Adams at 315-548-3218 for tickets or any Nile member.

New Temple

Several of our members went to Bangor, ME, from April 16th - 18th to attend the constituting of a new Nile Temple in that city. This was a delightful experience for all who attended as this is the first new Temple to be constituted on the East Coast in many years.

Join us

Our next stated session will be held on Saturday, May 8th at 1:00 p.m. It will be preceded by dessert and coffee, served by the Patrol Unit at 11:30 a.m. Plan to attend and support Queen Juanita and her officers.

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Masonic Q & A

(from M.C. Peters "Masons as Makers of America")

(These Q & As were taken from "Masons as Makers of America", by Madison C. Peters)

Q. What record is there of words spoken by George Washington with reference to our Fraternity?

A. In writing to the Officers of St. Andrew's Lodge at Newport, R.I. in 1791, he uses this language: "Being persuaded a just application of the principles on which Freemasonry is founded, must be promotive of virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of this Society and be considered by them a deserving Brother."

In 1797, in reply to an affectionate address from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, he said: "My attachment to the Society of which we are members will dispose me always to contribute my

best endeavors to promote the humor and prosperity of the Craft."

In November 1798, thirteen months before he died, he made this explicit declaration of his opinion of Masonry: "So far as I am acquainted with the doctrines and principles of Free Masonry I conceive them to be found in benevolence and to be exercised only for the good of mankind. I cannot therefore, upon this ground withdraw my approbation from it."

Q. Was Thomas Paine a Mason?
A. Thomas Paine did with his pen for American Independence as much as any other man of the Revolution did with his sword. But he was not a Mason. He was sympathetic with our Fraternity and wrote an ingenious essay on "The Origin of Free Masonry," with no other knowledge of the institution than that derived from the writings of others, some of questionable authority. He sought to trace Masonry to the Celtic Druids.

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Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

Congratulations to the Big Balls for winning the 1998-99 Masonic Gothic League Championship. The winning team members are Bill Rubert, Joe Flanagan, Gary Bonisteel, Rick Flanagan, and Jim Flanagan.

Final standings

Big Balls	160 - 80
Northfield	145 - 95
Team 8	144 - 96
Wolf Pack	140 - 100
Maiden Lanes	138 - 102
Hubbard	103 - 137
Flower City	68 - 172

High average - Don Weis - 209
High scratch series - Don Weis - 729
High handicap series - John Flynn - 789
High game - Bill Rubert - 278 scratch, 324 handicap
Most improved bowler - Derek Masi - 10.36 pins
High team series - Big Balls - 2309 scratch, 2797 handicap
High team game, scratch - Big Balls - 862
High team game, handicap - Wolf Pack - 1009

For the season, league bowlers rolled 72 - 600 and over series and 374 - 200 games. In the final four weeks, they rolled 14 - 600 series and 58 - 200 games.

600 series were rolled by Jeremy Fromm - 657 (248) and 615 (232), Don Weis - 643 (255), 620 (240), 601 (244) and 600, Rick Flanagan - 633 (233), 629 (233, 249) and 627 (234, 222), John Flynn - 632 (235), Bud Crane - 618 (235), Rex Edwards, Jr. - 615 (234), Jack Thibaut - 611 (231), and Dave Mawhiney - 602 (223).

Other notable games were rolled by Bill Rubert - 245, 236, and 223, Harold Reynolds - 234

and 224, Jeremy Fromm - 227, Len Mack - 226, Bud Crane - 222, Dave Mawhiney - 222, Dick Topel - 220, and Jim Flanagan - 206.

We will be returning to Maiden Lanes on Wednesday nights again next season. Individuals and teams interested in any openings we may have, please contact me. The league is open to both Masons and non-Masons. This is a good opportunity to introduce your non-Masonic friends to other Masons and possibly gain new members.

I thank all the Masonic Bowling League bowlers for their cooperation this season, especially my fellow league officers for their help, President, Harold Reynolds, and Vice President, Gerry Duell. It takes more than a Secretary to make a bowling league run smoothly and for it to be enjoyable for everyone.

Old Computers Needed

By George Bracht

Asbury First United Methodist Church is setting up a Computer Learning Center to teach Computer Literacy to the poor and unemployed. Computers with older technology and related parts are needed to make up working computers. The hard drives are reconfigured and reloaded with our software, most of them with Windows 3.1.

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By Paul Lydens, Chairman

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Scottish Rite NEWS

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Ronald D. Mertens Commander-in-Chief



Special events

Two major successes occurred in the last week of March. On March 25th the Chapter of Rose Croix conducted a most inspiring Ceremonial of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. A special thank you to Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., Most-Wise Master, and all the officers and participants for an exceptional Ceremony. We also thank M. W. Stewart McCloud, Grand Master, for being with us.

The following evening we held a Brother Bring-a-Brother Dinner and Program and realized 14 petitions for membership. This was in addition to the six petitions that had already been sub-

mitted by some of the guests in attendance. Special thanks to Charles Strickland for coordinating this Program and to our Secretary, Vern Goodrich, and the Office Staff for their efforts. The main presentation of the evening was coordinated by Richard Friedman, with assistance from Bruce Chilton, Terry Wihlen and Erwin Newell. Rich, we thank you for all your hard work, long hours, frustrations, and talents.

