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Local TV News Anchor to Receive Service Bureau's DCS Award

By F. Jay McCullough

Get your tickets early! There is a limited capacity at Logan's and this year's event promises to be a very special "Masonic" happening.

The Service

The Interfaith Service, directed by past Distinguished Community Service Award Recipient, the Rev. and R. W. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., will commence at 9:00 a.m. in a separate temporary chapel at Logan's. Last year's Award Recipient, C. Padmanabh Kamath, MD, along with R. W.'s Lawrence Canfield, Service Bureau President; Thomas Paglia, Service Bureau Council; Charles Spiegel, President of the Purple Club; Richard C. Friedman, President of the Finger Lakes Philalethes Chapter, Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano, Monroe District Deputy Grand Matron, OES and W. Angelo DiCataldo, Service Bureau Director, will all take part in the Worship Ceremonies.

The Breakfast

Induction Ceremonies will be interlaced with a Buffet Breakfast in the main hall at Logan's, commencing at 10:00 a.m. 1988 recipient, Jerry Flynn, is the Master of Ceremonies for this 58th Annual event. We are fortunate to have Gabe



Dalmath as our perennial Award Presenter, continuing this year. Several other former DCSA's are expected to accept our invitations to attend as they have done in the past.

40th Annual Distinguished Community Service Award

Don Alhart, ABC News Anchor in Rochester, has been selected by the Service Bureau Committee, to receive this year's Award. His biography was

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Something to Think About

By R. W. M. Donald Darrohn

The following material was originally printed in 1962. The author, Brother Dwight L. Smith, was a Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. These essays appeared serially in *The Indiana Freemason*, and were subsequently reprinted by the Masonic Service Association (MSA) in a single volume entitled *Whither Are We Traveling?*, initially in 1963.



It is with the permission of the MSA that I have asked the *Masonic Times* to reprint Brother Smith's message, just as we presented it 37 years ago. I hope if it does nothing else, it will cause discussion in our Fraternity. The next comments are from the foreword of MSA's *Whither Are We Traveling?* (ninth printing).

These essays touch upon a wide range of the problems affecting our Fraternity today. They are the personal observations of one deeply concerned Mason. Some readers may disagree with some of Brother Smith's interpretations or conclusions. Some may feel that he "exaggerates" at times. But every thoughtful reader will agree that the author *made him think*. Brother Smith's sincere concern for the future of Freemasonry arouses a deeper appreciation of its potential for making modern Craftsman "wiser and consequently happier".

We'll see you on Sunday morning, October 17th at Logan's on Scottsville Road!

"Whither Are We Traveling?"

The Wailing Wall is crowded these days. Masonic leaders, great and small, are lined up, each awaiting his turn to lift his voice in lamentation. The figures show a falling off of membership. Attendance at Lodge meetings is not what it used to be. The thing to do is to adopt this project or that gimmick, and then all will be well. As might be expected, the projects and gimmicks are about as impossible as they are ridiculous.

For several years the bosom-beating has been going on. Firing with a shotgun rather than a rifle, our leadership has offered little of a constructive nature. Prescriptions for the most part have consisted merely of sales talk for whatever pet scheme was being proposed. Only a few voices in the wilderness have made a mature and realistic appraisal.

I. Faulty Diagnosis

At the outset, I may as well precipitate an argument by disposing of the old favorites:

One: Whatever attendance troubles our Lodges may be having are not caused by television, nor the automobile, nor by bowling, nor togetherness, nor any of the other "busyness" in which our restless society is engaged. A multitude of activities may contribute to a decline in Lodge attendance, but they do not constitute the cause. When we complain of lack of attendance, what we really are saying is that *interest*

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By R. W. Mathew Gingold

If you are a new member in a Masonic Lodge in the Monroe District, you may not know anything about The Traveling Gavel. Those who have been Masons in this jurisdiction since 1971 and before, probably know that it is a gem created by the 1971 Masters and Wardens Association of the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts.

Its intent was to stimulate good fellowship and encourage seven or more members of any Lodge to attend the Opening of another Lodge that holds possession of the Traveling Gavel.

The proud holders are expected to announce to the other Lodges of their conquest with the hope of receiving a "surprise" visit from members of other Lodges seeking possession.

This process has not been taking place since this past Spring season. The Traveling Gavel has been in the possession of Northfield Lodge all of this time. For those who may not know, Northfield Lodge's Temple is located in the center of Pittsford, at 17 Church Street. There is sufficient parking space in the general area of the Temple and the Lodge meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Try the surprise approach. I think you will like it and so will they!

LET ME KNOW WHAT HAPPENS!

Monroe Masters and Wardens Assist WXXI in Fund Drive



Those Brothers who assisted WXXI in their Fund Drive on August 10th were: Phil Hurwitz, Jerry Spero, Jim Hamme, Laura Kornylak, Gordon Smith, Rich Friedman, George Nosra, Lew Perna, Rick Schmanke, Bev Clark, Andre Smith, Scott Gould, Steve Lysenko, Emil Schirano, Tom Richenderfer and John Merz. (Photo Courtesy WXXI through T. Richenderfer)

Masonic War Veterans Honor Namesake, Family of James A. Hard Responds



Eight generations of descendants of James A. Hard at the 106th Birthday Observance held at the grave site at Mount Hope Cemetery with members of MWV Post No. 12.

Trivia Question of the Month

How many times was the August 9th Deadline for the *Masonic Times* mentioned in the June issue? 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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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"Well, another hot Summer has quickly flown by and it's time to return to our labors in the quarries of Masonry" - where have I heard that before? We at the *Times* hope that all had a wonderful and safe Summer and that all are happy to return to the quarries.

To our new and old forgetful authors

In an effort to improve the uniformity of copy being submitted, the *Times* mailed to all the new Masters and potential authors a "Hint Sheet." It was also requested that this sheet be passed along to the person responsible, if other than the recipient.

This sheet outlined the suggested form that we would prefer the articles be submitted in. We ask that anyone submitting articles for publication, please review these suggestions, that is if you didn't discard it or it was never received.

The basic requests included: Name of organization and phone number of author at the top of page one, that it be typed, double spaced and an indication at the conclusion of "that's all" (-30-).

More important matters

We spend a lot of time promoting increased attendance at Lodge meetings. The main theme here has been more frequent and more interesting programs. How about something a little different on support?

How about highlighting the virtues of membership in an institution that stands for personal morality, family values, Brotherly love and charity?

A suggestion

It seems to me that if we are all in search of ways to change the general direction our country seems to be headed, we can find no better course of action than to support an institution which, by definition, stands for the very characteristics we seek.

If we praise our members for their preferment and convey to them the realization that their membership alone is a significant step toward that kind of society we would like our children's children to grow up in, perhaps then their support would return to our Lodges.

What we took on

Perhaps we could remind our members of the truly Masonic Cardinal Virtues they swore to exem-

plify in their daily lives when they became a member. Perhaps we could remind them, and I paraphrase here, that they were charged to teach these by example; by the texture of their character and the cleanliness of their speech; to keep sacred and unsullied the principles of the Fraternity; that although they are only one man among many, that they should not shirk their share in this great responsibility; that there is nothing their Book of Holy Writ, that rule and guide for their faith and practice, more strenuously teaches and nothing that Masonry more inflexibly demands of them. They could be reminded that, although their personal contact with others is limited by the confines of their daily lives, that their influence, passing through and from those whom that circle consists, will reach further than they can imagine.

They could also be reminded that Masonry directed them to do their best in that which lies nearest to them and to see in their neighbor, what they expect their neighbor to see in them.

Do you suppose that then they would realize that they belong to the greatest Fraternity on the face of the earth? Do you suppose that then they would make the effort to prove by their actions that they are Masons "in deed" as well as in name? Do you suppose that then they would take those small seemingly insignificant steps?

Think about it and you may come to the conclusion that your attendance at Lodge meetings might not be as insignificant as you assume.

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Keep on looking up, and have a great day-unless you have other plans.

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

Unsuccessful opportunities

The following three Community Service events were volunteered by me in the name of the Masonic Service Bureau, but were not accepted for the reason that in each case they had sufficient volunteers and our services were not needed.

1. The Ronald McDonald House Household Sale and Fundraiser in April.



Clowns with patients during "Sandy Strong Day".



Some of the activity during Strong Memorial Hospital's "Sandy Strong Day".

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Marie Kittle, Lea Court No. 539, O.E.S. at the Scrap Book Booth, Strong Children's Hospital.

fully and cordially accepted. I served at the display table of the Grandparent's Society of the Strong Children's Hospital. My wife and I have now joined this group and plan to be active in it.

We have a very personal family interest in the group and the hospital as our own 7 year old

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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.

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Reminders

Have you made your annual contribution to the Masonic Service Bureau for 1999? Why not take the time to write a check today.

As usual, the need for medical equipment never ceases, as does our need to have persons come in to clean and repair the wheelchairs, etc. Can you spare an hour or so each week to help?

Thanks

Over the Summer, your MSB has been busy creating the new Directories. Many thanks to Jay McCullough and Don Brugger for all their work.

Camp DeMolay update

At the Camp our roof replacement program has been progressing. So far the three sleeping cabins, restrooms and part of the main lodge building have been completed. Many thanks to Dick Snyder and Dick Vaughn.

Our Land Conservation Program has made much progress and the movement to restore one bank and rebuild the bank behind the main lodge will start soon.

Many thanks to Bill Hook for co-ordinating everything and keeping the grass cut, too! We can use help at Camp DeMolay.



FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

Richard Friedman, President
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George Springett, Secretary
247-3557

By Bill Lindsay

Annual Meeting

A sizable group attended the Annual Meeting of the Finger Lakes Chapter of the International Philaethes Society, held on June 29th in East Rochester. A fine cookout was hosted and prepared by Alan Jeerings at his home.

In the meeting that followed, retiring President, Bill Edwards, called for the Annual Reports, which reflected a general stability, though a corresponding decline in membership. He reviewed the Chapter's relation with the International and re-emphasized the importance of continuing to strengthen Masonic knowledge and communication through the use of the Internet and computers. He concluded by presenting the Sarachan Library a compact disk containing every issue of the "Philaethes Magazine" for the first 50 years. Jay McCullough accepted the gift on behalf of the Library and said that it would be available for circulation as soon as it was processed.

New Officers

The Nominating Committee then made its report and the following officers were elected:

President **Richard Friedman**
Vice President **Ruel Lovett**
Secretary **George Springett**
Treasurer **Terry Wihlen**

In his remarks, President Friedman thanked the outgoing President for his efforts on behalf of the Chapter and asked him to continue to provide technical support to the Chapter.

He then outlined a general direction for the Chapter which would stress making the resources of Philaethes available in print and in person to the Masons who live within the geographic area of the Finger Lakes Chapter (pretty much all New York State, West of Utica).

Looking ahead

A date was set for the annual "Seekers of Light" forum to be held on January 29, 2000, which will feature a variety of high interest Masonic programs and will be open to all Masons in the area. Details of the program will be made available through the *Masonic Times*.

Following the presentation, Chapter members had the opportunity to ask questions, share their thoughts, and provide input. President Friedman then scheduled and Officers meeting to draft an annual workplan based on the discussion.

Philaethes factoid

At the beginning of the 20th Century, the largest fraternal organization in New York State was the Odd Fellows. □



John D. Galbraith III
Spencerport High School
Canisius College
Sports Medicine



Letty Laskowski
Sperry High School
Undecided
Psychology



Mark Schneider
Brighton High School
Undecided
Film Industry

Proud, Astonished, Embarrassed and Ashamed

By Lyle Maldoon, Past Potentate,

On June 23rd, I was proud, astonished, embarrassed, and ashamed, all at the same time. You might ask how a person could experience all of these emotions at once. Where was I? What was I doing, or seeing?

My wife, Rita, and I attended the Masonic Service Bureau presentation of Scholarships to students and also presentations of Grants to needy causes in the Monroe County area. Since my oldest granddaughter, Michelle Walker, was one of the fortunate recipients of a Scholarship, my wife and I joined our daughter, Dawn, and her family, to witness this presentation, which took place at Webster Temple.

I am sure you wonder at the title of this article.

Proud

I was proud to witness our own

Your Masonic Service Bureau Awards Scholarships & Grants Aid to Local Charities



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Spencerport High School
Undecided
Archaeology and Psychology



Andrea McCullough
Spencerport High School
Lake Erie College
Equine Teacher/Trainer



Heather C. Greig
Warsaw High School
Niagara University
Elementary Education



Megan Rafferty
Spencerport High School
Plattsburg State University
Special Education



Michael D. Scholl
Caledonia Mumford High School
RIT - Mechanical Engineer

By Barbara Goodrich

The Masonic Service Bureau Scholarship and Charity Awards were presented on June 23, 1999. A total of \$24,000 was distributed equally to these worthy causes.

Once again the room was filled with recipients, families and friends who enjoyed cookies and punch before the Awards Ceremony.

Many thanks to Erna-Jean T. Walker, Jack Thibaut and their Committees for all their hard work; Erna-Jean and A. John Tijou for making the presenta-

tions and to all who helped make the event successful.

1999 Charity Recipients

The following received donations from the Service Bureau:

The Hillel Foundation, Cameron Community Ministries for the Kid's Cafe, Family Resource Center, A Meal and More, Open Door Mission, Salem Nutritional Center, Salvation Army for food assistance, St. Peter's Kitchen, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, School of the Holy Childhood, Isaiah House, Journey Home, Advent House, Life Span, Community Campership Committee, Camp Turk, Monroe County DeMolay Chapter, Monroe County Triangle, and JROTC at Edison Tech. □

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Michelle L. Born
Honeoye Falls-Lima School
SUNY Binghamton
Pharmacy

Michelle L. Walker
Fairport High School
Undecided
Pharmacy or Elementary Education

Margaret E. Dianetti
Mercy High School
Southampton College-Long Island University
Marine Science



Andrea L. Storie
Gates-Chili High School
SUNY Geneseo
Special Education

Masonic Service Bureau give away \$24,000 to the future leaders of our country and to 12 local organizations that take care of the needy and underprivileged in our area. This would make any Mason very PROUD.

Astonished

I was personally ASTONISHED at the amount of money our Masonic Service Bureau gives back to our Community.

Embarrassed

This is my own feeling that I haven't paid closer attention to the work of the Bureau, especially the magnitude of our giving to the local community.

Ashamed

I am ASHAMED that I (and I am sure, many, many Masons) did not know more about our giving program.

To hear from the leaders of local charities as they received their grants, such as the Salvation Army, Open Door Mission, etc., of the number of homeless who

are sheltered in Monroe County, the number of free meals served daily by soup kitchens, the number of patients served in hospice homes, would ASTONISH and surprise most of you. The important fact is that many of these organizations are supported by YOU through the Masonic Service Bureau. □

Our Hats are off to Larry Canfield, Vern Goodrich, all the members of the Bureau, A. John Tijou for being such a gracious Master of Ceremonies at the presentations, and to Erna-Jean Walker, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, who distributed the Scholarship Awards. Keep up the good work! □

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Welcome back

It's time to get back to work; hope you had a good Summer. Congratulations to all the new Masters and their officers. If there is anything I can do to help, let me know. I would remind you to get the dates of your activities in to the *Masonic Times* on time.

Brotherhood Fund

Brother Bernard Whaley, the District Brotherhood Fund Chairman, has given me his report for the District. A total of \$5,414, with an average participation per Lodge of 29%. In 1998 the District gave \$5,315.75, with a 26% participation. We outgave 1998 by \$99.00 and a 3% gain in participation.

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



W.: Joseph Chimino, Pres.
W.: George Springett, Sec.

By George Springett
Dates

There will be an Executive Meeting on October 1st, in Attica, NY. All Masters and Members at Large, Council members, Masters and Wardens Association and Concordant Bodies Representatives are requested to attend.

On October 22nd, the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held in Perry, NY. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner reservations are required.

The Annual Council Meeting will be January 16, 2000.

Save January 29, 2000, for further light in Masonry.

The semi-annual meeting has come and gone. Do you know what transpired? Well, if we did NOT have the honor of your Brotherly love and friendship during your Council meeting, you

Losses

We have another problem in the District that we must address. In 1997 the District had 905 members; 1998, 869 members, a loss of 36 and in 1999, 796 members, a loss of 73. My Brothers, the numbers are telling the story. We have to turn this around.

Good news

Congratulations to the students who received assistance through the Education Program. The District had 14 recipients.

"Success is 10% ability and 90% attitude".

God Bless you. □

Grand Steward

Genesee/Wyoming



R.W. Dennis M.
Turton, Sr.
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Back to work

I hope everyone had a great Summer. The weather man cooperated and we had a long hot season. Although the Summer is usually a time off for us, there were plenty of Masonic functions

that took place over the break. Picnics, golf tournaments, breakfasts, along with Camp Turk, St. John's Day, and Oriskany, are just a few of the activities that went on over the Summer recess. I hope they were all well attended. Now, with Fall fast approaching, it's time again to get back to "work". I'm sure all the newly elected Masters have full and interesting trestleboards planned. Please support them and your Lodge with your attendance.

Official Visits

The District Deputy Grand Master and I will begin his Official Visits, starting with Arcade Lodge on September 14th. I look forward to these visits to touch base with the officers and members of all the Lodges in the District. These face-to-face communications are usually very informative and gives us all a chance to know one another better. I urge you all to show support for our District Deputy and make an effort to attend Lodge that special night to hear the Grand Master's Message.

Support

This year I will again stress to everyone the importance of your support. Support for your Lodge and your District is a very important factor in the future of the Craft in this area. It's one thing to be called a Mason because you carry a dues card in your wallet, but it's another thing, and a far better one, to be known as a Mason because of your active support. The records show that Masonry in this area is declining. It's up to all of us to continue to build the Craft by supporting your Lodges and District. I look forward to seeing all of you soon. □

They Do", were distributed to the spectators.

Luncheons

Again this year, Olive Branch, OES, and F&AM, are hosting "fishing" lunches for the Batavia VA Hospital patients. Each Tuesday in July and August, the veterans are transported to the Mumford Fish Hatchery, back to LeRoy for a noon luncheon. We sincerely appreciate all the help and contributions of food for the veteran's luncheons.

Very important

I received a letter dated July 2, 1999, from a real estate broker in Pittsford, NY, stating: "My purpose in wanting to speak to you is that I represent a large retail company that is interested in locating a new store in LeRoy, at the intersection where the Masonic Lodge is presently located. They have asked me to contact you to discuss their interest in the possible purchase of your property. This company pays good prices for property. I think you would find it worthwhile to discuss it with me".

During a phone call, I indicated that we were not planning on a sale, and the real estate person said this company wants to buy the entire North West corner of Rts. 5 and 19. This would include the "Millman Block", our building, the old Griffith station, three properties on Lake Street, the Sugar Creek Gas Station, comprising an acre or more.

It is absolutely necessary that our first communication in September be Wednesday, September 15th, at 7:30 p.m., and I ask all members of Olive Branch Lodge be there to discuss this situation. Those Brothers living out of State, please send me a note with your suggestions, to our PO Box 282, LeRoy, NY 14482.

Again, all members be in Lodge September 15, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. □

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Good advice!

As the newly installed Master of West Star, my advice to all Brothers is not to miss a meeting. I went on a fishing trip to Canada in May, and returned to find out my new position! I didn't have a seat on the train, but now I'm the engineer.

Pumpkin time!

West Star's 3rd Annual Pumpkin Contest will be held on Saturday, October 9th at the Ed Almeter Memorial Park, Route 98, Varysburg. Any Brothers, or their children, in the District, having a GIANT pumpkin, are invited to bring it to our contest for judging. There will also be a contest for carved pumpkins, if you are of the artistic sort.

Condolences

West Star Lodge was saddened by the loss of Brother Francis Hume on June 7th. He will be greatly missed.

A short article this month because I have a lot of studying to do. □

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I hope everyone had a very fine and eventful Summer, even if it was especially HOT!

In June, our Annual Masonic Star Family Picnic and Bar-B-Que, was another great success.

July 17th and 18th was the Oatka Festival with a very good parade on Saturday. Many thanks to the ladies of the Order of the Rainbow, who marched in their lovely gowns, and to R.W.: Ray Barber, DDGM of Genesee/Wyoming District, who led our Masonic contingent. During the parade almost 1000 brochures, "Who Are the Masons, What Do

are TOO LATE. You are also too late to have benefited from the Brothers who DID attend. You were not privy to their Brotherly love and friendship. You also MISSED out on the...

Did you hear the story about the chicken that did not cross the road? Well, I will tell all of you LATER.

Wanted

This is the last year of my term of office as a Trustee of my Blue Lodge and I'm at a loss as to whether I will remain active. Why, you ask? Will I be leaving Masonry? Has something better attracted my attention? No, my wife would shoot me for that, besides, she is the light and strength at home that keeps me active.

The real reason is that my Lodge, like so many in the area, has become BORING. Who can get excited about another year of 20 business meetings and apathetically presented Degrees? Is this the problem with the trestleboard of your Lodge? Is this the reason the sidelines of your Lodge ECHO, because there are NO BODIES sitting there? Could this be the reason I am LOOKING ELSEWHERE?

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Return to Labors

Suddenly it is September! After the "joy and fun of a season in the sun", we heed the call for return to our labors.

This writer was privileged to represent Eagle Valley Lodge at the Grand Lodge Communication in New York City this past May 2nd, 3rd and 4th. It was a fine experience. Thanks to all who made it possible.

Eagle Valley Lodge's Annual Bar-B-Que happened as scheduled on May 15th. Thanks to all who made the event a success.

My phone number is (716) 322-7221. All Eagle Valley Brothers are encouraged to pick up the phone and communicate news items for the *Masonic Times* to me. If no one is there, talk to the tape, leave your phone number. I'll call back.

Brethren, come greet me and one another at the next regularly scheduled communication of Eagle Valley Lodge, Bliss, NY. □

Mount Vernon Lodge No. 263



W.: James
Allan
Master
457-3079

2nd & 4th
Mondays

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

Hello Brethren!

I hope you all had fun this Summer.

Recent events

On August 1st we held a Pancake Breakfast, with a Masonic Go-To-Church Service following it. As most of you know who work the kitchen, you do most motley work there and have the most fun. Our task master, newly elected JW Bernard Whaley, hardly had to use the lash!

Special thanks

Thanks go out to Mike Driver for getting prune like fingers doing dishes; the father and son team of Rodney and Kay Dilker for not burning the pancakes and eggs; our DDGM who takes in the cash (I think he's thinking about the next subsidized trip to New York City); to Brother Bernard Whaley for his outstanding job of organizing the event; Otis Maynard, Mark Hopkins, Donald Schmaltz, and Carl Fischer for taking care of the dining room.

