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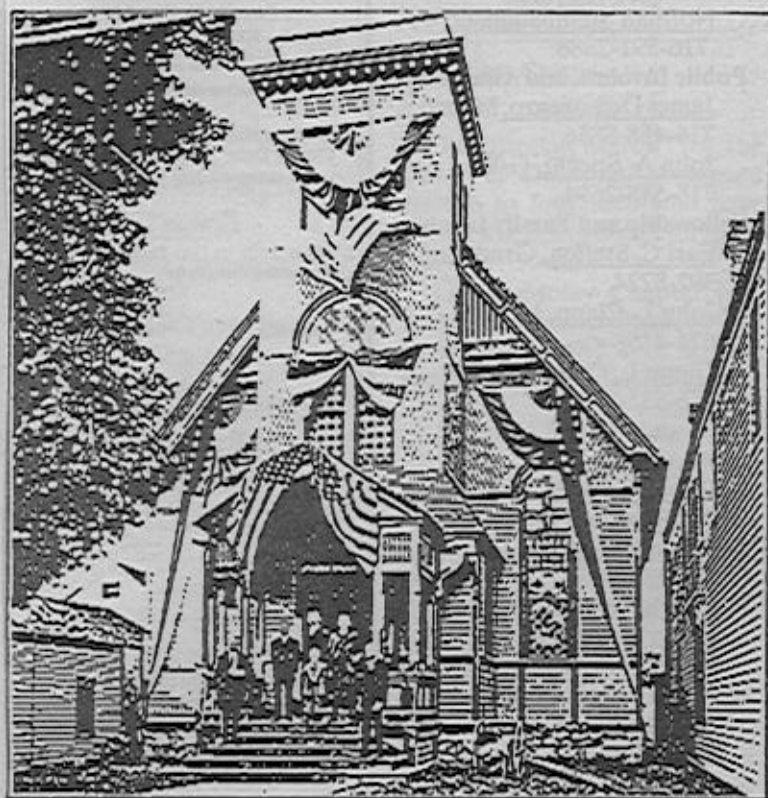
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Hugh Miller Hall, Attica, NY



Rendition of the Hall as it looked just after the turn of the Century.
(Courtesy Attica Landmark Society, original photo by William Copsey)

This picture, taken in the early 1900's by William Copsey, courtesy of the Attica Historical Society, shows the structure all trimmed up for some national or local celebration, for which it was used on many occasions. Apparently the decorating had just been completed at the time this picture was taken because a close examination of the picture will reveal an extension ladder lying on the ground and a craftsman's push cart at the lower right hand side of the porch. Craftsmen's push carts were used to transport ladders and tools about the village during the early 1900's. This mode of transportation was still used by Guy and Arnold Sprague to transport painting and wallpapering tools around the Village of Attica until the early 1950's.

This wooden structure was built by the Freewill Baptist Society of Attica in 1885 at a cost of \$6,000. It replaced a smaller brick structure which was the original First Methodist Church building in Attica and was sold to the Freewill Baptists in 1853.

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Baden Street 1999 Jr. Pee Wee Football Champs Sport New Jackets, Thanks to Seneca #797

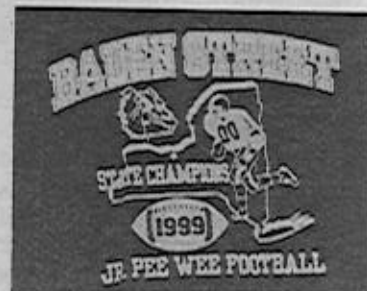


Boys from the Team with (left to right) Coach Brother Roy Simmons, Assistant Recreation Director Kenny Reed and Coach Rick McCauley.

By Robert Franzen

Seneca Lodge was proud to reward The Baden Street Recreation Center Jr. Pee Wee Football Team for their accomplishments as 1999 State Champions for their division. These young students were expected to finish

in last place at the beginning of the season, but hard work and good coaching paid off with the Championship. All 35 boys on the team are required to maintain a "B" average in school in order to play on the team. Coach and Brother Roy Simmons encourages the boys to live good lives and to help others.