Reunion

As you read this, our Spring Reunion should be completed with a Class of 40 or more members. Many persons are responsible for attaining a Class of this size and I thank all of them. This Class is in honor of Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr.

Election and Installation

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 20th, and will be the Election and Installation of Officers for the Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Chapter of Rose Croix. We hope you will make an effort to be present and support the Brethren who are giving of their time as officers.

Banquet

Finally, I call your attention to our Reunion Banquet on Friday, May 14th. You have received the mailing with all the details and I hope you have or will make your reservations to be with us for a gala evening. We will recognize both the Fall 1998 and Spring 1999 Classes and their Sponsors, Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MSA, and Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr. There will be a deluxe social hour before dinner, music for your listening and dancing pleasure. The price of \$20 is a real bargain and represents one more way in which the Valley gives back to the membership. We hope you will be there with us.

Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA
Everett Hoak has been having breathing problems.

Alvin Zarnstorff was in Medina Hospital for therapy following a stroke.

Feast of the Paschal Lamb Enjoyed by Many

One hundred twenty-seven were in attendance at the Scottish Rite Feast of the Paschal Lamb. The principle speaker was M. W. Stewart C. McCloud, Grand Master and the Memorial Ceremony was impressively portrayed by Paul R. Gleason, Jr. and the Officers of Rochester Chapter Rose Croix.



Ronald D. Mertens, 33°, Donald A. Rose, Robert D. Pedersen, Vernon L. Goodrich, Terry A. Wihlen, M. Donald Darrohn III, Paul R. Gleason, Jr. - Most Wise Master, Philip A. Trautman, M. W. Stewart C. McCloud-Grand Master, John E. Zabel, 33°, Stephen R. Whittaker, 32° MSA, and Richard C. Friedman.

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Feast of the Paschal Lamb - Continued.



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Charles Strickland - Master of Ceremonies.



Grand Lodge

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to Brothers holding dual or plural membership.

416. A Proposal to designate the title of Right Worshipful to Directors of the Masonic War Veterans of Grand Post.

A Proposal to change the name of the District Grand Lodge of Syria/Lebanon, was determined not to be a Constitutional matter.

New Proposal(s)

All the members of the Grand Lodge and members of all of the Lodges are requested to send to the Grand Secretary, within TEN DAYS after receipt of this notice, any proposition or business they may wish to bring before Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication. No question, subject or proposition ordinarily referred to a Grand Lodge Committee shall be acted on or considered by the Grand Lodge unless presented to such Committee through the Office of the Grand Secretary, except where otherwise ordered by a vote of the Grand Lodge. □

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The Standard Gauge of the U.S. Railroad system is 4 feet 8.5 inches. That's an incredibly odd number. Why was this width or gauge used?

Well, that's the way they built them in England, where most of the original equipment for U.S. Railroads was made.

But, why did the English build them that way? Because, that was the width of a wagon wheel tread and the first railroad rolling stock was manufactured by wagon builders.

But, why, you might ask, were the wagon wheels that particular distance apart? Was it by some ancient standard measure, a cubit or a span? Wagons were built with that odd spacing because that was the spacing used down through the centuries; the spacing of the ruts in the road. If you wanted your wagon wheels to last any time at all you made your wagons like that.

This spacing had been determined by the ruts in the trails and dirt roads which were laid down by generation after generation of

wagon drivers down through the centuries.

But, who established this original width? Who built those first roads? Well, the first road builder were those employed by the Imperial Roman Army and the original rut makers were the Roman Chariots.

So, the next time you are handed some specifications and wonder what horses ass came up with them, you may just be right, because, the chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the backside of the motive power; the width of the rear ends of two war horses. (Taken from the Niagara/Orleans Masonic News feature, "Ye Old File Features", by Tom White.) □

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Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitulat District



R.E. Stephen Licht

Greetings, Companions

I am pleased to report that following my Official Visits throughout the 29th Capitulat District, all Chapters are alive with glimmers of activity appearing all over the District. Three Times Three Chapter has announced plans for Degree conferral and has candidates in waiting and similar reports have been made by Wyoming and Arcade Chapters! I am waiting for Orleans, Western Star and LeRoy to make a similar announcement.

Success!

"Well done" to Arcade Chapter for their successful fundraising Breakfast on March 28th. These Companions were NOT raising funds for typical Chapter expenses. Arcade Chapter sponsors a scholarship program independently of Grand Chapter, to benefit local students. The proceeds of their breakfast help fund this Annual Scholarship Award. The spirit of Masonry is alive and well in these Royal Arch Companions.

Degrees

The Chapter Degrees are presently being conferred in the District. The next Degree will be the Past Master. It is hoped that Wyoming Chapter will be conferring the Degree on Tuesday evening, May 10th, in Warsaw. Arcade Chapter will host the Most Excellent Master and the Holy Royal Arch will be at Western Star.

Moving time!

Western Star, having approved a move to Attica Temple, will continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m., excepting July and August.

Steak Roast

The District Steak Roast will be on Wednesday, August 25th at Kiwanis Park, Batavia, located on Route 5, West of the city about 1 1/2 miles. The cost will be \$10 per person, ladies invited. Jerry Brade will be our Master Chef. The menu will include thick, juicy steaks, salt potatoes, salad and dessert. Adult beverages will be available. Make your reservations with Dick Anderson, Doug Poole, Jerry Brade or myself.

Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Chapter Degree dates

May 11th is the date for the Past Master Degree at Wyoming No. 181.



Yours truly congratulating M.E. Arnold Palmer, Grand High Priest, after his Installation.

The Most Excellent Master Degree will be conferred at Arcade No. 222 on May 14th.

LeRoy No. 183 will host the Holy Royal Arch Degree on May 18th. All start at 7:30 p.m.

All Chapters are invited to bring candidates.

Please read Article V, Section 507 of the Grand Chapter Constitution. Appropriate dispensation has been requested.

3x3 Chapter NO. 333 Royal Arch Masons

(Chartered in 1990)



E. J. David Goodrich
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7:30 p.m.

Recent past

On March 9, 1999, 3X3 Chapter held its 139th Convocation. It was Official Visit, therefore we welcomed the following special guests: R.E. Stephen A. Licht, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 29th Capitulat District; V.E. Richard Anderson, Assistant Grand Lecturer; R.E. Karl Heinz M. Reich, Grand Representative of the Province of Ontario, Canada; R.E. Horace H. Wilder, Grand Representative of Kentucky; R.E. James J. Powell, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania and R.E. Daniel Evans, Junior Past District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 29th District.

Schedules

The Mark Master Degree was scheduled for March 23rd, but was postponed because many of our Companions took part in the Masonic Service for W. Clark Kunes, DSA, of Etolian Lodge, where he served as Secretary for over 41 years. The MMM Degree for three candidates was therefore rescheduled for April 13th, which was our next regular convocation night.

Scholarships

R.E. Karl Heinz M. Reich, Companion Arthur McMichaels,

their wives, and I, attended the Royal Arch Masonic Scholarship Dinner on April 24th. It is noteworthy that our own R.E. Karl provided the music for this event.

V.E. James McConnell and I attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention on April 12th at Arcade No. 322 in Pike.

R.E. Karl Reich and his wife represented the Chapter at the Grand High Priest's Reception on April 17th.

Next

Our regular convocation is scheduled for May 11th. I hope to see all of our Companions then! See you in the quarries. □

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Change in the weather

Companions, Spring has arrived! We hope! I am writing this column on Monday, April 12th and yesterday we had a snow shower. Coming home from a relative's home in Albion, we encountered three terrible accidents. It had only snowed a short time, but the roads were bad. Don't be like those bad drivers, forgetting how to drive in Winter. Attend a Hiram Chapter meeting this year and learn to be a good Companion. It is easy to stay home, but you might be missing a good time of fellowship and entertainment.

Advance notice

E. Paul Josephson obtained the Town of Henrietta facilities for our Annual Picnic. We will be having it on Thursday, June 24th. Remember to put this on your calendar. There will be no meeting on June 10th. Consider this date as an early Summer vacation day.

New members

On April 22nd, two more Brothers signed our By-Laws, becoming members of Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM. We will be having Degrees again in the Fall. Look around, discuss Royal Arch Masonry with your Lodge Brothers. They might just be waiting to be enlightened.

Visitors

Don't forget the Canadians are coming in October. Plan to join us for this fraternal visit.

Come on out

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

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By Stephen Licht, Sec./Treas.

Summer Steak Roast-August Meeting

The next meeting of the Past High Priest's Association of WNY will be held on Wednesday, August

25th in conjunction with the Annual 29th District Picnic.

A Steak Roast at Kiwanis Park, Batavia, has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Your ladies are invited to join with us. Kiwanis Park is located on Route 5, about 1 1/2 miles West of Batavia, on the South side of the road. Please call if you need more detailed directions.

The menu will include LARGE strip steaks selected from our AGL's grocery store, salt potatoes, salad and dessert. Adult beverages will be available.

The cost for the dinner will be \$10.00 per person. Please make your reservations with Doug Poole at 584-3601 or me at 343-1517. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation PAID.

The meeting/Steak Roast is not restricted to members. ALL COMPANIONS are encouraged to enjoy the evening with us. □

District Deputy Grand Master 8th Cryptic District



R. III. Douglas S. Poole
584-3601

Renewal

With the arrival of May we are into Spring, a season of renewal. It is also the season to elect new Council Officers. This is a matter of great importance.

You should not move up a man just because it is his turn. Is the Companion capable of discharging the duties of the office? Does he have the time to do justice to the office? This is a matter of grave concern.

At Grand Chapter Hospitality Is The Thing



It is not the worst thing if you feel you have to hold a man back for a year. I was kept back a year in a different Masonic Body, and it really made me a far more effective officer. Though I will admit it did hurt a bit at the time!

Our responsibility is to do the best we can to better the Council. Sometimes we have to make hard choices if we are to stay strong. This advice applies to the entire Masonic Fraternity. □

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By Ronald J. Bertie, PGC, KYGCH

Easter Sunrise Service

The Annual Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service was held on the weekend of April 3rd and 4th, 1999. The headquarters of the New York delegation was at the Alexandria, Va., Holiday Inn. A banquet was held on Saturday night at the Inn.

The New York delegation visited the home of George Washington at Mount Vernon on Saturday afternoon. The Easter Sunrise Service was held at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Va. This was a very impressive Service and all SKs should endeavor to see it at least once in their lifetime.