I thank all the visiting Brethren who could make it during this busy Summer season for their support.

A parting thought

In the spirit of our Fraternity, I give you this from Acts 3:6. "Silver and gold I have none, but such as I have give I thee." □

CONSTELLATION Lodge No. 404
 21 N. Main Street,
 Perry, NY 14530



W.: Dale Cooley
 Master
 237-2627
 \$
 1st & 3rd
 Thursdays


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

Brethren, another beautiful Summer is coming to a close. As I am writing this, it has been a very hot and dry Summer in Perry. I hope everyone enjoyed it.

Breakfast

A picture perfect day was enjoyed by all for our Annual Father's Day Breakfast. It was well attended by members of area Lodges. It is truly a joy to see fellow Masons and their families gather together. Many thanks to all who helped make this event a success.

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



W.: Clifford L. Drual, Sr.
 495-6506
 1st and 3rd
 Tuesdays

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

Try to attend

Here we are and it is September. Where did the Summer go? I hope you all had a good one. I would like all the Brothers of Warsaw No. 549 to attend all Lodge meetings this year. Now I know that due to family matters, personal business and prior arrangements, it is not possible for all of us to attend all meetings; but I do feel that all of us can attend some meetings.

My Brothers, your Fraternity needs your participation. Please attend your meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

New officers

Following is a list of the officers of Warsaw Lodge. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, help and suggestions that will help our Fraternity. Master - W.: Clifton L. Drum, Sr. Senior Warden - W.: John

Herman Junior Warden - Donald E. Ayers Secretary - W.: Allen L. Capwell Treasurer - W.: William M. Schoff Senior Deacon - W.: Ted J. LaWall Junior Deacon - W.: Paul Royce, Jr. Chaplain - W.: Richard Benn Senior MC - Norbert Klopfer Junior MC - Eugene I. Hartman, Jr. Marshal - W.: William E. Danley Organist - Lawrence M. Appleby Tiler - W.: Harry L. Brown

Official Visit

Remember the October 5th Stated Communication. It will be our Official Visit from R.: W.: Raymond Barber, DDGM. What do you think about having a dinner before the visit? Call me at 495-6506 to let me know if you will attend.

Help needed

We have two Entered Apprentice Brothers who want to advance and, at least one more candidate for the Degrees. Contact anyone else you know who might be interested for a class this Fall. Also, dust off your Rituals. We will need help conferring the Degrees.

Other plans

Some other plans we have are to have a Widows Program, Christmas Party, Eagle Scout Night and anything else YOU would like. Starting in September we are going to have a monthly Country Breakfast every third Sunday of the month. Bring your friends.


Sickness and distress

Our Brother Bob Johannes was in the Warsaw Hospital for carpal tunnel surgery and is home recuperating. He still has the other hand to go.

From the Secretary's desk

Please check your dues card to see if it is current for 1999. If not, please pay your dues.

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837



W.: John C. Cooper
 Master
 494-1559
 1st and 3rd
 Thursday

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

Left out

The Flower Talk presented at Hesperus Chapter, OES, by Rochester Chapter DeMolay was left out of the last issue. Dave Gorall gave the Presentation and the Chapter Dad (Mike Gorall) was ready with the monitor to give Dave some prompting. Mike did not get to say anything because Dave had the Flower Talk memorized, word for word, and if you have ever heard or given it before you know that it is quite an achievement. Great job Dave.

Thank you

Thank you to Brothers Norm Austin, Paul Cooper and W.: Joe Chimino for helping me with traffic control for the Bergen Park Days Parade. A special thank you to two young men who helped out even though they are not Masons, Jeremy Cooper and Scott Mayne.

Team

W.: Joe Chimino and I attended a game that our team (the soccer team that our Lodge sponsors) played and thoroughly enjoyed it. After the game Joe went to get the ice cream, donated by Ralph and Rosie's Deli, out of the freezer while I told the coach that we had ice cream for the team. Joe got about half way to the field and the coach told the kids that "the guy heading for them had free ice cream for them" and they all went running for Joe. I wish I had a picture of his face for the *Masonic Times*, but I was enjoying the sight too much to take a picture. You can just imagine how big Joe's eyes were when he saw those kids running toward him (BIG).

Installations

I traveled to several Installations and I would have to say that the last one had to be the most

exciting. Part way through the ceremony a bat entered through an open door and did several dives on the crowd. It was finally shoosed out the door and into the stairwell. That was OK until it was time to go downstairs for refreshments, but luckily someone was able to get it out the door.

Steak Roast

Hesperus Lodge held its Annual Steak Roast and once again it was at Donna and Marty Krause's cottage. John Jessop and Marty Krause took everyone out onto Silver Lake and on the last trip out Chet Banach serenaded us. There was lots of food and fun. We also had bean bag championships and an auction.

Go-To-Church Sunday

August 1st was the Annual Go-To-Church Sunday and Breakfast. Hesperus was well represented, not so much by the Masons (there were only two of us), but the Eastern Star had several members out. On behalf of the Lodge, I thank you for your interest and participation.

Family Picnic

August 15th was a new event for Hesperus Lodge, our 1st Annual Family Picnic. It was held at Ralph and Rosie's Plantation.

September

The first meeting this Fall will be September 2nd at 7:30 p.m. It will be good to get one meeting in before the DDGM's Official Visit.

Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night will be held on September 9th, dinner at 6:30 p.m., with a program immediately following. If you have someone in mind that you think would make a good Mason, please give me a call to get them on the list. Don't wait too long because we are going to have a limited guest list.

Official Visit

The Official Visit of the District Deputy will be on September 16th. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Please call Marty Krause at 494-2147 by September 12th with your reservation.

A reminder

Officers, keep Friday, October 22nd, open for the Grand Lecturer's Convention. Dinner will again be at 6:30 p.m. and the Convention will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Batavia Lodge No. 475 F. & A.M.
 200 E. Main Street,
 Batavia, NY 14020



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

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

Welcome back to all the Brethren as we begin the Fall session of Lodge. I trust that each and every one had a very enjoyable Summer season - sure was hot, wasn't it? For those of us who do not get the opportunity to travel South during the Winter months to experience the 'hot' weather, we sure have had a taste of that tropical weather right here in Western New York.

Degree work

As stated in the last issue, we will be conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree at the September 28th stated communication. We will be looking forward

to this event and having each and everyone of you in attendance, if at all possible.

The Master and officers will be contacting those who have participated in the Degree work in the recent past, as well as those who have participated, but not in the recent past. If you would like to get involved in this work, contact the Secretary or me.

Condolences

During the past few months we have lost a couple of our Brethren. Brother Russell Skippen left us on June 14th and Brother Warren McCumber on July 4th. We offer our condolences to the families.

Solve the riddle?

I would assume that most of you were able to solve the riddle contained in the last paragraph of the June issue as follows: I am the oldest living Past Master of Batavia Lodge No. 475. I was born on the 9th month in the year of 1909. I will be 90 years young during the year of 1999. I was Master of Batavia Lodge No. 475 in 1939 and during that year I raised Brother Elliott Moulton, who was presented his 60 Year Certificate as the Awards Dinner listed previously. When I attended Grand Lodge in the year of 1939, I was informed that I was the youngest Master in the State at the age of 29. Who am I?

W.: Robert Clement.

May God bless us all and keep us in His care.

What do I do next?

By Don Brugger

When I was Installed Master of my Lodge it became immediately apparent that my understanding of the position's responsibilities was woefully lacking in detail. "How can this be so?", you ask. Well, it's this way.

The same feeling I experienced then, I also experienced when installed as Marshal. No matter how well prepared, there is still that gnawing question, when actually in the Office, "What do I do next?"

I promised myself, like most of us do, that when I had the opportunity, I would sit down and list the duties of each Officer of the Lodge, so that future officers would not have to ask themselves this question. As most can attest I never did find the time to do the job (It's called procrastination.). Our present DDGM, however, did find the time and he has consented to share this information with all of you through the *Times*.

We will be running, as space permits, a series of articles on what could be required of each officer. These will include both the official and un-official or social duties of line officers.

What will not be discussed

The duties of the all the Officers are spelled out in their respective charges given at Installation. These are the very basic and minimum requirements of the respective Office. What will be discussed are the mostly unwritten duties not

emphasized when a Brother is asked to go into line, those extra duties that go with the office.

Each Lodge traditionally has some duties connected with each office which may not necessarily be knowledgeable to a recently raised Brother. Even Brothers who have been members for some time may not realize this. Herein lies one of the difficulties in Masonic communication.

Some of these duties, which, may seem to some to be "understood" may not be.

These include:

1. Attending all Lodge Communications. If you cannot attend a communication or rehearsal, call the Master or one of the Wardens and let them know.
2. Being properly attired (dark business suit or tuxedo, if available especially from SD on up)
3. Attendance at all Degree rehearsals.
4. Participation in all Schools of Ritual.
5. Attendance and support of all District Social Functions, if possible. This is especially incumbent upon the top three Officers.
6. Attendance at all funeral services for departed Lodge Brothers.
7. Learning the job of the next highest office as well as any duties not spelled out in the Ritual that he may be required to perform.
8. Besensitive to any Brothers need for aid or sympathy and report same to the Master or Warden.

These are the general duties, yet they are the duties each Officer accepts when he accepts nomination and election or appointment. We will explore more of the individual officers' duties in the next installment. (Taken in part from original text written by R.: W.: M. D. Darrohn, DDGM, Monroe.)

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District Deputy Grand Master

Monroe District



R.W. Donald Darrohn
225-1782

What came ye here to do?

All Masons have been asked this question at least once in their Masonic career. Have you really thought about that question? Allen E. Robert's book, *The Mystic Tie*, has a chapter so titled. The following are some excerpts from that chapter.

"All of us have known Master Masons who knew what they came here to do. Fortunate are those of us who were taken by the hand by such men.

On the other hand, all of us know far too many who have not learned the answer. Why?

There is no easy answer. We blame the activities of the modern-day world, but they are only excuses. Americans have always been active. They have always found many things that they needed to do. In many respects everything has become easier for us now than ever before.

Our forefathers, those great Masons of yesteryear, handed down to us a heritage that we should never take for granted. They knew how to love, work, play, love and be of service to their fellow man. It could have been one of them who wrote:

The heart grows rich in giving,
All its wealth is living grain;
Seeds which mildew in the garner,
Scattered, fill with gold the plain.

There we find the answer to "What came ye here to do?". By letting our hearts grow rich in giving, sharing with others, being selfless taking our Brother by the hand and helping him, we will know why we are Master Masons.

Masonic principles cannot be the exclusive property of Freemasons. They are universal. They must be shared. The ethics and tenets of Freemasonry should be the common possession of all right thinking men and women. They will be if we as dedicated Master Masons will share them."

"THERE CAN BE NO DEDICATION WITHOUT EDUCATION", Roberts goes on to state, "should be etched over the door of every Masonic Temple in the world. Throughout the centuries we have left Masonic education of our Lodges. We have placed our full concentration on the Ritual of the Craft. We have neglected to teach the meaning behind the Ritual..." "The Ritual is the thread that unites us into one sacred band of friends and Brothers. Symbolism is the soul of the Fraternity. Masonic history is the window through which we witness human struggle and achievement and see Masonic principles at work. Courage, strength, and confidence in the teachings and philosophy of the Craft are built from seeing the evidence of what other Freemasons have done". (Printed with permission of the MSA of US.)

The question again. What came you here to do? The answer we all gave: To improve myself in Masonry. Have you done so??? The year is just beginning, your Lodge, and your Master can use your support and help. Brethren to reach out and stretch forth that hand that will make the difference.

Working together

A Brother called recently asking if a Masonic funeral service could be arranged for the next day. His departed friend and Brother belonged to another Grand Jurisdiction. After a few telephone calls and some anxiety, I knew that everything would go smoothly. My sincere thanks to the 30+ Brethren from the six or more Lodges who attended Brother Adam Smith's service. Well done!

Grand Lecturer's Convention

This will be our first opportunity to greet the new Grand Lecturer, R.W. Edward G. Gilbert. Brethren, I hope you will encourage your Master and his officers to attend the Grand Lecturer's Convention next month. If the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons, and the Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremony all attend, your Master will receive a Howard Potts Award at the next Grand Lodge. This event will take place at the Downtown Temple on October 15th at 7:30 p.m.

A District Attendance Banner will be awarded that evening. Brethren, this is your opportunity to make a difference. Your attendance counts and could make the difference in whether that Banner goes to your Lodge or one across the County.

Interfaith Service & Breakfast
Sunday, October 17, 1999
Logan's Party House
9:00 a.m.

This is an event that deserves your attention! Before you do anything else after reading this article, please call your Lodge Secretary or Master and request tickets for this event. This is Freemasonry in action. By being there, you will help demonstrate that the Fraternity continues to make a difference in our community. □

Grand Lodge Staff Officer

Monroe District



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

We've had a long and hot Summer and enjoyed all of the recreation we can stand. The golf and softball are done, and the picnics are over. The Junior Wardens have done their jobs well. This is the call from refreshment to labor. It's time to get on with the business of the Lodge.

Road to the East

For all Masters and Wardens who have not taken the "Road to the East" Program, it is now time to consider doing so. This program will help you serve in either capacity. You are presumed to already have the tools to do your job, but every little bit can help. Get on the bandwagon. Send in your application form. You can pay by mail or at the door. It's a small cost, \$15.00, and there are only three sessions of four hours each at the Downtown Masonic Temple. The dates are: Saturdays, December 4th, January 8th, and February 5th. The sessions go from 8:00 a.m. 'til noon.

Leadership development

The Leadership Development Course will be on November 13th. Please, consider taking this Course! Note V.W. John Zabel's column. All Line Officers should take it. Only those taking the Course will be considered as candidates for any Grand Office.

Concordant Bodies

I've often talked about the many additional Masonic Bodies where membership is available to each of us. You know that some rarely attend Blue Lodge, but they are dues paying members. Remember, they are members of your Lodge. They are important to the Lodge and should be included in all communication. They may surprise you by attending a function when you least expect it. Welcome them and make them comfortable. Any Brother who hasn't been to Lodge for a while might feel uncomfortable, but there's no real reason for him to feel this way. We are all Brothers. Come and spend time with us.

Any Brother who joins another Body of the Fraternity will continue his Masonic Education. This becomes a worthwhile venture if you participate in the programs. There is one Body that is especially interested in education. It is the Philaethes Society. The President of the Rochester Society is R.W. Rich Friedman. If you are interested in learning more in Masonry, see Rich. You may be surprised at

the programs that are available for your Blue Lodge.

Whatever the Masonic Body you join, you'll learn more. Take this new found knowledge back to your Lodge. The more you learn about Masonry, the better Mason you can become. I'm going to leave a Philaethes Magazine at each Lodge. I hope each of you will read and enjoy it. These magazines come compliments of R.W. Friedman.

Dues

For all who have not paid their dues, your Lodge needs you as a member. Your membership is not taken lightly, but think about this. You may also need your Lodge. Think of the friendships that have developed. Better still, think of the friendships that can develop. No Masonic friendship can ever end. It can only get better. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge. I'll be the one greeting each and everyone of you. □

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS MONROE DISTRICT



V.W. John Zabel

V.W. DAN B. WALKER



By V.W. Dan Walker

Greetings Brothers and everyone

I hope the Summer has been a good one for you and your families. It has been for Linda and me. On July 11th, my wife gave birth to a beautiful, 8 pound baby girl. We named her Lindsey Maria Walker and both she and her mom are doing great.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

This year the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be October 15th at the Downtown Temple. You will notice that it is a Friday night. This year it is a family affair. Brothers and their wives (or significant others) are cordially invited to enjoy dinner together.

After dinner and dessert, the women will be treated to a program about the Rochester area and its history. For you Brothers, we will be portraying the Hiram Legend in Doric Hall. We are looking for volunteers to fill the parts. Please contact John Zabel at 223-3228 or me at 429-6572 if you wish to portray one of the characters in the legend. More information for this evening will be forthcoming in a letter to your Lodge.

Exciting year

John Zabel and I have put together what we feel will be an exciting year for the District. At this time most, if not all, of the Lodges have been contacted as far as hosting and participating in the Schools of Ritual.

One of the top events this year is slated for Saturday, April 15, 2000. It is our 3rd Degree Fest. Again, more information will follow. John and I are also planning to visit all the area Lodges, as well.

Finally, if you need anything regarding our Ritual, please call

John or me at the above listed numbers. We will see you in Lodge. □

Bureau of Masonic Education

Monroe County

President:
V.W. John Zabel

By V.W. John Zabel

Masonic information

"Hey, George, how're you doing?", shouted David. He was at the Mall and saw George coming from the other direction. It was late Summer and David had not seen George since the Lodge Summer Picnic several weeks ago.

"I'm fine and how are you, David?", replied George.

"I'm all right, been having a good Summer, but I have a question for you. How does one know that a man is a Mason? I remember that the Ritual says such things as trying, examination and lawful Masonic information. I have figured out what trying and examination are, but what is lawful Masonic information?"

"That's an interesting question", said George. "There was some information on the Grand Lodge list server about that question earlier in the Summer. Because of that, I did my own research on the question. The answer is not obvious, but is also not hard to figure out."

"The easiest, of course, is if you sit in a Lodge meeting with someone you don't know. The fact that he was either a member of the Lodge, or vouched for as a visitor and was recognized as such by the Deacons and Master at the opening of the Lodge is, to my mind, lawful Masonic information. However, seeing someone at, say, an open installation of Lodge officers does not constitute lawful Masonic information."

"Why is that? The installation is a Masonic occasion", asked David.

"Well, because anyone, Mason or not, can attend an open or public installation. No vouches are given and no attempt is made to determine if all in attendance are Masons," replied George. "However, having someone whom you know to be a Mason introduce you to someone they say is a Mason, may or may not be lawful information. The difference, in my mind, is whether the two men have sat in open lodge together, that is lawful information."

"Isn't there someplace where I can find all this written down?", inquired David.

"Not really, I've looked in the Book of Constitutions and Handbook of Masonic Law and have not found a definitive answer. What I have said comes from my own reading and thinking on the subject. You should do the same."

"I'll have to do that. It's been nice to see you. See you at the first Lodge meeting in the Fall." With that the two parted company.

What's happening

The Bureau of Masonic Education will be presenting the Leadership Development Course in seminar form on Saturday, November 13th in the Downtown Temple for the Monroe District and on Saturday, October 16th in Palmyra for the Wayne District. The seminar will run from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 2:30 p.m. on the Saturday. This

1999-2000 Official Visits - Monroe District

R.W. M. Donald Darrohn

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Oatka No. 759
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Flower City No. 910
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Northfield No. 426
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seminar is a good place for new Masons and new Lodge officers to learn more about the Fraternity and the techniques needed to run a successful Lodge. Masons in the Wayne District should contact R. W. Cliff Denny for details; Masons in the Monroe District should contact R. W. Ruel Lovett or me.

As an additional note, the Bureau of Masonic Education is looking for Brothers interested in becoming instructors for the Leadership Development Course. The current course is being revised by the Leadership Services Committee, so those interested will be working with both the current and the new course, when it becomes available.

Thanks

There has been a lot of work done on the Sarachan Masonic Library over the last year. We thank R. W. Jay McCullough, hisson, and all the unnamed helpers in this effort.

**Monroe District
Masters &
Wardens
Assoc.**



President
W. Phillip R. Hurwitz 581-1831
Secretary
Louis Perna 334-8265

Greetings, Brothers

I hope you had a pleasant Summer. My thanks to Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 for hosting our June meeting and putting on a splendid breakfast.

On July 10th, Brother Sol Phillips, W. Jeff Ross and I traveled to Buffalo to watch the Red Wings spank the Bisons. Our hosts were the Erie County Wardens Association. We had a very good time. My thanks to our Brothers in Erie County for making us feel welcome.

Thanks

My thanks to all the Brothers who showed up in tux on August 10th and worked the WXXI phone bank for their August membership drive. We had a fun time of it and obtained some exposure for Freemasonry. The idea for this came from W. Sean Noonan at a Masters and Wardens meeting.

Masters and Wardens meetings are a productive way to compare notes with elected officers or Deacons from other Lodges. These meetings are also an excellent way to promote noteworthy events taking place in your Lodge. Take last year for example. Charlotte/Corinthian, by way of W. Ray Alvarez, announced at a prior M&W meeting that Brother Paul Stillman would be coming to their Lodge and performing a re-enactment of a Civil War soldier. The presentation was excellent; but more important, by announcing this event at a M&W meeting, Charlotte/Corinthian had an even greater turnout of the Craft to see this performance.


If you are an elected officer of your Lodge, I urge you to come to our next meeting on Saturday, September 11th at 7:30 p.m. (Note new start time for that evening.) We will be meeting at Webster Lodge. Bring your spouse or partner. While we conduct business upstairs, the ladies will be treated to a hospitality suite. This will also give our ladies a chance to mingle and get to know one

another better. Friendly and familiar relations among our spouses will make for stronger fraternal bonds within our group.

The agenda for the meeting is: planning for our traditional party in the Spring; hosting a Rusty Trowel/Sojourners Night for the entire District to take part in; Service Bureau equipment cleanup; Grand Lodge 2000; and our annual Have-a-Heart Campaign.

After the meeting, we will join our ladies in the hospitality suite. I look forward to seeing all you and your partners. Take care.

**Membership
Retention**



R. W. Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

Please, check your dues card

One way we can get off to a good start of the Lodge year is to check your Lodge dues card. Get out that wallet and check the year on your Lodge dues card. If the year says 1999, you're all set. Thank you very much for your support. If you have a 1998 dues card, I'll get to you later on. However, if the year on your dues card says 1997, we have what I call a "situation". If you have not paid your dues prior to the end of the year, you may be dropped from your Lodge for non-payment of dues. This is something we want to avoid.

Solutions

First of all, your Lodge should be contacting you soon. I urge you to send in at least one year's dues to avoid being dropped for non-payment of dues. Some Brothers may have various reasons for not paying their dues. It may be financial, a personal problem, or just a mis-communication. Whatever your situation may be, you should call or contact someone who can help to resolve the problem. If there is a financial problem, a plan can be worked out or dues can be remitted if there is a special situation.

You may contact the Master or Secretary of your Lodge to discuss your particular situation. Their phone numbers are located in their respective news articles in this paper. If for some reason there is a problem or difficulty with this method, please contact me by phone at 392-5583 or by mail at 160 Walker Road, Hilton, NY 14468.

For those Brothers who have not paid just their 1998 dues, the same goes for you. Your Lodge and Masonry need your support, not only with your activity, but financially. Again, however, if there is a particular situation, please contact someone to discuss the problem.