Back of Champions' Jackets.

The Excitable Heart

Part I of a series

By Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director, MMRL

Seventy times a minute, 100,000 times each day, it beats effortlessly, indefatigably. Your heart is an organ like none other, charged with moving 4,300 gallons of blood each day through the intricate vascular network of our body. Although displacement of blood is its primary function, each and every beat of this unique muscular pump is initiated and finely regulated by electrical impulses that originate in the heart itself. Electrical currents, not in the form of electrons like those that course through the wires of our house, but in the form of ions, flowing across the membrane of each cell causing voltage surges that set the heart in motion. Sodium ions rush into the cells, to be followed by potassium and chloride ions making a quick exit. The resulting voltage spike or action potential regulates the influx of calcium ions that mediate the sliding motion of filaments within each cell causing their shortening or contraction.

This process, repeated in each adjoining cell of the heart, causes the orderly spread of electrical activity and the synchronous contraction of the myocardium (heart muscle). Like other "excitable" tissues, the cells of the heart

are electrically connected through low resistance pathways. These pathways facilitate the spread of the electrical impulse, ensuring efficient activation and pumping motion. Without electrical activity, the heart lies motionless and serves no useful purpose. Disorderly electrical activity, also known as arrhythmias, may also render the heart inefficient or totally useless as a pump.

Extreme disorganization of the electrical activity within the heart can lead to sudden death, the single most prevalent mechanism of death in the United States, taking the lives of over 350,000 Americans each year. Nearly every minute of every day someone in this country dies of sudden cardiac death, very often the result of an arrhythmia known as ventricular fibrillation.

Arrhythmias are not always life-threatening. Some, including extrasystoles or "extra beats", may be quite innocuous. Others, like AV nodal tachycardia, although not lethal, may be incapacitating. Still others, like atrial fibrillation, may be less crippling, but a nuisance, nevertheless.

Through research scientists have identified a number of mechanisms by which cardiac arrhythmias arise. Prevention, diagnosis and treatment have advanced at a steady pace offering a better quality of life for some and a new lease on life for many sufferers of heart disease. Many of these advances are directly attributable to research done at the Masonic Medical Research

Laboratory (MMRL), a leading center for the study of cardiac arrhythmias for over 35 years.

Part II

Like the hum of a well-tuned car, the beating of a healthy heart goes largely unnoticed. Both depend on a highly sophisticated electrical distribution system. In the case of our heart, that distribution system is comprised of special tissues and cells designed to conduct electrical impulses, unlike the vast majority of heart cells which are designed to contract. As discussed in Part I of this series, it is the flow of ions such as potassium, sodium and calcium, across the cardiac cell membrane which produces the electrical impulse that triggers the contraction of individual muscle cells, thus making possible the pumping action of the heart.

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By Jay McCullough

Let's Endow it!

Your Service Bureau has set up a Camp DeMolay Endowment Fund. The intent is to derive interest income which can be drawn on annually to help support and maintain the Camp.

We've had a jump start

We are blessed with an initial donation of \$5,000 and another couple of donations of \$200. All we need for a full endowment is \$244,800 more by year end 2001.

About the Camp

Camp DeMolay is located on an 18 acre site on the Ontario lakefront property at Sodus Point. Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated staff of 9 Trustees and volunteer crews, the main activity building, sleeping cabins, restrooms with showers, and a recreation building are well maintained. The focus for use is on youth, church groups, and other not-for-profit organizations who need a retreat for short periods of time. There are no fees charged for these groups to use the facilities. They only need keep everything neat and orderly. Should they have the ability, they may contribute to upkeep of the Camp.

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Save the Date!

The Masonic Interfaith Service and Breakfast

October 22, 2000 - Logan's Party House

We are open for suggestions for the Distinguished Community Service Award

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Dated Material

Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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Best saved for last

We are carrying the last of the Masonic Series written by Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. These last two are probably the most thought provoking of the Series. The last, Number X, is a "must read" for all Masons.

A father's voice

I received a note on e-mail which I thought was quite thought provoking. It was the account of the testimony of the father of Rachel Scott, one of the victims of the shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. His words, considering his tragic loss, were quite conciliatory and profound.