Congratulations

The Grand Commander has appointed Sir Knight and Rev. Charles Lee as a new Associate Grand Prelate. Sir Knight Lee is a member of Batavia Commandery No. 34, and will be serving the Commanderies in Zones 11, 12 and 13. Sir Knight Lee is a Past Commander of Tancred Commandery in Pennsylvania.

Reminder

The Grand Commander has reminded the Grand Commanderies that all certificates bearing the name of the Grand Commandery in that State must come from the Grand Recorder's office. There are no exceptions. All Rituals and Tactics must be ordered through the same office, only.

Sickness

Sir Knight C. Raymond Hager, PGC, and Past Grand Recorder, was in the hospital. He is now recovering at home. His Lady, Vi, has also been ill. Lady Maria Andrew, wife of Sir Knight Courtland Andrew, KTCH, has been in the hospital. She had heart by-pass surgery. Lady Diana Polla, wife of Sir Knight Larry Polla, PGC, has been bedridden for over a month.

Y2K Compliance

My office is conducting audits for Y2k Compliance for the year 2000. Systems are being updated to meet all the necessary requirements. I have been attending seminars in configuring and troubleshooting Windows 98.

Historic painting

I have been meeting with officials from the State of New York to acquire funds for preservation of a historic painting in the possession of Washington Com-

mandery, Saratoga Springs, NY. The funds needed are in an excess of \$40,000.00. The painting would be restored and displayed in the George Washington Home in Newburg, NY., and would be on permanent loan to the State. There would be an Official Dedication of the restored painting at the 150th Anniversary of the State's acquiring the home in the year 2000, with a special acknowledgement to Washington Commandery. Many national and State officials will be present, including the Knights Templars, and other Masons.

Web page

The Grand Commandery of New York has now had over 2000 people view its Web Page. There have been 45 inquiries from interested men on how to become either a Mason or a Knight Templar. So far 12 petitions have been acted on. The Knights Templar Web Page is maintained by this writer at Rbertie@aol.com.

Foundations

A donation of \$10,000.00 was made to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. There will be an official presentation to the donor this Summer.

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation has also received several large donations. The Chairman of the Foundation, Sir Knight Courtland Andrew, KTCH, and I, as Secretary/Treasurer, will travel to several Commanderies to present The Patron of the Foundation Award to the donors. So far five Commanderies and one ladies organization have contributed \$1000.00 or more to the Foundation. □

**Zone 11
News**

SK Ronald Bertie, PGC
Zone Advisor
SK Howard C. Colegrove,
Zone Commander

Greetings to all Sir Knights and their Ladies

As you read this, the Orders of Knighthood will be over. The Pilgrimage was held in Hornell at DeMolay Commandery.

Thanks

Our thanks to Edward J. Oyer, Commander, and all the Sir Knights of DeMolay Commandery for hosting this year's Pilgrimage. A job well done.

We must also thank the Officers of Batavia Commandery No. 34, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, and Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17 for a wonderful display of talent and leadership in conferring the Orders. It was a job well done and appreciated by all seven candidates.

Go to Church Sunday

On Sunday, May 16th, Sagoyewatha Commandery will have a Go to Church Sunday at the First Baptist Church (big red brick building) on North Main Street, Geneva. The Service commences at 10:00 a.m. Following the Service, the Knights will meet at the Belhurst Castle for Brunch. The Castle is on Rt. 14 South, at the city line. Guests are welcome to attend. The cost will be \$19.00 for Brunch, tax and tip included. Call your Commander or me at 1-315-789-7956 for reservations.

Reminder

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9th. If you miss that date, join us the next week for a wonderful day! □

**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 Douglas Poole

Busy year!

It is the time to start a new year in Commandery. I thank the Sir Knights for electing me Commander. Hopefully, I can live up to your expectations. It's going to be a busy year!

All welcome

The Installation Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 17th at 7:45 p.m. It will be an Open Installation. There will be a Reception, hosted by the ladies of the Shicker Club, afterward.

Condolences

Ralph Biggar passed away on March 26th. There will be a "Celebration of Life" in his memory on May 30th at the Downtown Temple. Please call David Clarke for reservations at 889-9134.

Your guidance needed

I would also like to place a plea to all Sir Knights who have not been to a Commandery meeting in a while if they could please attend. We have a line made up of new Sir Knights, not Past Commanders. Your guidance is really needed.

Also, if you have equipment you are not using, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery could use it, especially uniforms and swords. Please contact me at 584-3601 or Dspool@wycol.com to arrange a pickup.

If you have suggestions for programs or activities for the Commandery, please contact me. The only way we can improve it is with your ideas and your support! Hope to see you at the Installation. □

**Batavia Commandery
No. 34
Knights Templar**

Meets
2nd & 4th
Thursdays
Attica

Stephen A. Licht
Commander 343-1517
SK Allen L. Capwell
Recorder 786-3897
39 Main Street
Attica, N.Y.

Greetings, Sir Knights

Once again I have demonstrated an inability to distinguish right from left, as evidenced at our Annual Inspection by the Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, SK George Knorr. I extend the appreciation of the Commandery to the ladies for the fine dinner that was enjoyed by all. My personal gratitude to my dear wife, Melissa, who took a day off work to help prepare the meal and attend to all the last minute arrangements. Sir Knight

Keuther's program, African wildlife that he personally photographed, has received rave reviews from the ladies.

A hearty welcome to our newest Sir Knights, who received their Orders on April 10th at DeMolay Commandery in Hornell. May you long enjoy the fellowship of Templary.