Communicate

Communicate (there's that word again) is what leaders of the Craft and Lodges need to do to avoid these situations. By improving our ability to communicate with our Lodge Brothers, we increase our ability to find out what our Brothers are doing out there, what their situations are and what WE can do to resolve these situations.

You can put away that wallet now.

Go to a meeting

As I mentioned earlier, a new Lodge year is beginning, but for your Lodge leaders the Lodge year began a lot earlier. I know that in most cases, much planning has been accomplished to try to make this a successful year. I urge you all to attend a Lodge

function to take advantage of all this planning. Some of these plans include the traditional functions as well as some new ideas to encourage your attendance. So, please read your Lodge trestleboards to find out what is going on at YOUR Lodge. Maybe I will see you there.

**Purple Club
of the
Monroe
District**

President
R. W. Stephen R. Wittaker

Secretary
R. W. Robert Cameron

The Monroe District is looking for a few good men!

The Purple Club of the Monroe District has begun the search for the Grand Lodge Officer Team to serve the next term following the May, 2000, session of Grand Lodge.

The new District Deputy and Grand Lodge Staff Officer will be the first to "officially" serve the consolidated District.

It is critical that we put our best men forward for this important task. As in any "merger", the first year is very important to set the tone for the years to come. That is the challenge for our Grand Lodge Team 2000.

By September 1, 1999, every Lodge Master and Secretary will be in receipt of the application, qualifications and job descriptions for a Grand Lodge Officer. It is important to act soon, as the deadline for submission of names to Grand Lodge is the first week of November, 1999.

The Purple Club has empowered the following Right Worshipful's to be on the Committee to select our next Grand Lodge Officer Team: R. W. Richard C. Friedman, ERAC No. 943, Chairman; R. W. Terry Wihlen, Towpath No. 163, Vice-Chairman; R. W. M. Donald Darrohn, DDGM; R. W. Ruel Lovett, Grand Sword Bearer; R. W. Phillip Averbach, Flower City No. 910; R. W. Raymond Beardsley, Northfield No. 426; R. W. Gene Brendel, Etolian No. 479; R. W. Bruce Chilton, Webster No. 538; and R. W. Earl Steffen, Churchville No. 667.

Feel free to contact any of the above with questions relative to the selection process.

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Supper Club**

President
R. W. F. Jay McCullough
494-2546

Secretary
R. W. Robert Sanford
292-6383

Add to your calendar

On September 24th the Supper Club resumes its monthly Friday outings. Immediate Past Masters are most welcome to join us! We gather for Euchre about 6:00 p.m., take dinner from the menu at 7:00 p.m. (in the dining room of the Red Men's Club on Lexington near Mt. Read Blvd.) and have a brief program. This is followed by more cards for those who partake, before calling it an evening.

September program

We intend to present a brief program from the Masonic Service Association on "The Boston Tea Party". Little did you know (perhaps) or maybe you'll want to offer a rebuttal!


We also want to discuss whether or not we'd like to present a DeWitt Clinton Award and there is still time to plan a 50 Year Anniversary affair, this being the year the Club attained that milestone (we're told that by our Secretary - must be one of the originals).

Don't forget!

The 58th Annual Interfaith Service and Breakfast, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau will be held on October 17th. I have tickets so come prepared with \$10 for each one of you will be wanting to buy at the next Supper Club meeting.

NORTHFIELD

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No. 426
Instituted
March 1857



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

W. James P.
Weick
Master
924-1666

W. Donald C. Smith
Secretary 248-5170

17 Church Street
Pittsford, N.Y.
14534

Final 1900's Summer

We worked and worked, took some time off, played and we're headed back to work. So passes Northfield's final Summer of the 1900's.

Working Tools?

The working tools of Summer included spatulas and serving utensils at the Annual Sausage Stand, followed by the Strawberry Festival (our 49th year). Both events required additional runs for food as we enjoyed better than expected turnouts as a result of fabulous weather and promotion. Financially speaking, we have exceeded the budgeted income for both events! Can you say no dues increase this year?

Full support of the local membership helped spread out the work keeping the events full of the camaraderie that we enjoy when together. Our Brothers are especially grateful to the following supporters who worked on our behalf at the Strawberry Fest-

tival. They were Linda Zahn in the kitchen command center and her staff of cooks, servers and workers: Cecily Cronk, Nancy Hogerman, Vanessa and Scott Hermann and Ben Griswold. In the days before the event, Honor Durkee, Betty and Merritt Sweet, Eloise and Fred Hull, Roger Wolf, Nancy and Ken Van Dusser, were instrumental in the advance food preparations. Hats off to Junior Warden, W. Jim Knapp, who was the very committed Chairman for the event. **GO TEAM!**

Play time

Following some time off from such a busy June, we gathered to play at the end of July for the Annual Chicken and Steak Roast. There were 26 members and wives to enjoy a fine Summer's eve at the Northfield Cafe. The dishes to pass were outstanding, allowing us all to eat like kings. This very inexpensive event also raised funds for the Pittsford Food Cupboard. More on that later.

...It's off to work we go

Fall presents a very full schedule with our largest promotion ever to bring the Lodge before the community and expand our membership. With the full support of every member we can enter into our new era of increasing, not declining, membership. Your participation in the events that follow will begin this new experience to the Lodge and community.

September 2nd is the first meeting for the Fall. Your attendance on this night will assure you of knowing everything about the next 5 events.


September 7th is the Annual Blood Drive at the Lodge. Please help Chairman, Bill Karpinski, with calls to the community for this important service project.

September 11th will be our day-long Historic Open House at the Lodge. Our chance to invite the community into the wonderful building we have owned for over 100 years.

Tuesday September 14th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 18th at 10:00 a.m. will be the back to back Bring-A-Friend events. We will put on the informative sessions that you bring friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors to, to learn about our fine institution. New membership starts here!


September 16th's regular communication will be our Annual Awards Night to recognize long term Service Awards of 25 plus years of membership. A Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for the

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Pittsford Food Cupboard will precede this open meeting. Plan to attend this enjoyable event with wives or guests and have some fun and great food.

Speaking of food, our members contributed 75 food items and a check for \$30.00 to the Pittsford Cupboard this past Spring for their distribution. Our Fall events are planned to support this effort again with a goal of 250 items. You just show up for the events and we do the rest.

Calling Committee

The Calling Committee is doing a great job this term contacting local members. They need your help, though. If they leave you a message about an event, please return the call. They spend nights making calls on your behalf and would appreciate the courtesy of a return call. This minute of your time completes our 2-way communication. If you have not received a call in the past 2 months, please call me to rectify this at once at 924-1666.

Wishes of wellness and congratulations!

Wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Brothers Langeveld (leg problems), George Knierim (Heart valve replacement) and Williams (continuing neck problems).

Special congratulations to Brother Dan Walker and wife, Linda, on the occasion of the first born, Lindsay Maria, on July 11th. Everyone's doing just fine.

Until our next gathering, I bid you all my very best. □

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

W.: Nelson Bertch, Master
671-4792

3rd Tues. Sept. - Apr.
&
1st Tues. My., Jr., Oct.
7:30 P.M.

Secretary
W.: John H. Foster 467-1677

By Dave Foster, Senior Warden
Greetings Brethren!

I hope you have all had a safe and enjoyable Summer. It's that time of year to resume labor in the quarries.

September

Our meeting on September 21st will be a "Crazy Sport Shirt Night". Go deep into your closet and drag out that shirt you never wear. There will be a prize, as well as a lot of sympathy, for the winner. There will be a dinner preceding the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Ladies and widows are invited.

Looking back

Thanks to all the Brothers (and wives/significant others) who helped make this past Summer's Corn and Sausage Roast such a big success. Special thanks to Heinz and Olga Gunkel who opened up their lovely home for us and hosted the event. A great time was had by all.

Looking ahead

Our Official Visit will be on October 19th. Put this on your calendar now so you make sure to come. This could be our last Official Visit as Germania Lodge. Let's have a big turnout.

Happy Birthday to all of you with September Birthdays! See you in Lodge. □

O-At-Ka
Lodge No. 759

W.: Kevin C. Fisher, Master
359-2289

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

R.: Lawrence W. Dunn
Secretary 594-8033
5 Browns Ave.
Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

Greetings from the East!

We have all had a busy and active Summer at Oatka and look forward to a great Masonic year. I welcome all of you back to Lodge and urge you to attend often. I have planned for several of the Past Masters to each have a program night in which they will sit in the East. This should prove to be exciting and we have Degrees planned as well.

A picnic is planned for our first meeting on September 9th, with significant others and children invited. We will eat at 6:30 p.m. in Johnson Park. The secret's in Crevison's Sauce!! Lodge secrets will be discussed after, in Lodge for those who are able to. Please RSVP to Chuck Crevison at 533-2481 or me at 359-2289.

Canadian visit

Oatka Brothers have been invited back to Ionic Lodge No. 229, Brampton, Ontario, Canada. Since we have promised them the opportunity to view a Degree at Oatka, they will be visiting us first.

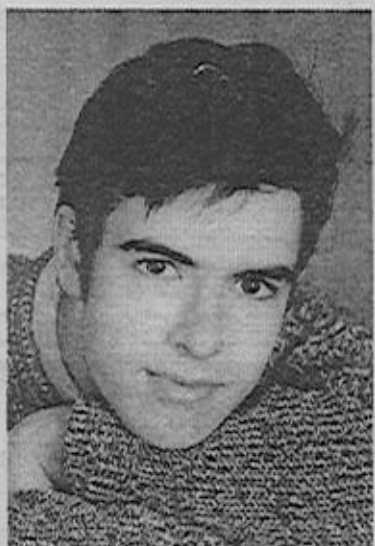
Scholarship Awards

Oatka Lodge gave out several Scholarship Awards at both the 6th Grade Move Up Day and at the Commencement Ceremony at WCCS. Touching notes were received from the 6th grade recipients, Shane Hegeman and Justin Stevens.

Masonic Scholarships were awarded July 25th at the Grand Lodge Educational Assistance Ceremony. I participated with Tricia Wright, daughter of Terry and Lynn Wright, as well as Adam



Tricia Wright



Adam Ellwanger

Ellwanger, son of Mark and Kathy Ellwanger, who received Scholarships.

Tricia is majoring in International Business with minors in Economics and Spanish at Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA. Mark is entering his senior year majoring in English at the College of Charleston, South Carolina.

More kudos

Kudos to all who worked around the Lodge and to all who looked in. Gary Trescott and Chuck Piazza are commended for their efforts in fighting back the poison ivy and weeds. Our frequent Canadian visitor, Brother Robert Bogle, helped, also!

Chuck Piazza, in an outreach effort for the Lodge, installed a new linoleum floor at the Union Presbyterian Church manse. The church members are appreciative of his labors and donation of his time and talents.

Sickness and distress

Dig Taggart thanks all who looked in on him while he mended. He is back to work and slowly recovering full use of his knee. George Gray, according to his son Bob, is on the mend and enjoying his Summer.

Sadly, Art Loomis, Oatka's closest sojourner, passed away July 27th. Art was a 55+ year member of Towpath Lodge, but a frequent visitor to Oatka. He lived over 30 years in Scottsville and was an outstanding Village Trustee. He was responsible for many improvements to the Village of Scottsville and worked diligently for low income housing for senior citizens in the Scottsville Hollow Development. We will all miss his quiet but effective manner.

Donald Trescott, W.: Gary's father, passed away this Summer. Our hearts go out to Gary and his family on their loss. His father was well known for his work at the Genesee Country Museum.

Please make a point of attending Lodge, and bring a friend! Hope to see you! □

CLIO
Lodge No. 779

W.: Jeffery B. Ross, Master
392-6436

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

Charles A. Tucker, DSA
Secretary 392-2006
287 East Ave.
Hilton, N.Y. 14468
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Thanks

I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable Summer and are as eager to return to the quarries, as I am.

July 24th was our Annual Blood Drive and our Junior Warden, Gordie Smith, has solely taken care of this event. Gordie reported a fine turnout with 52 participants and 49 pints donated, which was very good according to one of the "vampires"! A special thanks to our Junior Warden and all of our blood donors.

I also thank our Secretary, Charles Tucker, DSA, and our Treasurer, David Goodrich, for paying the bills and conducting other Lodge business over the Summer. This is something that seems to be overlooked. Thanks a lot, Brothers.

Sickness

Brother Al Bird has spent some time in the hospital this Summer with a fractured vertebrae and, as of early August, they continue to search for some sort of infection elsewhere. Al is in high spirits and is his jovial self, despite his discomfort.

If you know of a Brother who is in need of our aid or sympathy, please contact me at 783-0356.

Upcoming events

Our kickoff meeting will be September 21st. This is a Sport Shirt Night and there will be a dinner at 6:00 p.m.

September 29th is our first Spaghetti Dinner. The dinners have become very profitable for the Lodge, but we've lost our head salad chef, Brother Myron Waterman, to the North country this past year. We could use some more help.

Official Visit

Our Official Visit will be on October 5th at 7:30 p.m. I hope everyone is brushing up on their Ritual and is looking forward to another enjoyable year of fellowship. It would be a wonderful thing if we could increase this fellowship by encouraging others to come to a Lodge meeting.

If you know of a Brother who is unable to drive, stop by and pick him up. Lastly, give an ailing Brother a phone call or stop by and say "hello". Masonry is about fellowship and Brotherly love. This should not end in the Lodge room

Hope to see you soon. □

Seneca Lodge
No. 797

Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.

W.: Robert Franzen
594-4029

Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary
223-5953
30 Orchard St.,
Webster, N.Y. 14580

Greetings Brothers

It is hard to believe that another Summer has passed us by. We have enjoyed a few events, especially another fine Steak Roast put on by W.: Bob Green. A special thanks to him and all those who helped.

Seneca Lodge Honors Twenty-One Members with Service Awards

(seated) Joyce Crafton - daughter, receiving for W.: Russ Chapman (75), W.: Art Schuster, Sr. (70), (2nd) W.: William Staples (40), W.: Gary Stein - Master, and Brother Delbert Fix (50), (3rd) M.: W.: Stewart McCloud - Grand Master, Brother Richard Gilmore - DSA (50), W.: Joseph Fisher (30), Brother Henry Goebel (20), Brother Art Schuster, Jr. (25), W.: Bruce Hansen (35), M.: W.: Gary Henningsen - Grand Secretary.

Happy Birthday

Brother Howard J. Hill celebrated his 105th birthday on August 15th. May the Heavenly Father continue to watch over him.

Sickness and distress

R.: W.: Harold Miller is doing better. R.: W.: Roy Dementin is back in the hospital as of this writing. Brother Jim Hill, DSA, is recovering from hernia surgery.

Congratulations

W.: Donald A. Rose received the MSA Award from the Scottish Rite and now wears a Red Hat in that organization. Our congratulations to him for this achievement. His efforts are no surprise to all that know him. Brother Don distinguished himself for this country during his Vietnam years and he continues to do so.

Our project

In September we will be voting on making a donation to Camp Haccamo's, "Turffor Kids" project. This is the building of a ball field for the handicapped children who attend camp there and for all who use the camp. It is also hoped that upon completion, this can become a permanent practice facility for the Special Olympics.

September

Brother Paul Vick will be speaking at our regular September meeting about the dangers of not having a will. Don't forget to get your hotel reservations in for Canada.

1st Degree

We have a 1st Degree scheduled for September 28th. This will not be a dinner meeting, but light refreshments will be served. This is an off night, but the officers would appreciate a good turnout.

Cooks wanted

It seems we are having trouble finding a group to cook for us. If you know of anyone that could help out, please contact Brother Walthour.

Service Awards

Seneca Lodge held its Annual Service Awards Communication on May 11, 1999. In total, 21 Seneca Brothers were honored, representing 810 years of service to the Masonic Fraternity. The Awards ranged from a 20 Year Pin to a 75 Year Pin.

The event was well attended by many members, families and friends who had the opportunity to meet with, dine with, and listen to, two impressive speeches from M.: W.: Stuart C. McCloud, Grand Master, and M.: W.: Gary Henningsen, Grand Secretary. □

ETOLIAN**Lodge No. 479**133 South Union St.
Spencerport, N.Y. 14559W. Michael
Schwartz
Master
352-40162nd & 4th
Mondays
7:30 p. m.R. W. F. Jay McCullough
Secretary
352-1061**Thanks to all**

The Public Installation on June 6th was a great success. W. Dennis Tianello started the ceremonies in the East, then handed over the program to Installing Master, R. W. Gene Brendel, Installing Chaplain, W. Brian Keery, Installing Marshal, W. John Mattern, D.S.A., with the charges delivered by R. W. Donald Darrohn, R. W. Ruel Lovett, and R. W. Ed Gillott. We all enjoyed the special music provided by Adam Tianello, who played "Amazing Grace" and "The Blue Bells of Scotland" on the bagpipes. Heartfelt thanks to all who made this day so special for me.

I am also grateful for all the support and encouragement I have received from all of you through the years as I have progressed through the line and I will perform the duties as your Master to the best of my abilities.

Sad news

Brethren, it is my sad duty to inform you that Brother James Patterson was called to the Celestial Lodge on May 30, 1999. He was an avid fisherman and will long be remembered as "Mr. Bass".

Activities

Those sobbing, flower planting Masons are at it again! On June 5th, Brothers Karl Reich, Tom Hicks, Jim Toogood, W. Dennis Tianello and yours truly, planted flowers in the gardens located at the Gillette Road overpass on Route 531. Thanks to R. W. Jim Powell for picking up the flats of flowers from the county greenhouse.

Our June 14th meeting found Etolian Lodge opening in Spencerport at 7:00 p.m. and traveling across the River to ERAC in time to honor R. W. Bill Lennox as he received his 75 Year Award.

On June 21st, Etolian Lodge and Etolian Chapter, OES, came together for their annual Summer kick-off picnic at Pineway Ponds Park.

The Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, held on Thursday, June 24th, was well attended. Information and petitions were given to our guests. Strawberry Shortcake was enjoyed by all after the program.

Etolian Lodge again participated in the Spencerport Canal Days celebration by holding an all you can eat pancake breakfast on Saturday, July 24th and Sunday, July 25th. This year we served over 200 breakfasts and raised \$500 to advance our service work in our communities. Kudos to R. W. Powell, Gillott, and Brendel for the fine job of organizing the event and cooking a great meal.

Looking ahead

The work in the quarry resumes on Monday, September 13th, with our Annual Steak Roast and Table Lodge. Call Karl Reich at 426-6836 to make your reservations.

On Monday, September 20th, the Grand Matron of the OES of the State of New York is visiting Etolian Chapter. The Lodge will

be preparing and serving a Roast Beef Dinner in support of the Chapter for this important event. Junior Warden, Karl Reich, is coordinating the dinner. Your help is needed to cook, wait table, and clean up. Please volunteer, and say "yes" when asked to help.

I will be out of town on September 27th, when we will be conferring the 1st Degree. Senior Warden, John Dyer, will be opening and closing the Lodge and Junior Warden, Karl Reich, will be in the East for the Degree.

**Flower City
Lodge No. 910**W. Jerry
Spero,
Master
334-76162nd
Thursday
7:30 P.M.R. W. Phillip Averbach,
Secretary 458-1817
875 Main St. E.
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

Our Summer break is over and I hope you all had a pleasant one. I enjoyed mine, although it could have been about 15 degrees cooler here in Rochester.

Grand Lodge Scholarship

Grand Lodge selected Harold Gerber for a \$1000.00 Scholarship Award. The Award was presented to him on the 11th of June in Syracuse, at a group presentation for that area. Harold is the son of Brother William Gerber of East Syracuse. He was President of his class, co-editor of the school newspaper, as well as a member of the National Honor Society. Harold was active in sports and just recently became an Eagle Scout. I spoke with both Brother William and his son and offered my congratulations on behalf of the Lodge on Harold's accomplishments.

Important meetings scheduled

There are several meetings coming up very soon. On Tuesday, August 31st at 7:00 p.m., is the Monroe Masonic Kickoff Meeting at the Mosque on Bay Road in Webster. It is for Masters, Wardens and Deacons and is to provide knowledge, information and literature on the focus and direction for this year. There will be beer, soda, pretzels and peanuts for us to snack on.

There will be a Fellowcraft meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month, September 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 9th, will be our regular communication with a 1st Degree on the trestleboard. There will be a choice of Swiss Steak or Chicken for \$8.00 at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Please contact either our Secretary, R. W. Phil Averbach at 458-1817 or me at 334-7616 for reservations.

3rd Degree at Fairport Lodge

Congratulations to Brother Gary Donsky who received his Master Mason Degree at Fairport Lodge on June 28th. I thank W. Tommy Richenderfer and the members of Fairport Lodge for allowing us, once again, to have our candidate join with theirs for a Degree. Both the 3rd Degree and the Steak Dinner preceding it were excellent.

Brotherhood Fund requests

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund provides needed money to several charities. It is that important to me, as Master of Flower

City Lodge No. 910, that I am asking all of you to give all you can this year to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. If a couple of dollars is all you can give, I thank you for that. MY GOAL is to have 100% of the Brothers donating to the Fund this year.

**Charlotte/Corinthian
Lodge No. 1088**W. G. Thomas
Grape,
Master
(h)621-5283\$
1st & 3rd
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.C. William Flemming, Secretary
723-0083
4550 Lake Avenue
Rochester, New York 14612

This Summer is flying by and the May trestleboard, which I thought was our blueprint for the upcoming year, already has seven additions with two conflicts, which will be resolved at our Officers and Trustees meeting. I hope to distribute up-to-date copies soon. You should have received a phone call by now reminding you of this year's kickoff meeting September 7th. That meeting will be tiled and we will open early at 6:00 p.m. and adjourn to the parking lot by 6:30 p.m. for hot dogs, chips and beverages. Wear your loudest sport shirt (yes, there will be a prize with the winner chosen by acclamation) and come and meet old friends and make some new ones. Lodge business (short and sweet) will be conducted when we reconvene at 7:30 p.m.

Communication

Let me refer back to that phone call you should have received soliciting your attendance.

Your Leadership Team is extremely desirous of reversing our declining attendance at meetings. The key to that reversal is communication and having a program the membership enjoys participating in. To that end I hope to enhance our meetings with interesting speakers, both Masonic and non-Masonic.

At this writing our membership data is missing phone numbers for 15 local members. Those members will be receiving a letter requesting their phone number be given to our Secretary, Bill Flemming, 723-0083, or myself at 621-5282. The cost of postage is so high and the phone so much more convenient and personal, we hope to enhance our communications orally.

Phone Tree Committee

Please be pleasant to the officer or trustee who calls soliciting your participation. We intend to contact all 180 members in the greater Rochester area with our new Phone Tree Committee. If you would like to join the Phone Tree callers, it entails calling a group of nine members, soliciting their attendance, noting if they will come and/or dine, and report the same to the Junior Warden, Bill King at 266-5676. We can use the help and you can provide a useful service to your Lodge from the comfort of your own home.