His words tell us something about the kind of man he is and of his uncanny objectivity. He started out by recounting the story of Cain and Abel, the first recorded act of violence, making the observation that when Cain slew his brother, it was not the club that was the true killer, it was Cain. The reason for the killing can only be found in Cain's heart.

Analogously, it was not the NRA or their lobby or gun enthusiasts or the availability of hand guns that was responsible for his daughter's death, it was Eric and Dylan. The reasons for their actions also can only be found in their hearts.

He was not defending the NRA, he said, because he did not think they needed defending. It is his belief that the seeds of kindness and the seeds of violence are found in all our hearts. Darrell Scott looks upon the happenings at Columbine as a spiritual event forcing us to look at where the real blame lies.

No amount of law could have prevented this tragedy. The finger-pointers bear just as much of the burden in his daughter's death as the rest. In fact, he said that much of the blame lay in the very room in which he was speaking.

Darrell Scott wrote a poem to emphasize his message to the House Judiciary Committee. It appears in our "Poetry Niche" section on page 13. Therein lies his answer. A full copy of the text of his message, which I have paraphrased here, is available at the Office.

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Expertise needed!

Yes, Spring is here and it is time to think about outdoor work at Camp DeMolay. The buildings need work, the grounds need work and there are many projects needing volunteers. If you can spare some time, I know we can use your expertise. Why not call Bill Hook at 671-6452 and say, "I would like to help"? We will need to do some preparatory work prior to Kodak "day of caring", and we will need supervisors when the Kodak people are there, as we expect a large number of Kodak volunteers.

Equipment

The Masonic Service Bureau also needs volunteers to clean and repair our Loan Closet medical equipment.

Reminder

Don't forget to list the MSB as the recipient of your United Way donation. Our number is 1060.

The power of giving is greater than that of receiving, for in giving, you also receive. Please don't forget your gift of love to the Masonic Service Bureau.

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

A new opportunity

I recently received a bulletin from the Grandparents Society of the Children's Hospital at Strong Memorial Hospital. The Society is contemplating a number of events for the members.

My wife and I joined the Society following the admittance to the Children's Hospital of our grandson last year. We were greatly impressed by the superb treatment and care that he received. The medical staff were absolutely marvelous.

Future plans

Among the various events that are being planned are: Fundraising events for the Children's Hospital, volunteering for the hospital special events, the Children's Miracle Network Telethon on local TV, and community service oriented outings.

Opportunities

As you can see this is a great opportunity, not only for personal reasons, but for community service representing the Masonic Service Bureau. The Bureau will be emphasized in all my activities.

In addition, I plan to provide entertainment at the children's wards with Magic Shows and also request the participation of the Shrine Clowns as one of their projects.

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Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Telemarketers

We have all been annoyed by telemarketers. No matter when they call, it always seems inopportune.

The focus of this article concerns those telemarketers who are abusive in their practices. I have nothing against telemarketers per se. We all have to earn our daily bread.

What makes telemarketing practices abusive, are when the calls come automatically, without regard, contain pre-recorded messages, or are expressly unwanted.

You don't have to suffer. The law allows you to put a stop to this.

The Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), along with the FCC (Federal Communications Comm.) regulations give all of us important new powers.

THE TCPA imposes restrictions on the use of pre-recorded or artificial voice messages and unsolicited faxes to business

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phone numbers. The caller must now identify: who they are; on whose behalf they are calling; and a telephone number or address where the person or entity can be contacted. These auto-dialers which put out recorded messages cannot tie up your line. I recall getting one which held my phone line up until the message was completed. The law requires that if you hang up on this message, you must be able to get a dial tone within 5 seconds. You cannot be solicited before 8:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m.

The law expressly forbids the use of pre-recorded or artificial voice messages to your home. There are exceptions. They are: emergency calls (pertaining to health and safety of consumers, e.g., product recalls); calls made with your prior consent; non-commercial calls (fundraising for a charity); calls which don't include unsolicited advertisements (a recorded reminder of an appointment); calls from persons or businesses in which you have an established relationship.