When you read this article, my term as Commander of Batavia No. 34 will have come to an end. The past year has been quite eventful but much remains to be done. We have moved to a new Asylum, greeted new Sir Knights, welcomed back long absent Knights, and participated in the conferral of the Orders. Our Officer Corps is composed almost entirely of Knights who have yet to serve as Commander, which is a sign of a healthy and growing

organization. I am pleased with the spirit of cooperation that exists and the willingness to participate on the part of the members. Thank you ALL.

Attention

May 13th is a Stated Conclave. Our Commander-elect will be announcing his appointments and plans for the upcoming year. Our Zone Commander will have information regarding Summer Templar activities, including the Drill Team practice schedule, 1812 Cemetery Honor Guard and the "Fort Degree" in Canada.

May 27th is the Installation of Officers of Batavia Commandery. Our ladies are invited to be present at this ceremony. Our new Commander will announce the location of our Annual June Dinner. Refreshments to follow. □

**Seven Receive Orders
of Knighthood at Hornell**



Hornell Class and Members of the Cast of Knight of Malta



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Now let's face it, Alaska is a little out of the way. It's not as accessible as a lot of places one finds DeMolay Chapters. Being isolated geographically doesn't deter a good thing though, and DeMolay as *The Premier Youth Organization Dedicated To Teaching Young Men To Be Better Persons And Leaders*, is a good thing. A very good thing in fact. Take Demolay Master Councilor, sixteen year old, Joe Humphreys, from Wasilla, Alaska. Since joining DeMolay in December of 1997, Joe has raised his grade point average significantly, enjoys school more, gained confidence in himself, brought in over ten new members, and has earned the Representative DeMolay Award, the highest self-achievement award Active and Senior DeMolays can earn. Basically, Joe is one of *Tomorrow's Leaders Today!* Joe achieved this by going out of the way.

DeMolay's success is translated from going out of the way by countless dedicated caring Masons, DeMolay members and alumni, adult advisors, and loving parents. Masons go out of the way in many ways too. They offer their time and talents as DeMolay Advisors and volunteers. They urge sons, nephews, grandsons, and other young men in their neighborhoods toward possible membership in DeMolay. Freemasons are invaluable to DeMolay in so many ways. They sponsor DeMolay Chapters, provide financial support for DeMolay and the DeMolay Foundation, both being tax deductible. If you would like more information about DeMolay and becoming a part of creating *Tomorrow's Leaders Today!*, please contact: DeMolay International, 10200 N. Executive Hills, Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64153-1367, or call (816) 891-8333 or e-mail Demolay@Demolay.org. Check out our website at www.demolay.org. □

color of Symbolic Masonry, "the Blue Lodge".

Meanings of the remaining symbols are left as a study and research project for the reader.

4-All-seeing eye; 5-Rays of Glory; 6-Rainbow; 7-Moon; 8-Pillars of Enoch; 9-Pillars B and J; 10-Dove; 11-Forty-seventh Problem of Euclid's; 12-Hope; 13-Plumb; 14-Jacob's Ladder; 15-Square within bounds; 16-Lights or Burning Tapers; 17-Trowel; 18-Five-Pointed Star; 19-Mosaic

pavement; 20-Steps; 21-Holy Bible; 22-Coffin; 23-Skull and Cross-Bones; 24-Sprig of Acacia; 25-Square; 26-Compasses; 27-Brick Wall; 28-Ark; 29-Setting Maul; 30-See No. 17; 31-See No. 17; 32-Treasurer; 33-Twenty-four Inch Gauge; 34-Sword Pointing to a Naked Heart; 35-Tassel; 36-Level; 37-See No. 8; 38-See No. 9; 39-Sun; 40-Seven Six-Pointed Star; 41-Letters; 42-Beehive; 43-Apron. (Courtesy Buffalo "Scottish Rite News"). □