I look forward to the upcoming year with great anticipation!

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R. W. Ruel Lovett, Grand Sword Bearer, assisting W. Dennis Tianello in presenting Thirty Year Service Award to W. Donald Walzer.

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Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



W.. Richard J.E. Ferris, Master
(h) 426-4330
(w) 889-5046



2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

R.W.. Herbert Spencer, Sec.
271-8577

875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y.
14605-2789

To the Brothers of Valley/Simes

I have pondered long on what to put into my first letter to you. I was hoping to tell of the grand things we did over the Summer, but I can't. We had our family picnic at Bill and Sharon Baldwin's, and to those who showed up, thank you. To Bill and Sharon, thank you again for your hospitality.

At the time I am writing this letter, I am canceling the Steak Roast for lack of Lodge participation. Our Junior Warden and I sat at the appointed time to finalize plans, but no one showed up and we had a grand total of 9 reservations. I have two of my friends who are interested in the Lodge, but as Master, I would have felt embarrassed to invite them to a function that would have such a poor turnout.

My Brothers, I, as your Master, am begging you to get out and support your Lodge and the activities we have planned for the year or plan on Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 becoming a thing of the past. We, the officers of your Lodge, are looking for your support.

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

Hopefully by the time you read this, I will be relaxing in the Adirondacks. I trust that everyone of our Brothers has had a good Summer and is in shape for starting out the Masonic year. I am currently making last minute changes to the Trestleboard, but I expect to have it out to the membership before the first meeting.

Summer recap

On June 28th we held a 3rd Degree with yours truly in the East for the 1st Section and W.. Tom Goodrich in the East for the Drama. We had not only our own Brother to raise, but also one from Valley/Simes and one from Flower City Lodges. W.. Tom Goodrich provided a wonderful Steak Dinner before the Ritual that was enjoyed by all. I thank Brother Pat Mammano for stopping by and helping with the dinner. We had the opportunity to see the dramatization done by a number of Brothers who had not been in Lodge for a long time. It was a very beautiful presentation and it was good to see so many Brothers come out.

On July 17th we held the Fairport Lodge/Chapter Joint Summer Picnic at the Richenderfer Estate in East Penfield. Even though I was at the grill again burning the hamburgers, a good time was had by all. Fortunately there was enough breeze to keep the temperature from wilting us all.

Upcoming events

On September 13th we will be holding the 1st meeting of the new Masonic year. I would like all of our Brothers to come out and make this year special.

The Official Visit of our DDGM will be on September 27th. The meeting will be preceded by a dinner, the details of which will be available at the meeting on the 13th.

I need your input

If you have suggestions, criticisms, or need transportation to get to the meeting, please call me at 377-7782 or e-mail me at tomrich@worldnet.att.net.

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154



W.. Raymond DiJames, Master
227-0494

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

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

Brethren, I hope you had an enjoyable Summer. As usual, the Summer seems to come and go so quickly.

Parade

This past 4th of July, the Penfield celebration which consists of an annual parade, had the participation of some of the Brothers of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154. I thank R..W.. Wayne Slack for arranging our participation and all the Brothers and their ladies for marching or riding in antique automobiles.

Membership Awards

At our last regular communication before the Lodge recessed for the Summer season, we presented a number of Masonic Membership Awards to the following Brothers:

70 years: W.. Eric Lewis DSA
60 years: Brother Elbert Outermans
55 years: W.. Gordon Oakes, Brothers William Fay, Donald Richardson and William Cobb
50 years: Brothers Harold Curchin, Charles Farrell, Charles R. Harris, and Patrick Torre

25 years: Worshipfuls: Ronald J. Bertie, Angelo DiCataldo, Raymond DiJames, Robert Nichols, and Brothers Bruce Hamilton and Fred Kittleberger

A big thank you to R..W.. Donald Darrohn, DDGM, for taking time from his busy schedule to accompany me in the presentations of the 70 and 60 Year Awards to the recipients where they reside.

Deaths

It is with sadness that I mention the passing of three of our Brothers called home by the Great Architect of the Universe: W.. George W. Horrocks, W.. John Lawrence, DSA, and Brother Lawrence F. Johnson.

Events

There will be an officers meeting on Wednesday, September

8th, at 7:00 p.m. to rehearse the Opening and Closing of the Lodge.

Our first meeting of the new Masonic year will be on the 13th.

Plan to attend our Annual Clam Bake on Saturday, September 25th, 2:00 p.m. at the Damascus Temple on Bay Road in Webster. Brother Steve Xander is the Chairman. More details will be forthcoming. Please come out and enjoy the fellowship.

Wakan/Hubbard - District Golf Tournament

Again this year Wakan/Hubbard will sponsor Masonic participation in the Lakeside Foundation's "Final Round of Golf" on Columbus Day, October 11th. All Lodges in the Monroe District are invited to field a team for this event. Last year we had entries from Etolian Wakan/Hubbard and the Grotto. We hope that this year will bring more extensive District participation.

Again this year Sentry Safe has donated one of their products as first prize. The prizes will be awarded at the dinner preceding the DDGM's Official Visit at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. Winners may join in the repast if they so desire.

The place has not been determined as yet by the Foundation Committee. Applications will be available as soon as this is nailed down. This does not prevent you from starting to get together your foursome. As soon as you have this information let me know (473-4351 Mon.-Fri a.m. or 458-6125 other times).

On a final note

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 was the recipient of the Howard Potts Award for the 11th consecutive year. Congratulations to the Past Masters and their Line Officers who made this possible. I hope that this outstanding performance continues.

Enjoy the balance of the Summer season. I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969

W.. Charles Strickland, Master
(h) 872-1397
(b) 235-2920

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

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

By Robert Ogden

Welcome back, Brothers

In spite of the record high temperatures, we hope you had an enjoyable Summer.

Record attendance

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge stands tall in having 29 members in attendance at our Summoned Meeting on May 18th. This is a record of sorts for a Summoned Meeting.

Condolences

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Brother Eddie Roberts. Thirteen members of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge participated in his Masonic Service.

From our Secretary

W.. Tom Kendig, our Secretary, stated this is the first time

there has been a waiting list for officers of the Lodge since he can recall. A most satisfying situation to be in.

Special Olympics

June 12th marked the date for the Special Olympics to be held at University of Rochester's Fauver Stadium. Approximately 150 athletes participated in the track and field events. Brothers Ken Schumacher, Paul Robertson and I were volunteers. On July 25th, another Special Olympics was held in Henrietta, with approximately 65 athletes competing in a golf tournament. Volunteers included were Brothers Ken Schumacher, Tom Kendig, Paul Robertson, Ralph Jurgens and his wife, Ann.

Norm Gauch donated golf balls, tees and sunglasses to all the participants of the Golf Special Olympics.

The Lodge is looking forward to being involved in the next event, which will be coming up in October.

Brotherhood Fund

The final figures for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund were 119 donors, totaling \$4,680.96. A "special thanks" to the faithful Brothers for your continued support, and to Bob Ogden for the great job he always does.

September 7th Dinner

September 7th will be an Open Meeting and dinner, with ladies invited. Our faithful Hilde, Joy and Ray will be serving a tentative Pork Dinner with all the trimmings, according to W.. Bill Hook.

Several Service Awards will be presented by our DDGM, R..W.. Don Darrohn, assisted by our Master, W.. Chuck Strickland.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to the Brothers with birthdays in July, August and September: Bill Adams, Hal Carlson, Jr., Jim Causey, Maury Clark, Don Connor, Dave DeHollander, Warren Doerrer, Don Fetting, Cliff Field, Army Ford, Volney Frankel, Bob Freitag, Sid Horton, Mike Jelfo, Bob Jurgensen, Bill Kaufman, Tom Kendig, Bill Kicherer, Dave King, Gar Kyte, Dave Lerner, Bob Lindeman, Al Marshall, Stan Nash, Frank Newman, Mal Nulton, Jay Painton, Gerry Pfrengle, Russ Rines, Chuck Sanford, Dick Sechrist, Bill Shelby, Duane Smith, Cliff Smith, Bill Stark, Jr., Joe Steffen, Karl Stets, Fran Suhr, Gary Traub, Chuck Waterstreet, Wes Trendell, Bob Waldeck, Gene White and Herb Young.

Future dates

Along with our September 7th meeting, Fellowcraft Club will meet on September 14th and we will have a regular meeting on September 21st.

Special Olympics

By Ken Schumacher
This Summer members of our Lodge volunteered with the Special Olympics. We had a great time at the Track and Field competition and the Level One Golf Skills competition. The Special Olympics Staff and Athletes made us feel welcome and warmed our hearts with their joy for life.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge plans to continue volunteering thru the upcoming Special Olympics season.

We invite Brothers from area Lodges and their families to join in the fun. It's a very rewarding experience.

Union Star Lodge No. 320

W.. John H. Williams, Master
533-1188



2nd Mon.
7:30 P.M.

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

Need support

Now that our Installation has been completed, I look forward to serving as Master and I am hopeful that we will have continued support of our Brothers. We especially need the assistance and guidance of our Past Masters to keep on improving our Lodge.

Successful booth

We had a booth set up at The Festival on the Green at Harry Allen Park in Honeoye Falls, and it was quite successful. This was due to the help of many of our Lodge members and the organization of the Chairman, Brother Jerry Wiedemann.

Official Visit

At our next regular meeting on September 13th, we will have our Official Visit by the District Deputy Grand Master, R..W.. M. Donald Darrohn. Let's have a good turnout for our Grand Lodge Officer. Our meeting will start at 7:30 p.m., but try to be there about 7:00 p.m. for a little socializing before the meeting gets started.

Bring-a-Friend Night

We expect to be having our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on October 25th. Now is the time to be considering which of your friends, relatives or co-workers might be potential candidates and pass their names and phone numbers along to our Membership Committee Chairman, W.. Bud Ripley at 624-1218. Our neighboring Lodge in Churchville recently took in about 13 new members, which was an achievement. We do not expect to be able to match that, but let's see if we can come close to it.

Improvement projects

If you can help with some of our special Lodge improvement projects and recreation activities, we would like you to be active in our Fellowcraft Club. Give Brother Gary Sanford a call at 425-4240 to find out when the meetings are and how to join the group.

Relocated Brother

At a recent reunion of Brighton High School graduates, (class of 1954), I had the opportunity to meet Brother Raymond Beedle, who now lives in Woodstock, Georgia. He has been a member of our Lodge since 1970. It is always a pleasure to meet and make the acquaintance of some of our relocated Brothers.

October events

Mark your calendars now for some of the events coming up in October. The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be on October 15th, and all officers are expected to attend so that we may qualify for the Howard Potts Award.

The Scottish Rite will be presenting the Symbolic Lodge Awards on October 21st. Let's also have a good turnout for this activity.


The Interfaith Service and Breakfast will be at Logan's Party

House on Sunday, October 17th. Don Alhart of Channel 13 will be receiving the Distinguished Community Service Award.

The Lodge has seen many improvements during this past year under the guidance of our Past Master, R. W. Bob Sanford. Try to get to the Lodge to see the results of the recent remodeling. □

Towpath

Lodge No. 163



W. Phillip R. Hurwitz
Master
581-1831

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

Greetings, Brothers

I hope everyone had a pleasant Summer.

Good news

Congratulations to Jaime Castrichini and Rachel Kerry, both of whom were awarded Grand Lodge Scholarships in July.

Working together

Thanks to all the Brothers who pitched in and made our August picnic and Blood Drive successful. Special thanks to our Senior Deacon, Joe Bogmis, for coordinating this year's Blood Drive.

It's official!

Towpath Lodge is now an official George Washington Bicentennial Community. Our newest Brother and Marshal, John Bryce III, was responsible for putting together a program in the Pittsford School District. Students will have a chance to compete for Washington related prizes, donated by the Lodge. Thanks to W. Bill Lindsay for his contribution to this effort.

September

Our first meeting on September 7th will be our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. A video presentation, followed by three talks (5 minutes) will be made. Literature explaining Freemasonry to the uninitiated will be provided. A repast will follow. If you know of someone who is of Masonic quality, please bring them with you to Lodge this evening. Our presentations will be friendly and informative; no hard sell.

Our second meeting of the month on September 21st, will start off with dinner at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Please phone in your reservation to W. Lou Campaniello at 247-4480 no later than September 17th. Following dinner will be our Official Visit from R. W. M. Donald Darrohn, DDGM of the Monroe District.

At this visit we will hear what our Grand Master has in store for Freemasonry in New York State. Brother Don is one of the hardest working Brothers in the Craft. Let's show him how much we appreciate all he is doing by our turnout this evening.


Looking ahead

Like seafood? Then be sure not to miss our Lodge Clambake on October 5th. Please phone in your reservation to W. Lou Campaniello no later than October 1st. I anticipate conferring the 1st Degree that evening.

See you all in Lodge. Take care. □

East Rochester's Ancient Craft

Lodge No. 943



W. Sean P. King, Master
224-8067

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

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East Rochester, N.Y. 14445

Greetings from the East

Hello, my Brothers. I hope this finds you all well and cool. The Fall is quickly approaching and our labors are soon to begin. The upcoming year is chocked full of "new" ideas and I hope to see some "new" faces to accompany it. Being active doesn't mean attending every meeting as much as doing what you can when you can.

June

The Awards Night went smoothly. The dinner was a wonderful chicken over rice with veggies, and was shared by over 100 guests and Brothers. The presentations were done by R. W. Carl J. Smith, DGM; R. W. Donald Darrohn, DDGM;

R. W. Rich Friedman and myself. R. W. Rich provided many insights to the audience for each recipient which made the evening more personal for the parties involved. The presentations were capped off with the awarding of the 75 Year Award to R. W. Bill Lennox and the Dedicated Service Award to W. Alexander Peters. We, at ERAC, are proud to know all of the recipients. I'd like to add my personal thanks to all who participated in any capacity to ensure the ease and smoothness of the evening.

September

Monday the 13th is our first meeting of the new Masonic year. The agenda for this meeting will be the presentation of goals and expectations for the upcoming year. I think you'll find a good mix of old and new in these. Come and see if they meet your expectations!

The 27th is Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. This will be the only BBAFN for the year. We all know a couple of good men, maybe one would make a good Mason.

October

Long range plans include the 11th, which will feature our first educational speaker, R. W. Don Vetal, speaking of "The Future of Freemasonry". Come and learn where our Fraternity is headed. □




Brother Al Johnson (center) being presented his Grand Lodge Service Award Certificate by R. W. Rich Friedman (right) with the assistance of R. W. Don Darrohn - DDGM and R. W. Carl J. Smith - Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge State of New York.

F A M E

Lodge No. 945

CHARTERED 1917
4275 Culver Rd.
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W. Michael Bell, Master
244-2895

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

Leon VanHuben, Secretary
647-1391

Brethren all

Our Summertime of sun, parties, cookouts, festivals and trips is drawing to a close. The time is approaching for us to pick up the trappings and traditions of our ancient Craft and so return to our labors.

We have a full schedule for the remainder of this year. It is likely that new members will be joining our Lodge. If that is the case, the prescribed rituals will be held as soon as possible. I will be contacting many of you regarding taking parts or roles in those Ceremonies.

Helping military families

During the coming year, Fame Lodge will be making efforts to support the Armed Forces of our country. I have found that manufacturer's coupons can be used at PX facilities, both in this

country and overseas. The various service branches have established systems whereby the coupons can be donated, and then distributed to military families. Those of you who have experienced living on military pay know that it is rigorous and difficult. Military commissaries will redeem those coupons until six months after the printed expiration date.

I would ask then that all of you save the clipped coupons you do not use, and bring them to Lodge, especially those that might prove valuable to younger families (cereal, diapers, baby food, etc.). I will collect them and see that they get to where they can be used. This very worthwhile cause will cost us nothing more than time, effort, and possibly a few paper cuts! I look forward to your whole-hearted cooperation in this program.

Please keep me informed of any illnesses or difficulties distressing the Lodge members or their families. Drive carefully, and remember that the school buses will again be on the roads. □

Free Tuxedos

We have a small inventory of used tuxedos, mostly small sizes. If anyone would like to donate their tuxedo to the Masonic Service Bureau, we will make them available to any Mason who needs one, free of charge. □

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Community Service

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grandson was a patient for a few days at the Children's Hospital. He received superb care from the medical staff. We cannot praise the nurses enough for their devoted care and attention.

2. Rochester Home Builders Homerama was held in Perinton in June. The Al Sigi Center requested our volunteer services to act as greeters, take admission tickets and distribute literature at the entrance of the admission tent, for the benefit of the Al Sigi Center. They requested only 2

people, therefore I could not recruit other volunteers from the Bureau. The Center would benefit from a generous donation from the Home Builders, as was done on previous Homeramas in recent years. The event was held in the Mason Valley subdivision, a great coincidence.

My wife and I agreed to serve in the name of the Masonic Service Bureau and did so on two separate dates.

At one of the exhibitor booths a Brother Mason, W.: Craig Wright of Seneca Lodge, recognized me from my Masonic cap and greeted me warmly. □



Harold Bollotin with volunteers at Grandparent's Booth.

Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



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

Successful event

The VA Bath Medical Center Memorial Day Parade was a huge success. For the last four years our Masonic group has been invited to participate in their parade. This year it was about a mile long, which was longer than usual due to the more than 40 marching units participating. The route was

lined up two deep, and in some places, three deep. W.: Parke Close was the photographer; Harold Bollotin was unable to attend.

There was a large segment of Masons and Eastern Star members present. The following were in the parade: R.: W.: Don Strait, Bath VA Grand Lodge Representative and Parade coordinator; Brother Don Eaton, Chaplain of his Lodge; R.: W.: Frank Brown, Grand Representative to Nova Scotia; R.: W.: Frank C. VanGilden, Grand Steward 1989-1990; W.: Daniel D. Easterbrook, Master Steuben Lodge No. 112; W.: Patrick A. McGlynn, Senior Deacon, Lodge No. 112; Brother Ted Bliven, DSA Trumansburg Lodge No. 157; Cal Wood, Monarch Balbec Grotto; W.: Roger Knowles, Grand Deacon, Lodge No. 112; Robert B. Hardy, Jr., Junior Warden, Trumansburg



Lodge No. 157; Rt. Wthy. Alzina Turner, Grand Electa 1995; Amy A. Kelly, Associate Matron, Bath Star No. 529; Rt. Wthy. Joyce Ann Scott, Matron, Bath Star No. 529; and Vic Louis, Secretary, Lansing No. 774.

Everyone enjoyed themselves. After the parade the Masons and Eastern Star members were invited to the Bath Lodge for hospitality.

Talk about being warm, all we needed by the time we finished the parade was a bar of soap, it looked like we had been in a shower! □



Summer veteran's events

On July 30th and 31st the 1999 Homeless Veteran's Stand Down Program was held at East High School. This year's program did again attempt to assist over 300 homeless and at risk veterans and their families by providing them with a broad range of services.

August 7th-12th was the 13th National Veterans Golden Age Games at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva.

VAMC volunteer schedule

Sunday, October 10th is the first ward visit of the Fall season in Building 8, Ward A at 1:30 p.m. A parking lot is located directly across the road from Building 8.

Sunday, November 14th is the final ward visit of the year 1999. The same time and place as above.

November 14th is the New York State Masons Hospital Visitation Day at Canandaigua.

December is the Annual Holiday Gift Wrap session in Building 5 auditorium and the Annual Holiday Gift distribution to the remaining wards. Dates and times are to be announced. □

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

The importance of title insurance

Chances are when you purchased your house, you also purchased title insurance. There are two types of title insurance policies; mortgage and owners. In an effort to save money, many homeowners only purchase mortgage title insurance at the time they close on their house. Mortgage title insurance comes into play if someone else claims that they own the land your house sits on. This type of insurance only protects the bank. If it does not protect the homeowner.

A mortgage title insurance policy will insure the bank against claims made by anyone claiming a superior claim to the land. If a claimant can prove his title is superior to yours, then the title insurance company will pay the claimant and indemnify the bank for its loss. Who now owns the house? Not you. It will now belong to the bank.

If all you have is mortgage title insurance, and you happened to

pay off your mortgage, then you lack the protection of title insurance. The bank no longer has a financial interest in your house; or put another way, the bank no longer has an insurable interest in your property.

If a superior land claim were made to your property, then to keep your house, you would have to go out and hire a lawyer to defend the title to your property. If you lose, then you have to pay the claimant for the value of the land, if you want to keep the house.

To avoid this situation, purchase an owners title insurance policy, simultaneously with mortgage title insurance. The insurance is usually purchased at closing. Owners title insurance is the same as the title insurance that protects the bank; the difference being, it protects you, too.

You may ask, "What me worry? When I purchased my house, the title company researched the title to my house back to the Civil War. If there was a problem with title, it would have been caught by the bank before it loaned me money to buy my house". True. That's the reason why many purchasers, in order to save some money on closing costs, waive purchasing owner's title insurance.

That may no longer be a prudent thing to do. Why? Because of what is taking place in Central New York. Native Americans are now in court to force the Government to honor treaties made in centuries past.

The Oneida Land Claim

The Oneida Tribe, back in 1985, proved to the US Supreme Court, that it has the right to sue Oneida County, NY, and Madison County, NY, for the fair rental value of lands that were wrongfully sold to New York State in 1795. The essence of the claim is that the sale of Indian lands to New York State violated a federal treaty signed a few years earlier in 1793. The Court sent the lawsuit (filed in 1970) back to the trial court for a resolution.

Since 1985, negotiations between the Oneida Tribe and New York State have not resulted in any settlement of the claim. Thus, the Oneida Tribe has amended its original 1970 lawsuit to include nearly 20,000 homeowners in central New York. Recently, and close to home, Cayuga County refused to settle land claims brought by the Oneida Tribe. A lawsuit to evict property owners in that county may be imminent. I believe that this is a litigation tactic to scare homeowners into putting political pressure on the State to settle the lawsuit. Yet, the Oneida's claim is scheduled for trial in September.

Let's assume that the Oneida's and the State cannot settle. The lawsuit goes to trial and the Oneida Tribe wins. This means that the Oneida Tribe has title to a vast portion of land located in Oneida, Madison and Cayuga Counties. As an affected homeowner, title to your land has been changed. The Oneida Tribe are rightful owners of your land; they have not been paid. To retain title to your land, you would have to purchase it from the tribe.

If you are still paying off a mortgage, then chances are you already have mortgage title insurance. Banks require you purchase it before they will lend you money to purchase a house. The problem with this insurance is you lack protection. If the Oneida Tribe were to press its claim then the bank would be paid; you would lose your house. If you also

have owners title insurance, then you would keep your house. Why? Because the title insurance company would have to pay the Tribe to protect your claim to your house.