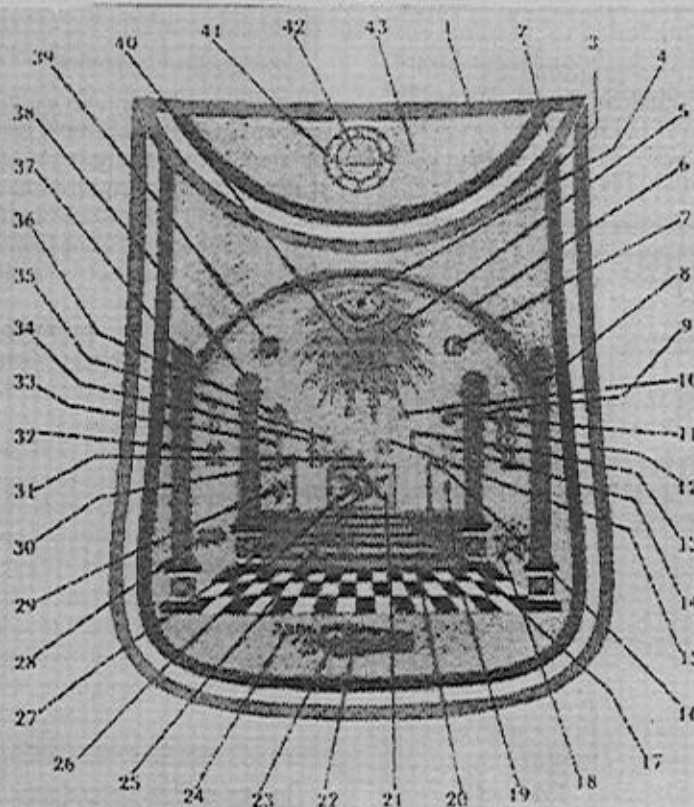
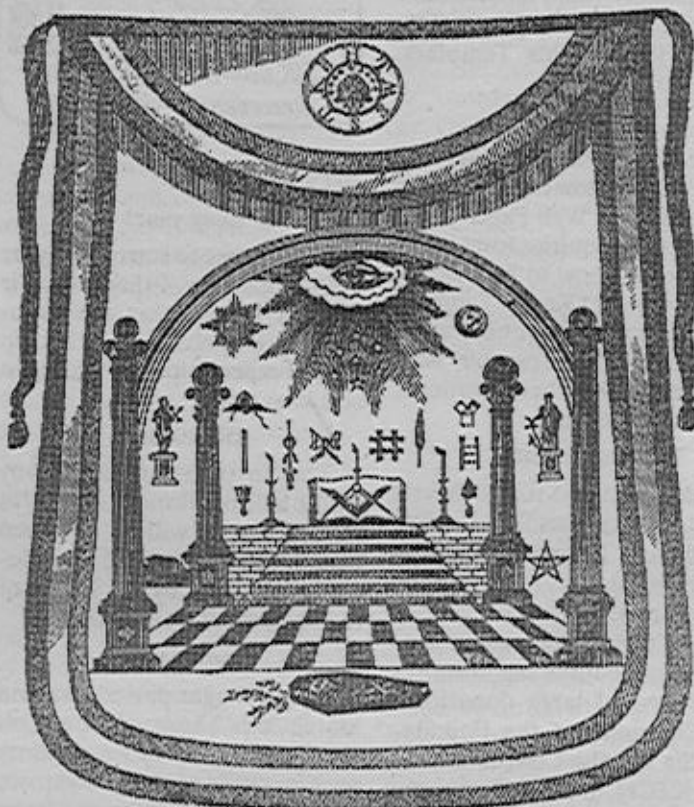
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SKs Georg Knorr-Grand Standard Bearer, Jerry Brade, Dave Taber, Donald Adams and Howard Colegrove-Zone 11 Commander.



Masonic Temple Hornell, N.Y.



Brother George Washington's Apron



George Washington as a Mason, Photo by Mishkin, New York, about 1916. The original engraving by O'Neill was published more than fifty years previous after a portrait by Williams made of Washington at age 62, commissioned by the Alexandria Lodge ("Masons as Makers of America", by Madison C. Peters).

in Philadelphia. It is a study in symbolism. For example, the apron border colors of red, white and blue are the national colors of both the United States and France. Symbols are silent emblems having meaning only when interpreted. Given the unique character of the interpretation process, it can be understood that no symbol has absolute meaning.

In preparing the following, the late Brother Frank W. Bobb, Grand Lodge Librarian and Curator, has used those meanings most widely accepted by Masonic scholars in interpreting the symbolism of the Washington Apron.

1. RED symbolizes courage, zeal, the blood of life, and fire. It is the color of Royal Arch Masonry.

2. WHITE...has throughout the ages represented purity and innocence.

3. BLUE...has been esteemed since antiquity as a beneficent color, denoting immortality, eternity, chastity and fidelity. It is the

When the young Marquis de Lafayette came to America at the age of 20 and joined George Washington's army for the Battle of Brandywine in 1777, the American cause had become his cause.

The affection each man held for the other is legend. So, too, is the legacy of Masonic history developed through that affection, The Lafayette Apron, of white satin and embroidered by Madame Lafayette, was presented to Brother Washington by Brother Lafayette in August of 1784. The apron was presented to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by the Washington Benevolent Society on July 3, 1829, and is now on display in the Grand Lodge Museum at the Masonic Temple

Darrohn Sample Tax Support Letter

Subject: NY Assembly Bill # A 3559

Dear Honorable _____

An Act to amend the real property tax law, in relation to real property exemption to certain benevolent orders. A new section 428-a is added to the real property tax law to exempt real estate owned by bona fide subordinate bodies of certain recognized fraternal bodies from real estate taxes and assessments.

As a Mason, I feel that these bills are very important to our future existence, as a fraternal organization and one that helps to support numerous beneficent organizations.

Over the years, Masonic Lodges through the Brotherhood Fund have supported the Masonic Home, The Masonic Medical Research Facility both at Utica, NY, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs, Masonic Youth Programs, Veterans Hospital Programs. The Shrine has 19 Orthopedic Hospitals and 3 Burns Hospitals throughout the country that help youngsters overcome their adversities without any cost to the parent, the Government or society. The Order of Eastern Star has a Home for the Elderly at Oriskany, NY, and Cancer research. The Grotto has free Dentistry for the handicapped children. The Scottish Rite have programs for Schizophrenia, Dyslexic children. Royal Arch Masons assist those with Lung and breathing problems. The Cryptic Masons support Parkinson's disease research and aid to members with the disease. The Knights Templar support eye research, eye surgery and eye glasses to those who are in need.

In addition to these programs, each of the several concordant bodies named, all or most have educational scholarship and/or grant programs which are available to children and grandchildren of Master Masons.