While I am aware of no Indian tribes contemplating pressing any claims in Monroe County, given what is happening down the Thruway in Syracuse, should give any homeowner in New York State reason for pause. □



Mystery

It always amazes me as to the type of electrical wiring you can find in houses. This one was a real mystery. The call was about no power in two areas of the house; the living room ceiling fan, closet ceiling exhaust fan, closet ceiling light, garage wall exhaust fan and garage door. Examining the circuit panel box, it was found that all breakers were on and that none had tripped. I removed the living room dimmer switch - found no power, removed the switch in the closet - no power. This happened with all the circuits I tested. This house had a crawlspace above the ceiling. The opening was in the garage; yes, you guessed it, a pile a mile high of things was under the mess. Pulling down the ladder, I went into the crawl space. It was 9:00 a.m., and the temperature was already about 90 degrees.

You can just imagine how hot it was by 11:00 a.m., when the problem was solved. When I started to crawl around, I found about seven 4" square boxes, not where you could see them, but buried under the insulation. Using the hot line signal tester, I started to trace the wires. The more wires that I traced, the more complex it became. Some wires I could not trace because they were hidden under some plywood flooring. To trace those wires would have meant tearing up half of the flooring in the crawl space, and this could be a major project at that point. After being in the crawl space for about an hour, with sweat pouring off me, I went down. There had to be a loose wire somewhere.

As I was coming down the ladder, I noticed two switches up near the top of the door, and asked the lady of the house what they were for. She replied that they would turn them off when they went away so no one could get into the house by opening the garage door.

Yep, you guessed it. I turned the switches on and everything was working again. Because she could not reach the switches, she would use a squeegee to turn them off. She only wanted to do one switch, but being short, she could not really see, and turned off both.

When the wiring was done, the hot wire was taken off the switch leg controlling the garage door, instead of the main supply, so every time they went out and put the two switches on the off position, they did not realize that all of those other things would not operate either.

I asked her who did the wiring and was told it was her husband. I told her it was not correct and should be changed. She became very indignant and said her husband knew what he was doing and the wiring was perfect. They had no problems before because when he was alive he would turn

the switches off and never really showed her how they worked. After showing her the system, she still insisted that the wiring was correct.

As far as I know, the wiring is still the same and I pity a new owner, because she is selling the house. If there ever is a fault in the wiring, it will turn out to be a major wiring job. Whomever goes in there to fix the fault will spend hours trying to figure out the wiring and she will not be there to tell them about the switches.

Free power

This case is one where someone decided to take liberty with free power. The service was of the early type with four fuses (30 amp. type).

This all started when the homeowner and his wife went out to buy a new stove and dryer. The salesman said it would not be much of a job to install the wiring. When the service people delivered the appliances, they told the homeowners they needed new wiring. You can imagine what was said when they heard this.

Where I came in

The job started like any other job. I pulled the disconnect on the service and then pulled the meter. When I went inside the house, some lights were still on, so was the refrigerator, washing machine, furnace and his work area. Looking around, I could find nothing to explain why they lost power, so I went outside to look at the service. Still nothing. I climbed the ladder, and bingo, there it was. Someone had connected wires to the main line, drilled a hole in the overhang and went into the attic. From there the wires went to the basement into a junction box and connections made. They had done this to by-pass the meter. This was a common practice in past years.

There were no fuses in this line. The wire was a number 12, only good for 20 amps. He had all these appliances on that wire. Just imagine what could have happened if the wires had overheated. Good-bye house and maybe occupants. He probably never did have all of them on at one time. When they would use the washer, they would probably make sure the furnace was off, or some other appliance. I asked how it happened, and they don't know.

Remember, trying to save one dollar could make you spend thousands. After the new service was installed, I received a phone call saying that all of the appliances were working better and his lights seemed brighter. □



**James A. Hard/
Wayne Charter
Post No. 12**

Alfred Pulcino, Commander
225-8471
William Golding, Adjutant
266-2384

By Jay McCullough

The East side

Post Comrades were proud to compose a 12 member unit in the Memorial Day Parade in East

Rochester. Comrade Don Moore made the arrangements to have our Post represented. Don drove his classic convertible sports car, which of itself was a big attraction. Since our vets are not as spry as they once were, they did not object to being transported by Commander Al Pulcino and Comrade Emil Schirano in their Lincoln Town Cars of varying vintages.

Our white shirts, black pants, accessories, and various colored overseas caps (depending on officer status) have become our standard uniform.

The Northwest side

On Decoration Day, Monday, May 31st, we participated in the



Al Pulcino - Commander, MWV Post No. 12, with James Esken - 81 year old grandson of James A. Hard.

Parade and Veteran's Memorial Dedication in the Town of Greece. Doan Auto Dealership provided the Post with two vans. This was ideal as we had the side doors open and Comrades tossed candies to the spectators, particularly children, along the parade route. There were 13 Comrades able to turn out this time.

The South side

Post Commander Al Pulcino III spent much of his time and effort in organizing a memorial service and birthday observance for our Post namesake, James A. Hard. We fielded 16 Comrades at the Hard gravesite in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Several of our spouses were there as well as a number of the 34 relatives and descendants of James A. Hard. The family covers 8 generations.

The service, weather and bon vivance of the evening proved to be very beautiful in the eyes of Post Adjutant, Bud Golding.

Commander Pulcino has visions that next year's remembrance will be bigger and better with the help of more attendees, a Civil War re-enactment group, a 21 gun salute, the Shrine Pipe Band, and other elements that are in the works.

Petitions, please

The Commander is looking for a return of the several petitions that are outstanding. A quick submission to the Adjutant will help in planning the large group expected to be obligated at the first meeting on September 23rd.

Color Guard duty

We have agreed to furnish the Color Guard for the Interfaith Service and Breakfast at Logan's on Sunday, October 17th. There was a nice turnout last year, and we'd like all who can do so to sign up now so we can do a little practice and perform with pride.

Veteran's Day

We plan again to observe Veteran's Day at the War Memorial. We had a fine group last year, but would like a larger than ever turnout. The luncheon after the observance is



Comrades of MWV Post No. 12 at James A. Hard grave site: George Goodman, Jr., Arthur Maupin, Bud Golding, John Bennett, Al Pulcino - Commander, Frank Jansson, Dean Marsaw, Emil Schirano, Gil Gellash, Robert Belt, Leon VanHuben, Brad Hebner (hidden), Fred Prince and Harold Bolotin (Photos by Don McDill).



Masonic War Vets who participated in the Memorial Day Parade and the Dedication of the "Veterans Wall" in the town of Greece (Photo by Frank Jansson).

Masonic War Veterans, James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 march in the Rochester Memorial Day Parade



a highlight. Comrade Leon VanHuben and Commander Al Pulcino will tell you this is a terrific spread, and best of all, the wives are invited and welcome.

Pearl Harbor observance

This year we will repeat Post observance of Pearl Harbor Day at the Coast Guard Station at Summerville. This will be followed by breakfast at the American Legion Post on Dorsey Road, near Mt. Read (There's a big war tank in front!). Let's calendar this one soon so we don't forget. The date: call the Adjutant.

A strengthened membership

Didn't get your 1999 dues card? The advice of the Adjutant is to redate your old one to December 31, 1999. All 50 current members are current! Cards were not printed as expected this year by the MWV of New York. Maybe next year.

Post on the move

We've had an unusually strong showing this year. We hope it becomes the pattern for future successful Post events. We're striving to get better and we will with the cooperation of Post members. □

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Our Summer has been hot and dry. Some people have enjoyed this type of weather while others have been uncomfortable. Each time I complained about it being too hot, I reflected on the times in January and March when we were buried in snowdrifts. Some people enjoyed that weather while others did not.

I like to think that Masonry, and in particular your Scottish Rite, is somewhat like the weather. Not everyone will enjoy everything we do. Some will enjoy the Degree work, some the social activities like dinners, picnics and outings, and others will enjoy programs with speakers or entertainment. We try to provide a variety of programs and activities and hope that you will participate in that which is of interest to you.

Our September 16th meeting will honor the First Line Signers of petitions during last year. Without these Brothers it would not be possible to have new members and we will recognize them and present them with a token of appreciation. We hope you will be in attendance to show your thanks to those who have helped bring new members to our Valley.

In July approximately 30 members of our Valley and their ladies attended the New York State Council of Deliberation

Meeting in Syracuse. It was our pleasure to see Brother Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA, receive his Meritorious Service Award. Don has been a hard worker for the Valley of Rochester for many years and we congratulate him on receiving this high honor. I am sure you will agree that he is most deserving of this recognition.

It was a privilege and a pleasure to be present when it was announced that Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr. has been designated to receive the Meritorious Service Award next year. It would be impossible to list all that Paul has done for Scottish Rite, Masonry in general, and service to his fellow man. We congratulate Paul on being selected to receive this high honor.

Another member of our Valley was accorded a high honor. Brother Stephen R. Whittaker, 32° MSA, was presented the Deputy's Award. This Award, in the form of a plaque, was presented by Ill. Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active and Deputy for the State of New York. This Award is given each year to an individual who has contributed in some way to the work of the Scottish Rite in New York State. Steve is a Co-Chairman of the Membership Committee and has been a driving force in our success in bringing new members to our Valley. He has been appointed Membership Chairman for the New York Council of Deliberation, which I believe reflects on the positive results he has achieved in the Valley of Rochester. □

Charitable Giving

By David Larson

"If there's a will, there's a way."

As we turn our attention back to the good work of Freemasonry after a Summer of recreation and relaxation, it is a good time to review our wills and financial accounts.

The Scottish Rite Learning Centers are growing and in great need of bequests that will ensure that what we have built in Rochester will continue to grow here and throughout the Northern Jurisdiction. Because this grand charitable endeavor is relatively new to the Scottish Rite, it is important for all of us to consider updating our wills and trusts to include the Learning Centers as one of the charitable beneficiaries of our estate.

Gifts by will are quite simple to make. All you have to do is include a provision in your will or write a codicil (amendment) to your will that states exactly what you would like to leave to a charity at your death. It can be a specific amount, security or property; or it can be a percentage of your estate. It can be given as an unrestricted bequest or you can specify a particular use, such as research or a building fund.

It is important that you consult an attorney when you decide to update your will to make sure all of the legal provisions and language is appropriate and clear.

The Scottish Rite Office has a number of generic sample bequest provisions that you may review. Please keep the Masonic Charities in mind in your estate plans, and as always, please call on us for further information or to discuss your particular charitable intentions. □

Franklin Granata II Thrice Potent Master



Brother Franklin G. Granata II was raised in Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 (now ERAC No. 943) on May 17, 1989. He served as Worshipful Master in 1994.

Brother Franklin joined the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. on November 20, 1993, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. He was installed as Thrice Potent Master of Rochester Lodge of Perfection on May 20, 1999.

His other Masonic affiliations include membership in Damascus Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. He was Commodore of the Damascus Temple Yacht Club in 1996 and currently holds the office of Fleet Captain in the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs. In Lalla Rookh Grotto he is currently Steward.

Brother Franklin was born in Rochester, attended Aquinas High School, and earned a Degree in Associate Mortuary Science from SUNY Canton ATC. He received his license as a Funeral Director and practiced his profession in Lowville, Geneva and Rochester. He currently is a Pressman and Production Manager at Advanced Quick Press.

Franklin and his wife, Penny, are the parents of Ashley Marie. They reside in Macedon. □

Eldon N. White Sovereign Prince



Brother Eldon White was raised in Milnor Lodge No. 139, Victor, N.Y. in April, 1979. He served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1984 and 1991 and was Chairman for the 150th Anniversary of the Lodge. Brother White was the AGL of the OSY District in 1996-1998. He was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of New York for 1998-2000.

Brother Eldon joined the Valley of Rochester on November 20, 1993 and is currently serving the Valley as Most Wise Master. Eldon has been the Chairman of the Annual Family Picnic for three years and does a wonderful job.

He was born in Troupsburg, NY in 1944 and attended Morrisville Agriculture and Technical College. Eldon retired from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Marketing after 20 years of employment. He is currently employed in produce sales.

Eldon and his wife, Denise, reside in Victor and are the parents of two sons, Michael and Patrick. □

John E. Zabel, 33° Most Wise Master



Ill. John E. Zabel, 33°, was raised in Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 1054 (now 154) on November 23, 1987. He served as Worshipful Master 1994-95, and a Trustee from 1995-98. He served on the Grand Lodge Leadership Services Committee from 1989-96 and was Chairman 1989-91. He is currently Assistant Grand Lecturer.

John joined the Valley of Rochester in 1988 and served as Thrice Potent Master of Rochester Lodge of Perfection in 1993-94. He was coroneted a 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council in 1997. Illustrious

Brother Zabel was installed as Most Wise Master on May 20th.

In the York Rite he belongs to Hiram Chapter, RAM, and St. Mark's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He is also a member of Damascus Temple, AAONMS; Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Rochester Forest No. 133; Philalethes Society, Finger Lakes Chapter; Quatro Coronati Correspondence Circle; American Lodge of Research; Texas Lodge of Research; and the Southern California Lodge of Research.

John attended grade school in Webster, NY; Case Western Reserve University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering; and is currently a Software Engineer at Kodak. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1968-72, retiring as Captain in the Air Force Systems Command as a Development Engineer.

He and his wife, Sheryl, have a daughter, Kathryn. He attends Mountain Rise United Church of Christ where he has been Superintendent of the Church School, Council Chairman, Membership Chairman and Financial Secretary. □

Reverend Paul R. Gleason, Jr. Elected to Receive Meritorious Service Award



Brother Paul R. Gleason, Jr. was elected to receive this Award at the 1999 New York Council of Deliberation that was held in July in Syracuse, NY. This was the end of a very great Scottish Rite year for Brother Paul. He served the Valley as Most Wise Master and the 1999 Spring Reunion Class was named after him.

He was raised in Olive Branch Lodge, Millbury, MA. He affiliated with Frank L. Simes Lodge No. 990, serving as Master in 1984. He has been Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, F.& A.M. since 1972.

Brother Paul joined the Valley of Rochester in 1992 and was installed as Most Wise Master in Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix on May 9, 1998.

In the York Rite he is a member of Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM; Doric Council No. 19, R&SM; Honorary Past Commander of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, KT, and is Prelate of St. Mark's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

Brother Gleason served as President of the Masonic Service Bureau during 1990-1992. He is also Chaplain of Damascus Temple, AAONMS.

Rev. Gleason is a recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor Community Service Award. He

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also received the Wendell Walker Builders of Men Award from Grand Lodge.

Brother Gleason served his country in the U.S. Navy where he was a Fireman 1st Class. He retired as Minister of Immanuel Baptist Church and is presently a Financial Advisor. He and his wife, Dottie, are the parents of two children, Donna and Stephen.

Hospitaller's Report

By Thomas Paglia, 32° MSA

Clifford N. Hayner - having knee problems.

C. Acker Smith - is at home recovering from surgery.

Earl DeSmith, 32° MSA - now recovering at home from a recent hospital stay.

William J. Kuehne - had a bout of arthritis and gout in his foot.

Richard Lippincott - has been receiving treatments.

Dave Clarke, 32° MSA - had surgery and is now feeling great.

Roy S. Dememint, 33° - recuperating at home.

Gordon J. Ball - had bladder surgery.

Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., 32° MSA - had surgery on his hand.

Horace C. Porter, 33° - at Hilton East and would enjoy visitors.

I am sure all these Brothers would appreciate hearing from you. Please send cards or stop by and visit them.

A Report by the Long Range Planning Committee to the Membership

By Charles O. Hancock

At our meeting in January of 1999 I presented a preliminary report of the Long Range Planning Committee to the Membership regarding our Valley of Rochester Strategic Plan 2005. That Report has been finalized and is available upon request from the Valley Office.

We state in the Report that it is the role and responsibility of the officers of the Valley to manage the affairs of the Valley. There is nothing revolutionary or even new in that concept. Never the less, we must restate the thought if for no other reason than to impress upon the elected and appointed officers that they have accepted an obligation to fulfill a commitment. The Report is, in effect, a blueprint for current and future officers providing guidance as to where we are going and how to get there.

There are two key concepts that need to be understood for this plan to be successful. They were clearly defined in the New York State Council of Deliberation Strategic Plan. The Rite Model for the Future drafted by Ill. Larry E. Foster, 33°, as being a Shared Vision allowing us all to focus our efforts in the same direction and a Value Proposition allowing each of us to answer the question "What's in it for me?"

The first concept of a vision to be shared is one which every organization should have. Unfortunately, most attempt to reduce this concept to a formula for success. The result is usually a mission statement which is believed will guide everyone equally in making decisions. In business, this usually falls short because those with various levels of responsibility interpret their roles differently. It is the exceptional company that succeeds based on visionary leadership because few leaders are truly visionary.

In Masonry however, we have a clear vision of role and purpose in making good men better. Furthermore, we know how to do this because we have a model which has stood the test of time. We have a Fraternity based on common elements which we all share, understand, and appreciate. We must each strive to be the best we possibly can be. In Fraternal Brotherhood we can participate in activities which allow us to share and support each other as we individually confront the everyday trials of our lives. It is the sharing of experiences where our mutual support, one for another is perhaps of most value. We can accomplish that through participation in our Craft Lodges and in Scottish Rite activities.

To that end, I would like to invite every member of the Valley of Rochester to examine the following activities of the Bodies of the Valley of Rochester to see if you have an interest or ability in any particular program activity or activities in which you could participate. This is an opportunity for you to be part of the Fraternal activities which mean so much to each of us as Scottish Rite Masons.

Activities & Programs

This list is presented as an example of the activities and programs we believe to be in support of the value proposition. By recognizing that you can participate and contribute to the success of such activities and programs we wish to encourage you to step forward and take charge in making them come true.

- Reunions (Committees)
- Reunions (Degree Participant)
- Program Committees
- Scottish Rite Education Officer Line Orientation, Training, and Participation
- Say "Hello" Program
- Informative Degrees & Degree Vignettes
- Stag Outing
- Golf Tournament/League
- Bowling Tournament/League
- Sportsman's Hunting and Fishing Field Days
- Dinner Meetings
- Institute of Freemasonry
- Monthly "Good Cheer" Luncheon
- Worker Appreciation Dinner
- Degree Director Training Program
- Visits to Other Valleys
- Family Life Program
- Outstanding Masonic Family Awards
- Family Summer Picnic
- Membership Recognition Night
- Children's Fishing Derby
- Ladies Night Dinner
- Theater Trips and Excursions
- Father Daughter/ Granddaughter Program
- Father Son/Grandson Program
- Abbott Scholarships
- Red Wings Baseball Night
- Americans Hockey Night
- Rhinos Soccer Night
- Nighthawks Lacrosse Night
- Amateur Theatrical Group
- Children's Christmas Party (All Masonic Organizations)
- 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children
- Feast of the Paschal Lamb
- Theatrical Club and Concerts
- Have a Heart - Ronald McDonald House
- Brother Bring-a-Brother Night
- Brother Bring-a-Friend Night
- Visitations (Craft Lodges)
- Craft Lodge support (membership)
- Craft Lodge support (activities)
- Craft Lodge Ambassador Program
- Speakers Bureau
- Courtesy Degree Team

- Leadership Training
- Outreach to York Rite
- Outreach to Shrine
- Outreach to Masonic Youth Organizations (DeMolay, Triangle, Rainbow, etc.)

I invite each and every one of you to choose the program(s) that you believe are of interest to you and to which you can contribute. Let me know of your interest by contacting me, at 716-223-1850 or by cutting out this list, circling those areas of interest and mailing it to the Scottish Rite Office, 875 Main Street East, Rochester, NY 14605.



Opportunity

(The following was taken from the "Miscellanea" of the Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, VOL. XIII, PART II, 1993.)

This I beheld, or dreamed in a dream:
There spread a cloud of dust along the plain;
And underneath the cloud, or in it raged

A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords
Shocked upon swords and shields.
A prince's banner wavered, then staggered backward, hemmed by foes.
A coward hung along the battle's edge
And thought, "Had I a sword of keener steel -
That blue blade that the king's son bears - but this
Blunt thing - ! He snapt and flung it from his hand,
And, lowering, crept away and left the field.
Then came the king's son, wounded, sore bestead,
And weaponless, and saw the broken sword,
Hilt buried in the dry and trodden sand,
And ran and snatched it, and with battle-shout
Lifted afresh, he hewed his enemy down,
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York Rite NEWS

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Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitulat District



R.E. Stephen Licht

Fraternal greetings

I hope everyone enjoyed our first District-wide Steak Roast at Kiwanis Park, Batavia.

My wife and I were able to attend the wedding of our Grand High Priest in July and extend to our M.E. Companion and Joanne many years of happiness together.

Options

September returns us to the work in the quarries of Masonry. I have been advised that candidates are in waiting throughout the District. Please make your plans and decisions NOW!! This is the responsibility and duty of the Chapter and the High Priest, in particular. Several options are open to the Chapters:

1. Confer the Degree in your Chapter and request assistance from the Assistant Grand Lecturer as needed.
2. Make arrangements through the DDGHP to take the candidates to Lake Osco on September 11th to receive the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees at an outdoor Festival, followed by a Steak Roast. The MEM can be done locally and the Holy Royal Arch at Utica on October 16th, or by Western Star.
3. Request another Chapter to assume the responsibility for the Degree conferrals.
4. Do absolutely nothing and allow the candidates to lose interest.

Fine Ritual

Congratulations to all Chapters in the District for providing candidates and fine Ritual presented in the Degree work during the first half of 1999. It is to our credit when Chapters outside our District seek us out to assist with Degree work.

Buffet Breakfast

The next District-wide meeting is being tentatively planned for the first Sunday in November at the now well known and attended Attica Lodge Buffet Breakfast. A brief and informal discussion of matters of Capitular concern will be held at 9:00 a.m. These periodic meetings, in addition to being required by Grand Chapter, do provide an opportunity to bring up issues of concern to Royal Arch Masonry and help us function more as a cohesive and unified body of Masonry. In addition, the Breakfast is a pretty good reason to attend.

Meaningful Convocations

I would like to share a thought with you and perhaps get some feedback. My time is very short and I try to make every activity meaningful and avoid wasting your, and my, free time. I am certain that I am not alone in the feeling that we have sat in too many Masonic meetings that had no effort put into their planning, that nothing was accomplished and time would be better spent elsewhere. These are sentiments I have heard echoed too many times from too many ex-members. Agendas need to be established for the meetings and the necessary business to be crisply executed. The old joke about "how many Masons does it take to change a light bulb", is NO JOKE.

Excellent Companions, put forth effort into making your Convocations meaningful. Those who attend are owed this from those of us who have accepted the responsibility of leadership. When a Chapter is unable to open because of attendance, a few minutes of reviewing parts or planning next month's activity should be the first order of business. If a Chapter is chronically unable to open, the reasons WHY need to be addressed. The enthusiasm and energies of the Companions need to be expressed or they will fade away into darkness.

I will be making visits to the Chapters of the District through the year, as time permits. If you are planning any events, please advise me as soon as possible and I will make every effort to be present.

In closing, I am proud to be a member of the 29th District, the home of so many enthusiastic and dedicated Royal Arch Masons. Keep up the "Good Work, True Work, Square Work".

and to present a donation from our Chapter to the Grand High Priest, M.E. Arnold E. Palmer. This event was well attended and all enjoyed the music presented by our own R.E. Karl Reich. Companion Art McMichael, his wife, and Trudy Reich were in attendance.

Regarding the Scholarship Fund: M.E. Charles Reilly, Grand Secretary of Royal Arch Masons in New York, is Chairman of the Scholarship Aid Committee. The two students sponsored by the Chapter each received \$500 grants. They are Chatelle M. Thibault and Aaron Charles Thompson.

Upcoming Degree

The Mark Master Degree is being planned for the September 14th Convocation. I hope all of you will find it within the length of your cabletow to be present and to support this most important responsibility of our Craft. R.E. Karl tells us there are candidates ready to start on the RAM path. If you know of any prospective candidates, please turn petitions in right away so timely and proper procedures can be followed.

The September 14th Convocation will open at 7:00 p.m., and Degree work begins at 7:30 p.m.

Looking ahead

Time has passed quickly. It's hard to believe that I will be serving you as High Priest for less than four more months. Our Nominating Committee will be working and I urge each of you to cooperate with them (V.E. James McConnell and Companions Don Darrohn and Eugene Brendel).

I sincerely hope you had a pleasant Summer and will find time this Fall for our fine Royal Arch Masonic Chapter.

Grand Line, RAM, Attends St. John's Weekend



(Front) M.E. John Sainz - GHP-1992, M.E. Charles Reilly - Grnd. Sec. - GHP-1986, M.E. Arnold Palmer - Grand High Priest, M.E. Robert Del Duca - GHP-1996. (middle) R.E. David Stoy - Grnd. Principal Sojourner, R.E. Ted Harrison - Grnd. Cpt. of the Host, R.E. Donald Lounsberry - Grnd. Scribe. (back) R.E. Alan Lewis - Grnd. Master of the 1st Veil, R.E. James Hemstrought, Jr. - Grnd. Royal Arch Capt., R.E. Alan Morgan - Grnd. Master of the 2nd Veil and R.E. Thomas Paglia - Grnd. Sentinel.

By Tom Paglia, Grand Sentinel

A very wonderful day was spent at the Masonic Home Campus in Utica, NY, on St. John's Day. The parade and all attending presented a festive mood. There was plenty of food, refresh-

ments and crafts to be had. Although it could have been a lot cooler, all took it in stride. The Grand Line presented an impressive appearance in their white dinner jackets with red and gold trim and were generously received by the spectators.



M.E. Arnold Palmer, Grand High Priest, RAM, State of New York (right), and his wife, Joanne, attended ERAC Lodge for the presentation of a 25 Year Service Award to her father, Al Johnson (left). Presenting the Award was W. Sean King, Master.



R.E. Vern Goodrich - Grand Treasurer, assisting R.E. Jay McCullough in adjusting his Past Grand Master of the 1st Veil Apron.

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Companions

As I write this article it is the beginning of August and Summer is not over, but it is our hope that you and yours had a great recess. When people comment about the heat and dry spell we have had so far, I refrain from any remarks. I just keep remembering the snow storm in March, which prevented some of us from attending Grand Chapter, or at least causing us to arrive a day late.

In the June article, I suggested we greet every Companion in the Chapter room when we first enter it. It IS a great habit to have. Don't be afraid to be the first one to stick out your hand and say "hello".

The Summer Picnic was June 24th at the Henrietta Park. Every-

New Companions

By the time you receive this issue of the *Masonic Times* our ranks will have increased by two!

In late Spring our 3X3 Chapter held the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees. On May 14th the Most Excellent was presented by Arcade No. 322 in Pike, and on May 18th, the Holy Royal Arch was held in LeRoy No. 183. We thank all who presented the work.

We are pleased to welcome the new Companions, George R. Springett and Jesse Noble, Jr.

Royal Arch Scholarships

On April 24th, I was privileged to attend the Past High Priests Association Dinner in Batavia

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one had a great time. We presented two Hiram Scholarships.

Canadian visit

Plan ahead. The Canadians are coming to Hiram Chapter this Fall. The visit is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th. We hope to present the Most Excellent Master Degree at our afternoon session. To my knowledge, our Canadian Companions have not had the opportunity to see New York State's MEM Degree. After this we will join with them in breaking bread at a dinner with our ladies. The evening will end at the Hospitality Room at the hotel. For those who have yet to attend a visit, either here or in Toronto, you have missed one of the greatest ways to meet new friends and have a superb time.

Fall Class

We need candidates for the Fall. The MMM and PM Degrees will be conferred September 23rd, the MEM Degree will be at the Canadian visit, and the HRA Degree will be October 28th. Again, WE NEED CANDIDATES.

Rochester York Rite Bodies

On November 17th, the three local York Rite Bodies - Hiram Chapter, Doric Council and Cyrene/Monroe Commandery - are planning to meet in a joint session to be hosted by Doric Council. We will start off with a dinner, then the Bodies will open and close, followed by a presentation by Paul Spillman portraying President Theodore Roosevelt. All who have seen Mr. Spillman do one of his portrayals of famous personages have never been disappointed. Please plan on attending this first joint York Rite gathering.

As your High Priest, it is my hope to see you at our Convocations. Until then, may our God above watch over you and yours until we meet again.

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Save the date

The next meeting of the WNY Past High Priests' Association will be held on Wednesday, September 29th, at the Hamilton House Restaurant, Batavia. The location is at Terry Hills Golf Course, on Route 33, approximately 2 miles East of Batavia, near the location of the previous Scholarship Dinner. We would like to place the dinner order by 6:15 p.m., that our meeting may begin at 7:30 p.m. Full menu service is available to us and reservations are NOT required.

Scholarship Dinner, 2000

R.E. Ron Januskiewicz has made the preliminary arrangement for the Scholarship Dinner, 2000, and will present them to us. He looks forward to the assistance of the membership.

Other business

The Financial Report and final statistics of the 1999 Dinner will be presented this evening. Two applications for membership will require formal action. Our new Secretary-Treasurer,

R.E. Ken Kohlhausen, will be taking office and I personally thank him for taking on this task in addition to his many other Masonic duties.

Our VP, R.E. Dave Barwell, will Chair the meeting as Melissa and I will be celebrating our anniversary in St. Lucia.

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Welcome

I take this opportunity to welcome Corning Council No. 53 to the 8th Cryptic District. This is a growing area, in Councils, as well as in members. With any luck we will be adding a NEW Council in the not too distant future.

Looking ahead

I am pleased to announce "The First Annual Capitular & Cryptic Festival" in Utica on Saturday, October 16th. In the morning Grand Chapter will be conferring the Holy Royal Arch Degree. In the afternoon, Grand Council will confer the Council Degrees. Lunch is \$10.00 and I am accepting reservations. Without a reservation you will not get lunch! Please make checks payable to: Grand Council, State of New York.

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Grand Standard Bearer

Honors

At the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, held in Fishkill, NY, on August 20-21, Mrs. Maude Wilder, was honored by Companions of this State and the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. She is the wife of R. I. Horace Wilder of NunDaWaGa Council No. 92.

During the Saturday evening banquet, Mrs. Wilder was presented with the General Grand Council's Adult Leadership

Wife of Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Member Honored



R. I. Horace and his wife, Maud Wilder-Grand Council Honoree.

**Doric Council
No. 19
Cryptic Masons**

(Chartered in 1861)



3rd
Wednesdays

William R. Lindsay, Ill. Master
621-3573
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Rochester, N.Y. 14805

New Officers

Doric Council No. 19 continues to provide strength and leadership for the Grand Council of New York by its support of Grand Council charities and by providing key personnel in leadership positions. Other articles have named these leaders, so I will not do that here; my point, however, is that these same men do not neglect their local Council and continue to be part of the team that keeps Doric a strong Council. In May of this year, the Annual Meeting was held and the following were elected/appointed for the ensuing year.

- Illustrious Master Wm. Lindsay
- Deputy Master Donald Brugger
- Principal Conductor Vernon Goodrich
- Treasurer Robert Pettit
- Recorder L. Edward Walker
- Chaplain William Zufall
- Captain of the Guard John Dudley
- Conductor of the Council Benjamin Thorpe
- Steward Bruce Horncastle

Award in recognition of FOUR DECADES of active support to the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and to Batavia Assembly No. 25. It was presented by M. I. Paul B. Matthews, our retiring Grand Master of Cryptic Masons and M. I. Bennie G. Owens, Regional Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council and Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the State of Maryland.

Firsts

This marks several "FIRSTS" in this Grand Jurisdiction. Mrs. Wilder is the first lady to receive this Award and this is the first time ever a husband and wife have received this Award in NY, and perhaps, internationally. At the 175th Annual Grand Assembly, R. I. Horace Wilder was presented with the Adult Leadership Award for giving four decades of service to the Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Congratulations to this couple who have devoted so many years of time and effort to the Order of Rainbow.

Marshal Charles Roberts
Sentinels Edward Brereton and Thomas Paglia
Trustee Paul Josephson

In addition, regular attendees at Doric Council include members from neighboring Councils. This level of participation assures that Doric Council is able to provide a quality of Ritual and Degree experience that elucidates and completes the Hiram Legend.

Events

A full program for the year is planned which commences with Degrees on September 15th and October 20th.

The largest event in the Fall calendar is set for November 17th when Doric Council will host a Thanksgiving Dinner and a visit by "Teddy Roosevelt". Both Hiram Chapter and Cyrene/Monroe Commandery will be joining us that evening, in lieu of their scheduled meetings. The Program will be open to family and friends who would like to join us.

Dinners will precede all meetings and reservations may be made by calling L. Edward Walker at 647-2382 by the Sunday evening preceding the meeting.

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

4th Monday
West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14482

Ill. Daniel N. Evans
Master
492-2807
Ill. Vernon Rupert
Recorder
343-8429

Summer has come and gone and while it was very hot, it was most enjoyable. I hope that each and



**First Annual
Capitular & Cryptic
Degree Festival**



There will be a Degree Festival at Utica in the Administration Building on the Campus of the Masonic Home on Saturday, October 16, 1999

Opening festivities will begin at 9:00 a.m.

the

Royal Arch Degree

will be conferred by the Grand Line of Grand Chapter at 10:00 a.m.

and the

Royal Master & Select Master Degrees

will be conferred by the Grand Line of the Grand Council and the companions of the 6th Cryptic District at 1:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend this historic event. Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon. Tickets at \$10.00 will be available only through the DDGHPs of the Grand Chapter & DDGMs of the Grand Council.

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every one of you and your families enjoyed a healthy and prosperous Summer. It is time, once again, to lay aside the working tools of Summer (your fishing rods and golf clubs). Once again it is time to put on the Apron, pick up the Trowel, and resume your labors as you may be directed.

New year

A new millennium is fast approaching and we will all be facing many new challenges. Let's prepare ourselves now to meet these head on starting this month.

Degrees

As in years past, we will be starting our new year with the conferral of the Royal Master Degree. This will take place on September 29th at 8:00 p.m. in the LeRoy Temple. The Select Master Degree will be offered on October 25, also at 8:00 p.m. I am inviting you to join us with your candidates at this time. I am looking forward to a good turnout. If you are planning to attend, please notify the Recorder, Ill. Vern Ruppert, at 343-8429 or me at 492-2807. This will help in planning for refreshments.

Charity Fund

In the past nine years we have contributed \$5.00 or more per member to the Grand Council Charity Fund. Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council may not have contributed the most monies to the Grand Council, but we are consistent.

Grand Council

Grand Council was held on August 20-21 at Fishkill. Our Council was well represented. At our September meeting a report will be given on the Proceedings.

Membership

This Fall, as we once again return to our Chapter meetings, let us urge our fellow Companions

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ions to petition Nun-Da-Wa-Ga Council so that our Council will grow and they obtain "more light". We have three petitions for membership at this time and one for the Select Master Degree, but more are needed, let's all do our part to spread the word.

Join us

LeRoy Chapter meets just prior to our Council meeting. Those wishing to make it a full night could also attend their Chapter meeting, I know they would appreciate your visit. □

Cyrene Monroe
Commandery
No. 12



Chartered 1993
1st & 3rd Mondays

SK Douglas S. Poole
Commander 584-3601
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
Recorder 594-8033

Back to work!

Boy, did the Summer break go by quickly! Hope that everyone is rested. Now we have to get back to work. It appears that 1999-2000 will be very full for Commandery.

Good time!


I thank all those who made our Summer Picnic such a great success. Ruth and I hoped for maybe ten or twelve people, due to the distance to our cottage. We were pleasantly surprised by 28 showing up. All had a good time.

September

Our first meeting for the Fall is Monday, September 20th. I thought that a meeting on Labor Day might hurt attendance. The meeting will be preceded by a Tureen Supper at 6:30 p.m. The Shicker Club will coordinate the dinner. These ladies treat us very well and we are glad for their wonderful service.

The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. sharp! One complaint I have heard from several of the Sir Knights is they won't attend because we never open before 8:00 p.m. You Sir Knights are ordered to kick your Commander in the seat of the pants if we start late. This is also a warning to the officers to do their set up duties before dinner. We all have a part to do. □

Batavia Commandery
No. 34
Knights Templar



Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays Attica

James MacConnell
Commander 494-1815
SK Allen L. Capwell
Recorder 786-3897
39 Main Street
Attica, N.Y.

I hope each of you and your families have had an enjoyable Summer! Thanks to everyone who participated at the Ladies Night Out at Stafford CC in June.

The waitresses are still talking about the people at the table in the corner who were having such a good time!

SK Kolhagen, SK Brade and I participated at the Remembrance of the War of 1812 in Buffalo.

Grand Encampment

This year's Zone 12 Drill Team has been working diligently over the Summer on honing their skills for the upcoming competition at the State Grand Encampment at Suffern, September 17th-20th. This year Batavia will be well represented with SKs Ken Kolhagen, Brade, Licht and me. We are looking forward to having a good time and meeting a lot of new people at Grand Encampment.

Future dates

September 23rd will be a Tureen Supper at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 8:00 p.m.

October 14th will be a regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. Hot dogs, chips and munchies are at 6:45 p.m.

October 28th is the 2nd Annual Cannibal Feast. Ladies and guests are welcome. (No utensils). It will start at 6:30 p.m.

November 11th is a Thanksgiving Dinner at 6:30 p.m. A program will follow, ladies and guests welcome!

December 9th is the Christmas Toast, dinner at 7:00 p.m. Bring a friend. □

Something to think about!

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is at a low ebb, for in any organization, if there is interest, there will be attendance. No amount of television or bowling or endless "busyness" can usurp the position of eminence a Lodge of Freemasons occupies in a man's loyalty if the Lodge is in a position to command his loyalty.

The ailment isn't quite that simple. We are looking at the symptoms-not the disease. The real source of the trouble is within ourselves.

Two: Such problems as we may have will not be solved by forcing men to memorize a set of questions and answers, not by cramming books and lectures down their throats, nor by any Big Brother Plan, not by devoting our energies and resources to other organizations or movements, however worthy they may be.

The cure isn't that simple, either. The patient's indisposition will not be relieved by nostrums. The treatment, too, must come from within.

II. Basic Premises

Next, may I offer what I consider to be three basic premises. Then we shall get down to cases.

First: The history of Freemasonry is one of ups and downs. If this brief period is one of the "downs", it is nothing compared to some of the crises through which our Fraternity has passed.

Second: In our membership decline we again see history repeating itself. It simply is a case of our sins catching up with us. We had a decade in which there was a membership influx that was both unhealthy and unhappy. We ran a production line; we counted new members by the hundreds of thousands; but we could count new Masons only by the score. Now comes the payoff.

Third: Whatever is wrong with Lodge attendance in 1962 was wrong 25 years ago when I was Master of my Lodge. I doubt seriously whether Lodge attendance ever has been "what it used to be".

I had to work my head off to sustain interest in 1937. Sometimes I succeeded; sometimes I didn't. The situation is no different today; tomorrow and the day after it will be the same.

I repeat: we have only to look at ourselves to discover the cause for whatever unhappy days have come upon us. Our troubles are of our own making. Such corrective measures as we take must go beyond the surface; they must go to the roots of the problem or be of no avail.

Then let's take an honest look at some of the conditions within our own house which may be contributing to a membership decline and a tapering off of interest.

III. Self Examination

1. Let's face it! Can we expect Freemasonry to retain its past glory and prestige unless the level of leadership is raised above its present position? On many an occasion in the past 14 years, Masters and Secretaries have come into my office to ask my advice on what to do about lagging interest. Again and again I have said, "There is nothing wrong with our Lodge, not with Freemasonry, that good leadership will not cure". I believe that.

2. How well are we guarding the West Gate? Again, let's face it. We are permitting too many to pass who can pay the fee and little else. On every hand I hear the same whispered complaint, "We used to be getting petitions for the Degrees from the good, substantial leaders in the community. Now we are getting..." Just what it is they are getting, you know as well as I.

3. Has Freemasonry become too easy to obtain? Fees for the Degrees are ridiculously low; annual dues are far too low. Everything is geared to speed-getting through as fast as possible and on to something else. The Lodge demands little and gets little. It expects loyalty, but does almost nothing to put a claim on a man's loyalty. When we ourselves place a cheap value on Masonic membership, how can we expect petitioners and new members to prize it?

4. Are we not worshipping at the altar of bigness? Look it in the face: too few Lodges, with those Lodges we do have, much too large. Instead of devoting our thoughts and energies to ways whereby a new Master Mason may find a sphere of activity within his Lodge, we let him get lost in the shuffle. We nag and harangue at him because he does not come to meetings to wander around with nothing to do. We are hard at work making each Lodge so large that it becomes an impersonal aggregation of strangers-a closed corporation.

5. What can we expect when we have permitted Freemasonry to become subdivided into a score of organizations? Look at it. Each organization dependent upon the parent body for its existence, yet each jockeying for a position of supremacy, and each claiming to be the Pinnacle to which any Master Mason may aspire. We have spread ourselves thin, and Ancient Craft Masonry is the loser. Downgraded, the Symbolic Lodge is used only as a springboard. A shortsighted Craft we have been to create in our beloved Fraternity a condition wherein the tail can, and may, wag the dog.

6. Has the American passion for bigness and efficiency dulled the spirit of Masonic charity? The "Box of Fraternal Assistance" which once occupied the central

position in every Lodge room has been replaced by an annual per capita tax. That benevolence which for ages was one of the sweetest by-products of the teachings of our gentle Craft has, I fear, ceased to be a gift from the heart and has become the writing of a check. And unless the personal element is there, charity becomes as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal.

7. Do we pay enough attention to the Festive Board? Should any reader have to ask what the Festive Board is, that in itself will serve to show how far we have strayed from the traditional path of Freemasonry. Certainly the Festive Board is not the wolfing of ham sandwiches, pie and coffee at the conclusion of a Degree. It is the Hour of Refreshment in all its beauty and dignity; an occasion for inspiration and fellowship; a time when the noble old traditions of the Craft are preserved.

8. What has become of that "course of moral instruction, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols", that Freemasonry is supposed to be? If it is a course of instruction, then there should be teachers, and if ours is a progressive science, then the teaching of a Master Mason should not end when he is raised. I am not talking about dry, professorial lectures or sermons-heavens no! That is the kind of thing that makes Masonic education an anathema. Where are the parables and allegories? Alas, they have descended into booklets and stunts. No wonder interest is so hard to sustain.

9. Hasn't the so-called Century of the Common Man contributed to making our Fraternity a little too common? We can not expect to retain the prestige the Craft has enjoyed in the past if we continue without challenge to permit the standards of the picnic ground, the bowling alley, the private club and the golf links to be brought into the Lodge hall. Whether we like it or not, a general lowering of standards has left its mark on every Lodge in Indiana, large and small.

10. Are there not too many well-meaning Brethren who are working overtime to make Freemasonry something other than Freemasonry? It was an unhappy day when some eager beaver conceived the idea that our Craft should adopt the methods of the service club, or the luncheon group, or the civic league, or the playboy outfit. Whoever the eager beaver was, he lost sight of the fact that one of the reasons our Fraternity is prized so highly is that it does not operate like other organizations.

Well, that should be enough for one dose. The following pages elaborate on the ten points enumerated above.

Let me give you fair warning. In the following essays I shall call a spade a spade. Some of my readers are not going to like it. But what I have to say I believe our Craft needs to hear, and it is only for the "good of the Order" that it is said.

I shall propose no bright new ideas-not one. All I am going to advocate is that Freemasonry remain Freemasonry; and if we have strayed from the traditional path, we had better be moving back to the main line while there is yet time to restore the prestige and respect, the interest and loyalty and devotion that once was ours. □

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Why print this here?

There is a "Finger Lakes Chapter" of the Society that represents the international body. It generally spans the area from Syracuse to Buffalo and from Lake Ontario to the Pennsylvania border. The Chapter is populated by Masons who are willing to think, feel, read, discuss, and share their expertise on Freemasonry. All in a risk free environment. Or, you can relax in your recliner of an evening in your own family room quietly absorbing Craft knowledge on your own. Share it later when you come together with kindred spirits.

Save the date 1-29-00!

On January 29th, 2000, the last Saturday of the month, the Finger Lakes Chapter will host its first annual "Seekers of Light" day. The time will be spent on presentations and discussions about history, principles and causes (philosophy) and direction of this Craft of ours. You can wend your way home after enjoying lunch with your Brethren.

An action team consisting of many of the men who are known leaders and learned Masonic Brothers, are pulling the agenda together. Details will be published as the story unfolds. Headliners will be renowned representatives who are wise in the ways of the Craft. You may even want autographs!

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Anyone wishing information regarding the Society and the Finger Lakes Chapter can contact W. Bill Lindsay, Membership Chairman, at 716-621-3573 or as blindsay@servtech.com

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Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

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FROM THE POTENTATE



GEORGE SIMON
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It's been a busy Summer. The first week in July, many of us traveled to Dallas for the Imperial Convention. I know that all of us had a great time. A big thank you to Harry Dainty and Lady Nancy for all their hard work in putting the Convention together. To those of you who helped in the Hospitality Room, a big thank you!