It must be realized that each of these groups exist on an annual dues payment which in many cases would be difficult to stretch to pay the continuing tax increases that burden the owners of these Masonic Temples.

I ask that you, as my representative in Albany, seriously consider our need and vote IN FAVOR of these bills, so that Masonry can continue to live another 600 years and support the many needs of our fellow man.

Sincerely,

HiLights

Order of the Eastern Star

GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT

Rt. Wthy. Nancy R. Specht DDGM

Rt. Wthy John A. Specht DGL

District News

Our first Official Visit was at the Batavia Masonic Lodge on March 24th. Matron and Patron, Wthy. Evelyn Krauss and Wthy. Horace Wilder officiated. M. Wthy. Walter Howe honored us by his presence for this very nice evening. Sandwiches and a beautiful cake, decorated by Sister

May 1999

Karen Balkwill-Dick, were enjoyed after the meeting.

Bar-B-Que

Our District Chicken Bar-B-Que on Saturday, March 27th, brought us a nice profit for our Grand Matron's project. Thanks go to all the Chapters in the District who donated homemade pies and rolls, as well as help. Special thanks to our chicken cook and his crew-Wthy. Richard Sands, as well as Wthy. Joyce Sands, who was kitchen chairman. Cabbage, potatoes, and salad dressing were also donated, thanks to Wthy. Richard and Joyce Sands, Rt. Wthy. Donald Hargrave and Jubilee, in Batavia.

Quota Club

Study Club was at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen on April 10th. A delicious luncheon was served by members of Hesperus Chapter. We collected 52 garbage bags of clothing for Quota Club. Quota

Club raises money for the hearing impaired. The organization receives 5 cents a pound for this clothing, which is used in the US as well as Third World Countries. The money is currently being used to pay for a newborn hearing screening device at Genesee Memorial Hospital in Batavia. Thank you to all of our Brothers and Sisters who donated clothing for this organization, in response to our Grand Matron's request to support a child who is hearing impaired.

Condolences

The District is saddened by the passing of Rev. William (Bill) Calkins on April 3rd. At the time of his death, he was enjoying his family in Tucson, Arizona. Wthy. Bill was Patron of Perry Chapter No. 497 last year. Our sympathies go out to his wife, Wthy. Marge, and family. □

she could display it at Grand Sessions. What a proud moment for Wthy. Debbie and the Monroe District. Once again little 5 year old Gianina Spano stole the hearts of all who attended when she sang "Consider Yourself" from "Oliver" to the Grand Matron and Grand Patron. The Grand Marshal then escorted her to the East where she was presented a Yellow Rose from both the Grand Matron and Grand Patron. I can tell you that really made her day. All in all, the GMOV was a wonderful and delightful experience. Thank you Monroe District, you made a difference in so many ways.

Future events

The Monroe District Picnic and Walk-a-Thon is June 6th at Charlotte Beach. I will be meeting with the Committee to set the plans and will get more information to the Chapters.

The 1999 Lilac Luncheon is June 10th. You will be receiving a letter by your May meeting so you can get your reservations in for this wonderful day.

Official Visits

May 1st-Rochester Chapter No. 314-7:30 p.m.

May 3rd-Etolian Chapter No. 308-8:00 p.m.

May 4th-Monroe Chapter No. 57-7:30 p.m.

May 18th-Nola Chapter No. 368-7:30 p.m.

May 26th-Corinthian/Fellowship No. 322-7:30 p.m.

As I have said before, let's get out and attend these Official Visits and support our Chapters. Let us "Bridge" into the future of our Order.

Until next time, I wish you Peace. □

Rochester Chapter

No. 314

Order of the Eastern Star

Matron

Wthy. Linda Zahn 381-4241

Secretary

Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS

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The Worthy Patron and I returned from a very eventful trip to Florida in time for the Grand Matron's Visit and the snow. Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano did an outstanding job of planning, etc., and I heard many people remark it was one of the best Visits ever. Congratulations, Barbara, you do make a difference.

Looking ahead

May 1st at 7:30 p.m. will be the Official Visit of Rt. Wthy. Barbara, Rt. Wthy. James Coleman and their companion Grand Officers. I hope to see many of you there.

Birthday Party

Rochester Chapter's 95th Birthday Party will be on Sunday, May 23rd at Cartwright's, 5691 W. Henrietta Rd. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. and eat at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are a must and should be made with Wthy. Evy Ann Heller at 621-5737 by May 14th. Menu choices are: 12 oz. Prime Rib-\$18.50; Chicken French-\$18.50; and Broiled Salmon-\$19.75. These prices are all inclusive. There will be entertainment and Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens will receive her 35 Year Pin and Life Membership.

Memories

Many of us have fond memories of Wthy. Ralph Biggar, who passed away March 25th. He was a long time and very loyal member of Rochester Chapter. There will be a "Celebration of Life" Service on Sunday, May 30th, which will include an Eastern Star Service. Please read the feature article about Ralph for more details.

Thought for the month

When someone shares your tears, it's not pity your getting-it's healing. (Author unknown). □

NOLA Chapter

No. 368

Order of the Eastern Star

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
8:00 p.m.