Since we have returned from Dallas, we have been busy with parades and picnics. It is nice to see our Nobles and their Ladies enjoying themselves. When a Potentate returns from the Imperial Session, they say his year is on the down slide. In this case, NOTSO. There is more to come.

September 1st is the first Shrine Meeting which begins the count down to the Millennium.

This year the New York Ontario Shrine Association has elected to honor Noble Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., to receive the Shriner of the Year Award on Saturday, September 25th at the Radisson Hotel in Corning. There is only one Award given each year by our Association. If you would like to join us in Corning to honor Paul at the Presentation and Dinner, please call the Temple Office, 671-7701. The cost of the dinner is \$26.75 per person. If you would like to stay overnight, the cost of a room is \$86.00 plus tax. Join us in honoring Paul.

After years of Circuses, fundraising events, good investments, and hard work by all of you, our mortgage is now paid off and we own the building free and clear. Do you know what this means? It is time to celebrate! On September 18th we will have a "Mortgage Burning Party and Ox Roast". Come to the Mosque and join your fellow Nobles and their Ladies in a Gala Explosion.

October 16th is our Octoberfest. There will be food, music, and dancing, fun for all. Our Noble Bring-a-Brother Night is scheduled for October 22nd, the place has not been selected as yet.

The Cold Sands will be on December 1st. Think membership! The Initiation fee will be \$75.00. Bring your petitions into the office so that we end this year in a plus. With a little bit of effort on your part, this is very possible for the very first time in many years.

The count down to the Millennium and the New Year will be celebrated by a Shrine New Year's Eve Party at the Mosque. Save the date, invite your friends and

family to attend as there will be a dinner and dancing. We promise to have plenty of candles in case the Y2K bug hits.

Give something that belongs to you,
A friendly work, a smile-
It's like a sunbeam in the blue
Out on a golden isle.

Give something to a suffering
soul
That errs the same as you
And cannot find in life its goal,
Your gift will help you too.

Give something from your
heart away
To save a fellow man,
A feeling of warm sympathy
Will do it now and then.

The happiness you will bestow
Today-perhaps tomorrow-
In torrents back again will flow
To help you in your sorrow. □

Imperial Convention Boston - 2000

Ill.: George Simon and Lady Lula invite you to attend the 1st Imperial Session of the New Century, July 1-6, 2000.

Imperial Sir Ralph Semb and Ill.: George Simon are an equal match in height and enthusiasm. They both promise it will be a week to remember. George and Lula have been planning this week almost from the day that George was elected Oriental Guide. Here is the deal:

We leave the Mosque by luxury coach for Boston at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 1st. Refreshments on the way will include a box lunch and other goodies. When we arrive in Boston, we will check into the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, 64 Arlington Street.

The hotel is about 2 1/2 blocks from Copley Place where the Shrine Convention will take place. After we check in and settle down, we will board the bus for a short trip to Quincy Market and the Famous Durgin Park Restaurant. After dinner, we will return to the hotel for hospitality (or sleep).

Sunday morning (and every morning) there will be a Continental Breakfast in the Hospitality Room. After breakfast we will board the bus to the Boston Harbor. There we will board a Bay State Cruise Line boat to Provincetown. We will spend the day there where you will be on your own for lunch. After docking back at Boston Harbor we will have dinner at Anthony's Pier 4 Restaurant.

Monday morning at 10 a.m. we will tour the Boston Burns Hospital. The rest of the day is your own for relaxation or whatever. Dinner will be Dutch Treat. For those who would like to go to a real neat steak house, I am at this time, trying to make arrangements at the Hilltop Steak House (seafood is also on the menu) about 10 miles from the hotel. We will go there by bus. I have eaten there and the food is delicious.

The Day Parade will be on Tuesday, July 4th at 1:00 p.m. In the evening we will again journey to the Boston Harbor and board the Spirit of Boston for a Harbor Cruise. Dinner will feature a Grand Buffet, including a whole lobster served to you. There will be entertainment on the boat. After the cruise we return to the hotel for more Simon Hospitality.

The Night Parade will be on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. After the parade we will go back to the hotel for a special party in the Hospitality Room.

We will begin our journey home about 11:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. We plan to stop along the way for dinner on your own. Menu choices for the dinners and box lunch will be given to you after you have made your reservation. There will also be a "Convention Shirt" for Nobles and Ladies. Please call Erwin Newell at 544-2242 if you have any questions about the trip.

By now you must be wondering what the package will cost. The price of the trip is \$1,398 per couple or \$1,091 per single. Remember, this includes bus transportation to Boston, around Boston and the return trip, box lunch, two dinners, boat ride to Provincetown, tour of Boston Burns Hospital, Boston Harbor Dinner Cruise, continental breakfast every morning, hospitality party, and the Imperial shirt. A \$200.00 per couple deposit (\$100.00 per single) is required by October 31st. We accept cash, check, Visa or Master Card. □

Daughters of the Nile

By Jean R. Friedrich, PQ

It has been a long, HOT Summer with, at last, some rain to bring cooler weather. We are reminded of childhood days filled with beaches, lemonade and picnics. Zama Temple's activities have been equally relaxed. The Patrol had its annual outing at Pr. Helen Barry's pool and everyone had a great time. Our Annual Golf outing was cancelled because of (imagine!) inclement weather. We may try again in early September.

Fall events

It's time to resume our Fall schedule of events beginning with our September 11th Stated Session. We hope to see you there to welcome our officers back from Supreme Session in Jacksonville, Florida. Queen Juanita Gorton will report on new legislation and other Session happenings.

We will also honor our Supreme Appointees, PQ Gail Clarke, Supreme Deputy Organizer for the Northeast Area, and PQ Violet Ball, Supreme Escort to the Canadian Flag. We are so pleased that Zama Temple has been given two appointments, and that they were awarded to two very deserving Past Queens. Congratulations, ladies!

Fun event!

In October we will repeat the fundraiser that was so successful last September. Tickets are available from PQ Gail Clarke. Call her soon at 889-9134. Don't miss out on this fun event!

Yardsticks

Queen Juanita reminds us that the Nile yardsticks are in. These are sturdy, 1" square, wooden yardsticks that can double as walking sticks-not the flimsy, breakable kind we see now. They are \$5.00 each and can be ordered from her at (716) 554-6516, to be picked up at our September Session. They make great gifts, so order yours soon!

We hope you enjoy the rest of the Summer and charge you to sit back and watch the clouds roll by in these last few lazy, hazy days. □

An Amazing Tale- The Whydah

In April, 1717, a storm off Cape Cod destroyed the treasure filled pirate ship *Whydah Gallery*. Artifacts have been recovered for many years. However, more recently, it is believed the actual remains of the sunken ship have been found.

The May, 1999, issue of National Geographic tells the story of the *Whydah* and shows a photo of a pewter plate recovered along with many other items. The Masonic Square and Compass has been carved into the plate. The mystery-where did it come from? Remember, the ship sank in April, 1717, and the first Grand Lodge was formed in June, 1717. Of course, we know Freemasonry began earlier than 1717, but the intriguing question about the plate is - did it belong to a member of the crew? Was it part of the booty stolen from another ship? We don't know.

If you are going to be in the Washington, DC, area in the near future, visit the National Geographic series, *Explorers*.

You are also invited to visit the website of the Whydah Museum in Provincetown, MA, at www.whydah.com. □

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Monarch's Message

Our Grotto is closing the century with a record that has been one of honor and pride over the last 100 years. We are the oldest fully operational Grotto in the realm; this we can attribute to you, our members past and present, who have brought honor and made this, our Grotto, what it is today.

Take a minute to think about the days gone by...of the Prophets you broke bread with, had good fellowship with at our meetings and affairs you were involved in!! Come out to our meetings and spread good fellowship and have more memories to save.

Busy Summer

Since the June issue of the *Masonic Times*, your Grotto officers have been busy attending the Supreme Council Meeting in Reno, June 9th-12th.

The Grotto has had many activities this Summer. Our picnic on June 16th was well attended and a great time was had by all. The Cast Party on June 28th had great steaks and food, with our ladies and our Caldron ladies joining us.

Our Day at the Races was well attended, with good food, great weather, good horse tips, some winners...some also-rans, which will wait until next year!

Our Legion of Honor Picnic was a well planned affair as always. Thanks to Don and Winnie McDill for their hospitality at their cottage in August.

Past Monarch's Night

This event will be Wednesday, September 15th. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner reservations must be made by September 8th by calling PM Dick Topel at 663-2547.

ESGA Fall Meeting

September 16th-19th, Warren, PA, is where this will take

place. Join the officers and Prophets in electing our Secretary to the office of President for 1999-2000. Join in the fun and have a good time. Need information, call me at 334-4196.

Golfers beware!

PM Dick Topel has had 2 holes-in-one as of July 22nd. One was at Cragie Brae and the other at Salmon Creek, so watch our sandbagger. Dick, you deserve every one you get. We all congratulate you with a tip of the fez!!

Our Enchanted Lantern Program is in great shape. Our meetings have been very informative with speakers, great dinners before the meetings and a lunch after.

Enchanted Lanterns

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

The Stamp Program is available at the Grotto meetings.

Good news

No sickness or distress have been reported. □

Chief Justice

A good time was had at the Supreme Council Meeting in Reno, Nevada, on June 9th to 11th. The Monarch, Secretary and I, accompanied by our wives, attended the sessions.

The Day at the Races was great and all enjoyed themselves.

Looking ahead

The Golf Tournament in June was well attended and the next one is scheduled for June 3rd, 2000.

The September Grotto meeting is on the 15th. Let's make an effort to attend.

The Empire State Grotto Association Fall Convention is in Warren, PA, on September 16, 17 and 18. All try to attend as our own Secretary, P.M. Ken Milner, will be installed as President of the Association.

Til next time, enjoy the rest of the Summer. □

Legion of Honor

Our picnic on August 15th was at Prophet Don and Winnie McDill's cottage on Conesus Lake. As always, we had a good time. Thanks to Don and Winnie for being the perfect host and hostess, once again.

The September Legion meeting will be at the Dutch Mill on



Dan Geska - PM 1981, at Grotto June Picnic. Dan now resides in Knoxville, TN.



First in line at the picnic food table, Monarch - Ron Morthorst, Les Moore and Don McDill.

Dates to Remember

Mon., Aug. 30th - Board of Governors 7:00 p.m. Grotto Office
Thurs., Sept. 9th - Caldron Move Up Night
Wed., Sept. 15th - Past Monarch's Night 7:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. with reservation
Thurs., Sept. 16th - Caldron Executive Council
Thurs., Sept. 16th-19th - ESGA Fall Meeting Warren, PA
Wed., Sept. 22nd-25th - Caldron Supreme Session, Ohio

Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship

September 20th. Get your reservations for dinner to Executive Officer, Al Pulcino III, at 225-8471 by September 15th. He will be attending the Convention in Warren, PA, on the 16th. □

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Welcome back after a Summer of wonderful weather and many activities for our Prophets to enjoy. Now is the time to renew our attention to creating more Prophets.

We had a good turnout for the Class in the Spring Ceremonial. Let's all put forth extra effort to make the Fall Ceremonial Class at least as large. Have a petition with you so that when the opportunity presents itself, you can offer a Brother Mason the rewarding experience of becoming a Prophet of Lalla Rookh Grotto. □



Ford and Hiram Lyon in costume, presenters of "A Look at the Life and Times of the British Colonial Soldier" Program.

Caldron News

Greetings to all

Welcome back from a sunny Summer. I hope you are all healthy and happy as our year comes to a close.

Future events

September 9th is a regular meeting and Move Up Night.

September 16th will be an Executive Council meeting.

Closing

Our 80th Annual Supreme Session will be September 22nd-25th in Westlake, Ohio. We look forward to seeing you there.

There's a very special garden where the flowers of friendship grow. It's nurtured by the kindness and concern that good

friends show. Love and laughter are the showers that strengthen and renew. It's friendship's lovely garden and it blossoms in the heart.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. □

Master of Ceremonies

By Ken Hutchinson

We start out our Fall season with a salute to the Past Monarchs on September 15th. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. The menu is Pork or Chicken, cost is \$7.00. A program will follow the meeting.

Call Dick Topel at 663-2547 with your dinner reservation by September 8th.

Reminder

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St. John's Day offers fun, entertainment

The melodies of the Mohicans Big Band and the aroma of barbecued chicken drifted through the air at the Masonic Home on Saturday, June 19th for the annual St. John's Day Festival.

More than 3,000 people crowded the campus to eat, browse craft booths, watch great entertainment, tour the campus, enjoy the free rides and games for the children and watch a parade. People came from all over the Mohawk Valley, as well as New York State, to enjoy the festivities of the day.

Adults milled in and out of various tents to see all kinds of Beanie Babies, sterling silver jewelry, homemade pillows, sweets and a host of arts and crafts.

Youngsters, on the other hand, were hopping on and off the free rides and enjoying the games that were manned by the East Utica Optimist Club members.

Great performances from the Show Stoppers and the children from the John F. Hughes School caught the crowd's attention. Other entertainment included: Belles and Beaus, the Red Band, Jeff Glatt, Bob Conant, Tai Kwon Do demonstrations and organ music by Jack Ovitt in the Tompkins Chapel.

Children crowded around the Shrine clowns who roamed the campus in their colorful costumes. They were excited when the clowns masterfully manipulated balloons into animals for them. They also were entertained by Buster the Bus, who taught their school bus safety rules.

As you looked out on the campus, park benches were filled with residents visiting with their Brethren and friends who came to visit them on this special day.

While Mom visited the arts and craft booths, Dad took advantage of the Antique Car display presented by the Mohawk Motorcades.

The parade, featuring great music and antique cars, was a special treat for the residents and our visitors from the community. The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers did their usual splendid job with the Investiture Service. The weekend was completed with the worship service in the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Chapel on Sunday.

It was a beautiful, sunny day...a great day for a festival. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time. If you didn't attend this year, please try and attend next year's event.

Building Our Future...Admission Counselors...continues

The Masonic Home is starting Phase II of the Admission Counselor Program by conducting the second training session on Friday, September 24th and Saturday, September 25th.

Registration will begin on Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the Administration Building lobby. Friday's session will commence at 3:00 p.m. in the Administration Building's Auditorium and includes an overview of the program, followed by a tour of the entire campus. Dinner on Friday at a local restaurant will give us

the opportunity to exchange ideas and share fellowship. Other than dinner on Friday, dress will be casual.

Following a breakfast buffet Saturday morning in the Wiley Hall Dining Room, the participants will move to the Master Mason Activity Room. In full detail, the complete admissions process for long term care and the specialty services (short term rehabilitation, respite care, palliative care, sub-acute care, dementia care and IV therapy) will be discussed. The program concludes with lunch at Acacia Village on Saturday.

The Masonic Home is the home that was built and designed for every New York State Mason. We are here for you, when you need us! If you are interested in helping us promote our magnificent facility, please make a commitment...join our Admissions Counselors' Team, by contacting W. Daniel Clark at 1-800-322-8826, Extension 4923. Meals and overnight accommodations will be provided by the Masonic Home.

Meet our new Medical Director

Dr. Guy Wilcox, a native of New Hartford and a graduate from Wheaton College and the University of Louisville School of Medicine, joins the Masonic Home as the new Medical Director.

Following residencies in Utah and Louisville, Dr. Wilcox had a private practice in Louisville. He returned to the area and practiced at Slocum Dickson Medical Group. After leaving the area for more study, he returned to Utica to be the Medical Director at St. Luke's Hospital. He then served as the attending physician for St. Elizabeth Hospital's Family Practice Residency Program. Most recently, he was on the Medical Staff of the Sitrin Home.

Dr. Wilcox and his wife, Mary, reside in New Hartford with their three children, Allen, Allison, and Andrew.

Congratulations Brother Luley

William J. Luley, Executive Director of the Masonic Home, received his Apron as the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Colorado, near the Grand Lodge of New York. The Brethren on the Home's staff who could attend included Brother Robert C. Lauducci, Volunteer Coordinator, Oriental Faxon Lodge No. 224; Brother David Kirkpatrick, Chaplain, Herkimer Lodge No. 423; R. W. David R. High, Sanger Lodge No. 129, DDGM, 1st Oneida District, Director of Plant Operations; R. W. Luley, Oriental Faxon Lodge No. 224; W. Keith W. Heinrich, Associate Executive Director, Oriental Faxon Lodge No. 224; W. Warren J. Mundrick, Sauquoit Lodge No. 150, Director of Rehabilitation Therapies; V. W. Richard E. Wire, Oriental Faxon Lodge No. 224, Security Supervisor; W. Daniel L. Clark, Oriental Faxon Lodge No. 224, Public Relations Coordinator.

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GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT
Rt. Wthy. **NANCY R. SPECHT**
DDGM
Rt. Wthy **JOHN A. SPECHT**
DGL

Summer events

We have had fun and productive events this Summer season in the G/W District. Our Annual Fun Night was held at the Perry Masonic Lodge on June 19th. A picnic supper was enjoyed by 50 plus Brothers and Sisters. This was followed by a Silent Auction with well over 100 items to choose from. These included baked goods, new and nearly new items, as well as, certificates from many businesses in our District.

Picnic

Our Summer Picnic was held at Rushford Lake on July 11th. Again this year, Rt. Wthy. Thelma and Rt. Wthy. Newton Shaw opened up their home for this event. A beautiful day and fun fellowship were enjoyed by everyone. Our honored guests were M. Wthy. Walter Lis and his wife, Rt. Wthy. Jane.

Oriskany

Oriskany weekend was an event enjoyed by many of us this year. We were pleasantly surprised not to feel the effects of Woodstock being only 10 miles away from us. Fourteen of us enjoyed the Quintet Dinner at Twin Ponds Country Club on Friday evening, where we joined four other Districts. The highlight of the evening was a hat show coordinated by our own Rt. Wthy. June and Rt. Wthy. Janet Lee from Batavia Chapter. Each District created a hat or hats for this fun filled event.

Our District showed two hats. Our "Sweetest Little District" hat was modeled by Rt. Wthy. Hazel Hatfield. Rt. Wthy. Florence McBride wore her Dr. Seuss hat from "The Cat in the Hat". Excerpts from the book, "You Only Live Once" were read as Sister Florence modeled this hat. Both of these Sisters are from Perry Chapter.

Bazaar

Genesee/Wyoming District sold 47 pint, quart and half-gallon containers of Maple Syrup on Saturday at the Bazaar in Oriskany. Six half gallon containers were donated to the home in Oriskany. A beautiful floral arrangement, created by Wthy. Joyce Sands of Hesperus Chapter, Bergen, along with \$100 was donated by our District to the Share Booth. Here, additional funds were generated for our Grand Matron's projects.

Upcoming events


September 18th our Study Club will be held at Stebbins Chapter in Pike at 10:00 a.m. with a lunch following at noon.

The Homecoming for our 1999 G/W District Officers, Rt.


Wthy. Carole Makowski, Rt. Wthy. Nancy Specht, Rt. Wthy. John Specht and Rt. Wthy. Annette Simmons, will be on Friday, October 1st. It will be held at the First Congregational Church in Java Village at 8:00 p.m.

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Barbara Spano



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Rt. Wthy.
James Coleman



Something to be happy about: eating a ripe peach and letting the juice trickle down your chin.

Welcome back

I hope your Summer was happy and healthy. It did get a bit warm and muggy, but we all survived and now it is time to get ready for Fall. I hope I remember all the events we attended since the last newsletter.

Lilac Luncheon

The Lilac Luncheon was a great success; total in attendance was around 82 wonderful folks. There was a problem with some of the dinners, but I did complain to the Holiday Inn and they apologized. My thanks to all who helped to get the entertainment together, we had a Holiday Song Fest and the Sisters from the Home seemed to enjoy it very much. With each Holiday Song, we had a different hat to wear.



Wthy. Joy Woodley, Wthy. Hildy DiJames, Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings and Wthy. Ray DiJames at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality.



Debbie Leipold giving a face job to one of the kids, Cecil Losinger, at the Pilgrimage in Oriskany.

Birthdays

This Summer two Chapters celebrated their 100th Birthday, Webster and Leah Chapters. Webster Chapter re-dedicated their Chapter Room. It was nice to have the Grand Line there. Leah Chapter's Celebration was very happy and folks even danced. Our congratulations to these Chapters.

New Officers

On June 23rd the Selection Committee met and the new Grand Officers were decided on. For the Year 2000, DDGM is Doris Bell and the DGL, Michael Bell, from Charlotte Chapter. Associate Grand Warder is Georgia Schutt from Germania Chapter and Alida Doud from Monroe Chapter is Grand Representative to South Dakota. My best wishes for these folks for the coming year. May you have a wonderful and happy year.

Oriskany

The Pilgrimage to Oriskany was a fine affair. On Friday night we enjoyed a delicious and plentiful dinner, the entertainment was hysterical. There was a skit called "Pinderella and the Cincee", we have some fine actors and comedians in the District. There was also a skit on fishing and how to ensure you catch a lot of fish on a very cold day. Heaps of thanks to all who worked so hard on these skits. The sun was shining on Saturday on the Campus of the Home. It was very warm and very humid, but we had a nice Summer breeze. So many people shopping and renewing old friendships, what a wonderful day. I do not have the figures on the amount of funds we raised. After I returned home, I heard that about 20 minutes after the Campus was cleared, (after the Memorial Service) a very large limb from a big tree came down, surely the Lord was with us.

Every year at the Pilgrimage, Debbie and Karen Leipold set up their Children's Corner. They certainly are dedicated Sisters, this year they raised \$120 for the Home. They have asked that I thank the members of Monroe. Continued on page 22

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District for their help at the Game Booth and "stopping by to help out and the monetary donations both made for a great day and warm hearts."

Star Progress Report

To all you caring folks who contributed so generously to the Goosenspiegels Guide Dog Project, you deserve to know your money has been well spent. "Freedom's Eastern Star" (his legal name) is truly a shining star in his class. He is above average in all of his studies, he gets along with everyone and it is not written stone, but it looks like he will be placed with his life partner by Thanksgiving. Just one more thing we can be thankful for.

Again, thank you to everyone of you who helped in this effort. You have earned bragging rights.

Luncheon

The '93 and '96 Matrons Clubs served lunch for 100 people at the St. Joseph's House of Hospitality on July 3rd. The funds received from the Cabin Reliever Trip to Turningstone last Winter funded this event. It was a wonderful adventure and very rewarding. These Clubs will be doing this again in March next year.

Homecoming

September 25th will be the combined Homecoming of the 1999 Grand Officers. It will be at Webster Lodge as there will be a Broadway Show at the Downtown Temple. This was my decision. It will be an afternoon affair. All Chapters will be receiving an invitation with all the information. Please get in touch with your Chapter, I am sure someone will provide transportation for you if needed.

Annual event

By the time you read this the Annual Peaches Chicken Barbecue and Pancake Breakfast will be over. As I am writing this a week before it will take place, I can only pray that the weather will be in the 70's with no humidity, no rain, and an abundance of folks attending. My deepest gratitude to all who volunteered to work on this project. There is a lot of planning and work involved and many hands make the job easier.

Grand Sessions

Grand Sessions are fast approaching. The reservations are in and we are all looking forward to Lake Placid once again.

September meeting

There will be a Line Officers Meeting on September 18th at 10:00 a.m. All Clubs will meet at this time. All Presidents of these Clubs, please call your members and let them know.

I am looking forward to seeing you around the District. Stay well and remember you have all "made a difference".

This poem was written by Wthy. Ruth Jurs in honor of the Official Visit to Mary Jane Holmes Chapter No. 440, OES, made by Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano and Rt. Wthy. James Coleman on April 26, 1999.

Official Visit Night

It is Official Visit night, the day is here, the sun is bright, And all the cast are dressed in white.

Except the Points in jeweled hues And standing tall in fancy shoes. The Color Bearer smiling brightly,

Escorts the flag in step so sprightly-
With Marshals on the flank to guide
They proudly head the way in side.
And as we pause in ordered style
We see advancing down the aisle
Our sweet, young Matron, full of charm
With the Conductress, arm-in-arm!
Then to their station all must go,
Light up the signet and start the show.
Outside the door, anticipating,
Our Candidate is now awaiting;
Beneath our Eastern Star ashine
Our hearts and words will now combine-
Impressing all with work so fine.
The Chaplain speaks, the hymns are sung,
Words sweetly slip across the tongue,
Conductresses walk slowly in
And with the Candidate begin-
First to the altar, fittingly,
Then lessons of the Points we see
With stories old but ever new
Enforcing things we know are true.
With arms of love we draw her in
This sister, who is ours to win.
And when the speeches all are made
Our work receives its accolade.
True love, hard work, and sisterhood,
Advancing all we are as good.
To do our best, without a grumble,
Our precepts shown in manner humble.
This is our aim, it's who we are-
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8:00 p.m.
Wthy. Kim Morici
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By Wthy. Avis Theis

Dear members

We hope you have all managed to get through the hot Summer fairly well and are ready for a cool September meeting on the 21st.

Thinking of you

Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi had a heart problem she wasn't aware of, has had treatment and is doing much better. Wthy. Susan Provost had surgery on her foot. Sister Pat Cork is on oxygen all the time now. We send our best wishes to these Sisters.



Sisters Doris Liebenow and Anne Deyl (50 yrs.) with Rt. Wthy. Audrey Zufall (35 yrs.) and Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens (25 yrs.), recognized at Birthday Banquet.

We were sorry to learn of Sister Michelle McCarthy's mother's death.

I thank all who remembered me this Summer when I broke my arm. All is well now.

Years of service

Wthy. Kim Morici, Sister Kathleen Skelton and I went to see Wthy. Jessie Johnson when Wthy. Kim presented her with a 75 Year Certificate. She looks good and we had a nice visit with her and her daughter, Nancy Lancaster. Sister Eleanora Dick was sent a 73 Year Certificate.

Meetings

September 21st is Moving Up Night. The Committee is Kim and Santo Morici.

October 5th is Master Masons Night and Tea Cup Auction. The Committee is Sisters Betty Oakley and Michelle McCarthy.

September birthdays

Best wishes to Sister Kathryn Fieret, Wthy. Susan Mason, Sisters Michelle McCarthy, Beverly Reed, Demaris Uttrich and Brother Alan Jeerings.

From out of town

It was nice to have a visit with Wthy. Mary Jane Parry while she was here from Florida and Sister Demaris Uttrich, from Virginia. I had a nice letter from Sister Eleanora Dick in Florida and a phone call from Wthy. Alta Smith in California. Wthy. Alta is having serious problems with her eyes. We also send her a belated happy birthday. Do keep in touch. All enjoy the *Masonic Times*.

September

By all the lovely tokens, September days are here,
With Summer's best of weather
and Autumn's best of cheer.

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Past

Five Sisters received recognition for their years of service at our Birthday Banquet: Anne Deyle and Doris Liebenow - 50 Years; Rt. Wthy. Audrey Zufall - 40 Years; and Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens - 35 Years and a Life Membership.

Present

September will be a very busy month. Our meeting will be the

3rd Saturday, the 18th. The agenda for the evening features Master Masons Night and a Bake Off with the men judging.

Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano and the other '98 Grand Officers will be honored September 25th at 2:00 p.m. (note time) at Webster Chapter. Please make every effort to attend. These Officers work hard for us and deserve our continued support and thanks for a job well done.

Future

Mark Sunday, October 17th on your calendar and plan to attend the 58th Interfaith Service and Breakfast. Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano will be taking part in the Service. See feature article for details. I have tickets.

Thought for the month

"Today I take your hand, tomorrow you may need mine; we share in one great love, the love of the Divine. Today I soothe your brow, tomorrow you'll comfort me, we have a common bond, it's called Humanity."

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New York DeMolay announces Honors, Awards and Appointments

By Gary Burke

DeMolay International, at their Supreme Council sessions held in Kansas City, MO, June 23-26, voted on and approved the following Honors and Awards for local individuals involved with Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

The Cross of Honor-awarded to Advisors who have devoted three or more years of conspicuous meritorious service to a Chapter and exceptionally outstanding efforts on behalf of DeMolay.

Awardees are John C. Cooper and Robert E. Crystal. John has served on the Chapter's Advisory Council since 1992 and is currently Chairman of the Council. Bob has been involved on the Council since 1988 filling various positions during that time. Both of these men have provided the Chapter with outstanding guidance and support for the young men of Rochester Chapter.

The Honorary Legion of Honor-awarded to Masons who have performed unusual and meritorious service on behalf of DeMolay or who have evidenced a spirit of cooperation and appreciation for the Order of DeMolay. The individual also has shown outstanding leadership on some field of endeavor or for success in fraternal life, including adult service to DeMolay. The Legion of Honor is the highest honor conferred by DeMolay International.

This year's recipients are Kenneth Rhodes and Michael Staub. As you read the qualifications for this honor nomination and reflect upon the men to receive it, you can see that each one was destined to become a Legionnaire.

The Degree of Chevalier-is the highest honor that an active DeMo-

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lay can receive. The Degree is a citation for outstanding and marked DeMolay activity and labor.

The recipient is Dave Gorall. Brother Gorall has served in various Chapter offices and is currently serving his 3rd term as Master Councilor. He has held a variety of appointed, as well as elected, positions in the State over the past several years.

Watch future issues of the *Masonic Times* for details as to when and where Investiture Ceremonies will be held for these individuals.

Annual Convention

At the New York DeMolay Annual Convention held at SUNY New Platz on July 29th through August 1st, the following announcements were made:

Dad John Stuart, Chapter Dad of Tuscarora Chapter, Lockport, was named Advisor of the Year. This honor is designed to give singular recognition to a DeMolay Advisor who in the past year had made outstanding contributions to the growth and success of the Order. This Advisor is one who exemplifies the ideals and precepts of the Order of DeMolay in his daily life, as well as in his work, with the young men in DeMolay.

I, as Dad from Rochester Chapter, have been appointed Assistant State Chapter Dad. I have been charged to work with the Deputy State Master Councilor and any other duties that may be assigned to me by the State Chapter Dad.

Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay



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David Gorall
458-5255
Chapter Dad
Mike Gorall
458-5255

By Michael Staub

To my Masonic family

I send my greetings to everyone and my sincere hope that you had an excellent Summer. I also ask for your help in a very special project I am working on this Fall, a quest to find new Heroes. Heroes have always been important to me. They serve as my role models, a template I could follow whenever in doubt, and a guide whenever I was faced with a new challenge. While I was growing up I wanted to be just like George Washington, Mickey Mantle and Davy Crockett, all at the same time! It was very satisfying to imagine myself with all their tremendous talents and virtues, and I always tried to live up to those ideals.

As I traveled through life I lost some of that idealism due to some strong doses of reality, but I never lost my need for Heroes. Their form and styles changed in my mind, and I found myself looking for role models I could believe in. Not because of great historical deeds or tremendous physical strength, but because they were men of good character and integrity. They were the men I hoped to be like, rock steady family men, with a deep abiding faith in God. Courteous men, who practice the Golden Rule. Dependable comrades in arms and in life. Clean men, not only in

body, but in mind and spirit as well. Patriots, who are proud of their country because they help to make it strong, and who would defend their freedom with every fiber of their being. These are the men I hoped to be like, these were the role models I was looking for.

A challenge to be sure, but I found such men: Harry Lake, Sheldon Blake, Ken Robinson, Larry Geith, Gordy Dodge and Jim Gisleson stood out from the crowd like shining lighthouses. Beacons of strength and light in an all too dark and frightening world. These men made my soul sing, as I watched them travel a straight and true course through life's troubled waters. I knew by watching them work, listening to them talk and the respectful way they treated everyone, I had found the cloth that good men were cut from. I had found my Heroes.

These men have gone before me, but I endeavor to honor their memory by trying to live my life in the way they lived theirs. I feel doubly blessed that my son had spent quality time with these men and I know by his words and actions that he benefited greatly from their influence, an influence which was available to him because of his and their involvement in DeMolay.

This brings me to the point of my message and the reason I need your help. The young men of today need Heroes more than ever. Youth's role models of the past have all been put into question. Popular sports figures tainted with the shadow of drugs. Prominent politicians moral failings dragged through the public forum. The break-up of traditional families placing a tremendous financial and quality time burdens on single parents. All these things and more are robbing our youth of their Heroes.

I believe DeMolay can give our young men Heroes they can emulate. Men they can look up to and believe in. Men of the highest caliber and integrity like Dad Burke, Dad Cooper, Dad Gorall, Dad Mertens, Dad Rhodes, and Dad Walker just to name a few. In order to do this however, I feel there is a need to demonstrate the quality and beauty of the DeMolay Degrees in the best possible manner. In a proper setting, from memory, by people whose lives have been forged by their DeMolay connections.

To this purpose, I have set aside a date, October 24th, from noon until 6:00 p.m., and a place, Cathedral Hall, Downtown Temple, to accomplish this task. I feel it was through the hard work and careful guidance of Dad Gisleson that DeMolay is still alive and well in Monroe County and in his honor this will be The James H. Gisleson Memorial Degree. I would like the cast for both Degrees to be filled by Senior DeMolay and Ron Mertens, Gary Burke and Dan Walker, have all agreed to help coordinate this effort. Non-DeMolay advisors will help with the logistics, stage set-up, costumes, refreshments, etc. Active DeMolay will be responsible for preparing the candidates, observing the Degrees and presenting the Flower Talk after the Degrees.

My goal is to bring 35 good young men into the Order of DeMolay and to give them, and all active DeMolay in attendance, the priceless gift of two excellent Degrees. This is a gift I know will last a lifetime.

Senior DeMolays, this is your chance to be the Heroes of a new

generation. Fellow Advisors and friends of DeMolay, please help me in this endeavor. Our community can only benefit by our young men's involvement in an Order that is based on The Seven Cardinal Virtues of DeMolay.

If you would like a part in the Degrees, would like to help behind the scenes, or know a young man between the ages of 12 and 21 who would make a good candidate, please give me a call. If we want a bright future, then we must share our light with the youth of today.

DeMolay on the Web

How is the internet significant to DeMolay? Not only is it a very important vehicle for information dissemination, it is also a great way for DeMolay members, potential DeMolay members, parents of potential members, the media and the general public to learn more about DeMolay.

DeMolay's International web site has grown tremendously since its inception four years ago. Currently, there are well over a hundred functional and user friendly pages of in-depth information on a host of DeMolay subjects. Among the variety of subjects one may browse are DeMolay's mission, the history of DeMolay and the DeMolay Hall of Fame, which includes biographical information on Hall of Fame members. Forms to assist the Chapter administration are available for downloading as well. One can also find information about the DeMolay International Alumni Association and its activities. The entire DeMolay and More Store catalog is also available online. It offers an array of quality DeMolay items ranging from t-shirts, luggage, jackets, rings, caps, and all sorts of special gift selections. You can even arrange for engravings and foil stamping for the DeMolay items you order.

Some of the more functional features of the web site include the monthly press releases and the DeMolay Newsletter. DeMolay statistics and information about appendant organizations such as mothers and parents groups are also available. There are links to Jurisdictions and Chapters throughout the country. One can even find information and a link for the Masonic Renewal Committee. All things considered, DeMolay's web site allows for a variety of exploration.

What is in store for the future? DeMolay's web site is constantly expanding and evolving, so check back often to see what's going on with the premier youth organization dedicated to teaching young men to be better persons and leaders. If you would like to become part of creating *Tomorrow's Leaders Today!*, please contact: DeMolay International, 10200 N Executive Hills Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64153-1367 or call (816) 891-8333, e-mail DeMolay@DeMolay.org or check out our web site at www.demolay.org

DeMolay, now more than ever

As we sit stunned by the reality of the events of the Littleton massacre, along with the numerous similar stories of the past few years, many thoughts undoubtedly come to mind. For example: what can the schools do? What can the parents do? What can the children do? What can local, state and federal governments do to address the problems that lead to such tragedies? In the face of such issues as the huge increase in depression among children since

the 1950s, the increase in teen suicide since the 1960s, the number of hours the typical adolescent spends alone today, and the fewer hours children spend with parents each week compared with the 1960s, it may seem just too overwhelming to think about. Everything that's happening just doesn't seem real.

The sad national conversation about what turns certain young people's souls poison will be a long arduous debate, in public and in private. Every parent usually knows that raising children requires a lot. Adolescents are psychologically fragile, and as Augustana University professor, Larry Brendtro, was quoted in *Time* magazine recently, "kids who feel powerless and rejected are capable of doing horrible things". What many of us don't ever come to grips with is, we, as adults, must take responsibility for the world children inhabit. We, as adults, make the world for them, and we, as adults, give the world to them.

For most of the twentieth century, DeMolay has enriched significantly the lives of over a million young men. Enriched by DeMolay, young men today learn principles and leadership skills which are used every day by DeMolay members. DeMolay builds confidence, teaches responsibility, cooperation and community service; and fosters trust, respect, fellowship, patriotism, reverence and sharing.

As Freemasons, you are invaluable to DeMolay in so many ways. You sponsor DeMolay Chapters, serve as DeMolay advisors and volunteers, recruit young men toward possible membership in DeMolay and provide financial support for DeMolay and the DeMolay Foundation. We urge you to become part of creating *Tomorrow's Leaders Today!*

In Memoriam May

Humphrey, William F.
William was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 when he passed away on May 10th. He was 94 years old and resided in Ormond Beach, Fl.

Roberts, Edward H.
The Grand Architect Above called Edward Home suddenly on May 18th. He was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 and is survived by his wife, Grace, children and grandchildren.

Noonan, Charles E.
Charles entered into eternal rest on May 19th at the age of 85. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include his children, 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Hummel, Robert W.
Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 and Rochester Consistory lost a member with the passing of Robert on May 29th. He leaves his wife of 45 years, Margaret.

Patterson, James A.
James was 67 years old when the Lord took him into His Loving Arms on May 30th at the age of 67. A member of Etolian Lodge No. 479, and Rochester Consistory, he is survived by his mother, children and grandchildren.

June

Crockett, Colin M.
Death claimed Colin on June 1st at the age of 83. A member of Seneca Lodge No. 797, he resided in Florida and is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, children, and 4 grandchildren.

Hume, Francis W.
Francis was a member of West Star Lodge No. 413 when he expired on June 7th. He was 62 years old and is survived by his wife, Agnese, children and 5 grandchildren.

Reynick, Kenneth J., Sr.
Kenneth died June 28th at his home in Indialantic, FL. He was a 50 year member of Seneca Lodge No. 797 and survivors include his wife, Nancy, children, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

July

Marshall, Alexander A.
After a brief illness, Alexander passed away on July 2nd. He was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969. He is survived by his 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Plotzker, Arthur
Arthur was 95 years old at the time of his death on June 7th. A member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, he is survived by his children, 10 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Klock, John D.
John was called Home on June 9th at the age of 83. A member of Clio Lodge No. 779, he is survived by his wife, Barbara, children and grandchildren.

Signer, William D., Jr.
William passed away suddenly on June 13th. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Sheila, children and grandchildren.

Hall, James W., Sr.
A member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and Damascus Temple Shrine, James passed away June 17th. He is survived by his son and 2 granddaughters.

Pfeffer, George
Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 lost a member with the passing of George on June 24th. He was 91 years old and is survived by his son, George Jr.

Craib, William A.
The Grand Architect Above welcomed Home William on June 26th at the age of 86. He was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Temple Shrine and the Royal Order of Jesters. Survivors include his wife, Doris, and 3 grandsons.

Newman, Bruce C.
Death came suddenly to Bruce on June 28th, at the age of 72. He was a member of Oatka Lodge No. 759, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include 1 son, 5 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

Coleman, Ernest L.
Ernest was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 at the time of his death on June 29th. Survivors include his wife, Alberta, 2 sons, 2 daughters and 14 grandchildren.

McTarnaghan, Donald A.
A 1974 Master of Webster Lodge No. 538, and District Deputy Grand Master in 1982, Don went to his Heavenly Reward on July 3rd. He leaves his wife, Lois, 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Hatt, Herbert A.
Herbert was 87 years old when he joined the Great Architect Above on July 4th. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and Hiram Chapter, RAM. He is survived by his wife, Grace, 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Charles, Frederick
Etolian Lodge No. 479 lost a member with the passing of Frederick on July 5th. He is survived by 2 daughters and other family members.

Berner, Bruce R.
Bruce was called Home by the Great Architect on July 21st at the age of 73 years. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and is survived by his wife, Audrey, 2 sons and 3 grandchildren.

Michaloski, Henry S., Sr.
Henry was 73 years old when he died on July 21st. A member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969, he leaves his wife, Lucie, 3 children and 10 grandchildren.

Walters, W. Freeman
Freeman was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 at the time of his death on July 26th. Survivors include his wife, 2 children and one grandson.

Horrocks, George W.
Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 lost a 50 year member with the passing of George on July 27th. His wife, Doris, 2 children, 3 grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive him.

Loomis, H. Arthur
Arthur was a member of Towpath Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine when he died on July 28th. He is survived by his wife, Doris, children, and 3 grandchildren.

Lawrence, John
A Past Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, John slipped into the Arms of God on July 29th. He leaves his wife, Agnes, 2 daughters and 2 granddaughters.

Krawetz, Harry
Harry was 85 years old when he passed away on July 31st. He was a member of Flower City Lodge No. 910 and is survived by his wife, Ruth, daughter and grandchildren.

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

Johnson, Lawrence
A member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, John passed away in Florida, where he resided.

Lowe, Allan E.
Allan was a member of Damascus Temple Shrine and passed away on May 20th.

McCumber, Warren
Batavia Lodge No. 475 lost a member with the passing of Warren on July 4th.

Skippen, Russell
June 14th was the date that Russell joined the Great Architect Above. He was a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

To make additions, call the Service Bureau at 473-4351
1999

- Oct. 11 Final Round Of Golf, Lakeside Hospital Benefit
- Oct. 15 Grand Lecturer's Convention
- Oct. 17 58th Interfaith Service & Breakfast,
Logan's Party House
- Oct. 21 Symbolic Lodge Awards, Scottish Rite
- Oct. 22 Grand Lecturer's Convention, Genesee/Wyoming
- Dec. 4 "Road to the East", 8 a.m., Downtown Temple
2000
- Jan. 8 "Road to the East"
- Feb. 5 "Road to the East"

Lodge Rentals Available

- Etolian Lodge, Union St., Spencerport - Cap. 250**
Tom Michielsen - 352-4831
 - Fairport Lodge, 87 North Main St., Fairport**
Tom Richenderfer 377-7782, Greg Ludwig-388-1241, David Taber-388-0629
 - Fame Lodge, 4275 Culver Rd., Rochester**
John Rehback 338-7918
 - Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St., Pittsford - Cap. 80**
Dan Walker - 429-6572, Bill Spillane - 436-0264, John Dudley - 586-6426
 - Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St., Webster - Cap. 200**
Frederick Cornell, Sr. 671-3102
- The *Masonic Times* will list your Lodge in this space if you desire to offer your facility for rent. Call: 9 - Noon 473-4351.

Tax Free Lodges Bill - We have it on good authority that this is not an Omnibus Bill and that it has the backing of Grand Lodge. You are, therefore, urged to give it your support by writing to your Representatives asking them to vote for it when it comes to the floor. ☺

Positions Available at *Masonic Times*

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

Churchville Lodge No. 667

20 South Main St.
Churchville, N.Y. 14428
W.. George Pflieger,
Master 426-0603
W.. George R. Burke,
Secretary 293-1629

Official Visit

The first meeting on Wednesday, September 8th, should get off to a fine start with dinner prepared by our new and capable Junior Warden, Lawrence Bright. An Official Visit from the very busy R..W.. Don Darrohn, DDGM, will follow. I look forward to seeing a full line of officers there to welcome him.

If you are planning to attend, contact Larry at 359-2257 or me at 426-0603 so that we know how many are coming to dinner.

I have some new ideas on an agenda which I will introduce to the Lodge at the meeting, and ask for input from all present. If your curiosity is sparked, please come! Thanks and good luck to all in the new season. ☐

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CAN LIVE AFTER YOU
REMEMBER THE
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**Eagle Lodge
West Lake Road
Honeoye, NY
September 4th
from 4 to 7 p.m.
\$10 per person**

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.

Never discourage anyone who continually makes progress, no matter how slow. *Plato*



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"Final Round of Golf" Columbus Day October 11, 1999

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Monroe District
Participation Encouraged

See Wakan/Hubbard article
or contact Don Brugger
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(h) 458-6125

Eating Out



- Sept. 3- Spaghetti Dinner, Webster Ldg, 5-7 p.m. See Calendar.
- Sept. 4 - Steak Roast, Eagle Lodge, Honeoye, 4 - 7 p.m.
- Sept. 19 - Country Breakfast, Warsaw, 8:00 a.m. to Noon
- Sept. 29 - Spaghetti Dinner, Clio Lodge. See Calendar.
- Oct. 15 - Harvest Dinner, Sauerkraut & Roast Pork, Fame Lodge, Serving 5-7 p.m., Res. see ad pg.21.

September Gem - Sapphire
September Flower - Aster

Calendar September 1999

Deadline for October *Masonic Times*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																																																																																								
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