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

20 South Main Street
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Wthy. Avis Theis

Joy

Congratulations to Wthy. Joan and Brother Don Jacobs on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Concerns

We send our best wishes to Wthy. Joan Jacobs, who is home after a fall on the ice and is in a cast after an operation on her knee. Our best to Brother Don Jacobs after eye surgery and Brother Dave Morris after heart surgery. They are both home and doing well.

Meetings

May 4th is the Mother's and Daughter's Tureen Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The Committee is Sister Barb Heeg and Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings.

May 16th is a rehearsal for our Official Visit, 2:00 p.m. May 18th is the Official Visit, 7:30 p.m. The Committee is Wthy. Anita Drake and Wthy. Sheila McDonald and any members who can help.

Progressive Dinner

On May 23rd we will have the 1st course of our dinner at Olive Branch Chapter in LeRoy, 1:00 p.m. From there we will go to Nola Chapter, Churchville, for the main course. Then, off to Hesperus Chapter in Bergen for dessert. The tickets are \$8.00 and all members and friends are welcome. Get a ticket from a member of one of these Chapters and join us.

Thank you

Sister Kathleen Skelton isn't back to Chapter yet after her illness, but she still does the Sunshine and we thank her so much. We also thank the members who have helped us with their gifts.

News

Wthy. Jessie Johnson's new address is 50 Union Square Blvd., Room 155, North Chili, NY 14514. We wish her well in her new home.

We are very proud of our member, Wthy. George Simon, Potentate of Damascus Temple Shrine. We miss you, but know you are busy.

May Birthdays

Wthy. Jean Stewart and I will be celebrating our birthdays in May.

Happy Mother's Day

Grandma is growing older and more precious with each year. The children call her Grandma, but some call her Mother Dear. □

In Memoriam

March

Kunes, Clark, DSA

Clark was called to his Heavenly Home on March 19th at the age of 82. He was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479, where he had served as Secretary for 42 years. Clark leaves many family members and dear friends.

Russell, Clinton I.

Fairport Lodge No. 476 lost a member with the passing of Clinton on March 24th. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, 5 children, 16 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons.

VanZandt, Donald N.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Donald on March 24th. He was a 60 year Mason, belonging to Towpath Lodge No. 163. He is survived by his wife, Alvina, and family members.

Shaw, Edward R.

Ed was 87 years old when he passed away on March 26th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, where he served as Master in 1974; a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include many family members.

Springer, Walter V.

March 31st, at the age of 82 years, Walter was called Home. A member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, he is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, children, 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

April

Willard, Robert F., Sr.

The Lord took Robert Home on April 2nd at the age of 79 years. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Robert is survived by his wife, Betty Lou, son, and 3 grandsons.

Calkins, Rev. William S., Jr.

A Mason for 33 years, William was called to be with his Lord on April 3rd. He was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Temple Shrine and Etolian Chapter, OES. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

Gibaut, Walter B.

Walter was a member and Past Master of John A. Robertson Lodge (now Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969) when he passed away on April 3rd. Survivors include his daughters, 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandson.

Hoselton, Charles W.

Charles was residing in Virginia when he died on April 9th. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 943 and is survived by his sons, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Lathrop, Albert

A 53 year member of Fame Lodge No. 945, Albert passed away on April 13th at the age of 88 years.

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

Fedje, Raymond N.

Raymond was a member of Rochester Consistory and passed away at his home in Oregon on September 25, 1998. □

Order of the Eastern Star Highlights

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Something to be happy about:
Past District Deputy Grand
Matrons

The 1999 Grand Matron's Visit is a part of Monroe District's history. It was a beautiful day, the sun was shining, it didn't snow, what more could you ask for? My deepest gratitude to all who helped make this Visit so beautiful and grand. Every year I learn so much more about our wonderful Order. The response to requests for help is unbelievable, while I realize that when you are asked to do something to help, the answer should be yes, because that is a duty to your leaders, but, when I asked for help from those of you who were there to help it wasn't done because of duty, it

was done because of Love. Love of the Order and the Love and Friendship in your hearts. To future District Deputy Grand Matrons, you will find that everyone is there at your side through thick and thin. Once again, thank you and God bless you all.

Congratulations

The Grand Matron's Luncheon was too wonderful to describe, from beginning to end. The highlight of the Luncheon was the presentation of Certificates to our dear Sisters who have been loyal members for over 70 years. There were 12 who qualified for this Award. Unfortunately, they all could not be with us for various reasons. We were very happy to have Mildred Evans from Fairport Chapter and Gertrude Wasmuth from Webster Chapter with us. They made the day so much more delightful. What special Sisters they are. Once again, I congratulate them on their many years of dedicated service to our Order.

Impressive picture

Our dinner at the Country Party House was excellent. The meeting started with the beauty of our Chapter Flags, being carried in with the Grand Chapter Flag. What an impressive picture that made. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Patron are so very gracious and appreciative of all that was done that evening.

In the East there was a most beautiful Tableau, a replica of the Grand Matron's Bridge Pin. This was made by our most talented Sister, Wthy. Debbie Leipold and was presented to the Grand Matron and the Grand Patron. The Grand Matron asked if



Wthy. Judy Ludwig, M.Wthy. Earl LaFave-Grand Patron, Sister Mildred Evans-Fairport Chapter (front), M.Wthy. Ruth E. Rucci-Grand Matron, Rt. Wthy. Faythe Mattern-Past District Deputy and Sister Gertrude Wasmuth-Webster Chapter (seated).