Unsolicited faxes at your home or office are prohibited, unless there is an existing business relationship, or you have given your consent. All outgoing faxes must identify: the date and time the fax was sent, identity of sender, and the telephone number of the sender.

The key is to tell the telemarketer not to call anymore. Tell the telemarketer to put you on their "do-not-call-list". That's it! The calls have to stop. Period. No excuses.

What gives this law more "bite than bark", is your ability to sue the solicitor in small claims court. Each violation will subject the telemarketer to a \$500 fine, which you can collect.

Here's how it works

You tell a telemarketer not to call you anymore. You still receive calls despite your demand. You receive an unsolicited, pre-recorded or artificial voice solicitation at your home or any

unsolicited fax. Absent some exceptions, the caller is liable to you for \$500 for each infraction. The big exception is that the law allows the same telemarketer to call twice more after being told not to call: thereafter they are liable for sanctions.

Good record-keeping is essential to prove your case. If you receive an unsolicited fax, keep it. If you are getting unwanted: live solicitations, pre-recorded or computer generated solicitations, and had told the sender to stop calling, keep a record. The record should contain: when you told them to stop, when they called thereafter, and who they were.

The Gift of Love

The Masonic Service Bureau greatly appreciates your contribution. If you have not made your 2000 donation, would you please do so now, before you forget? If you have, would you consider increasing it?

The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc. Loan Closet

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

| Equip. Type | On loan |
|----------------|------------|
| Bathtub equip. | 94 |
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Money Tip\$

By Dave Larson

Mutual Funds

The 3rd principle for building wealth presented by Harry S. Dent, Jr., in his book, "The Roaring 2000's", is that mutual funds are the best vehicle for most people. Simply put, investing in well managed mutual funds provides most investors their best chance of achieving respectable long term returns consistent with their investment objectives, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Mutual funds are just another way to have your assets professionally managed. Whether they are money market mutual funds designed to outpace bank savings accounts, bond funds that deliver monthly income or stock funds designed to offer growth, a professionally managed, diversified mutual fund offers a disciplined approach to investing and a historical track record that can be measured against a meaningful, appropriate benchmark. Mutual funds are suitable for all levels of investing. An investor with as little as \$250 can begin investing in a fund and add to his investment each month in increments of as little as \$50. Wealthier investors or institutions can achieve low cost, diversified professional management through mutual funds with amounts well into the millions of dollars.

Buying and holding the funds managed by the best long-term money managers is the way to build wealth. Chasing last year's best performers and trying to time the market by switching in and out of funds have been losing strategies. Depending on your level of investments, you can choose one good core stock fund and consistently funnel cash into it, or build a portfolio of funds that meet your standards for performance and risk tolerance by balancing conservative blue chip funds with aggressive growth funds that invest both in the US and abroad. With the tremendous number of mutual funds currently in existence and the various levels of sales charges or fees, it may be helpful to speak with a financial advisor. How to find an objective financial advisor is principle number six, so stay tuned to future columns!



Ward Visit

The final ward visit for the season was held on March 12th. The visits will be resumed in October.

Banquet

The Annual VAMC Volunteer Awards Banquet will be held at noon on Thursday, May 4th at the Burgundy Basin Inn. I'm sorry I incorrectly reported the wrong place last month.

Outpatient Clinic

The Clinic at Westfall Road is looking for volunteers to provide general assistance with clerical duties, at the reception desk, and with various other duties.

Electrifying Bloopers

Tom Paglia

Here is one for the ladies. A phone call was on the answering machine with a telephone number to call and it said it was urgent, kind of like an emergency. I dialed the number and asked what the problem was. She told me that half of the house was acting like there were ghosts in it because the lights would go off and on, flicker for a while and then stay on. After a while it would do the same thing again. Normally, it is just a small matter to find the problem. Most of the time it is in the junction box or panel.

I took my handy dandy tool pouch and headed for the panel, took off the cover and with my flashlight I took a look inside. Everything looked go be in good order. Tightened all the screws that seemed to have loosened up. Nothing. She told me the basement light near the panel burned out regularly, it checked out OK.

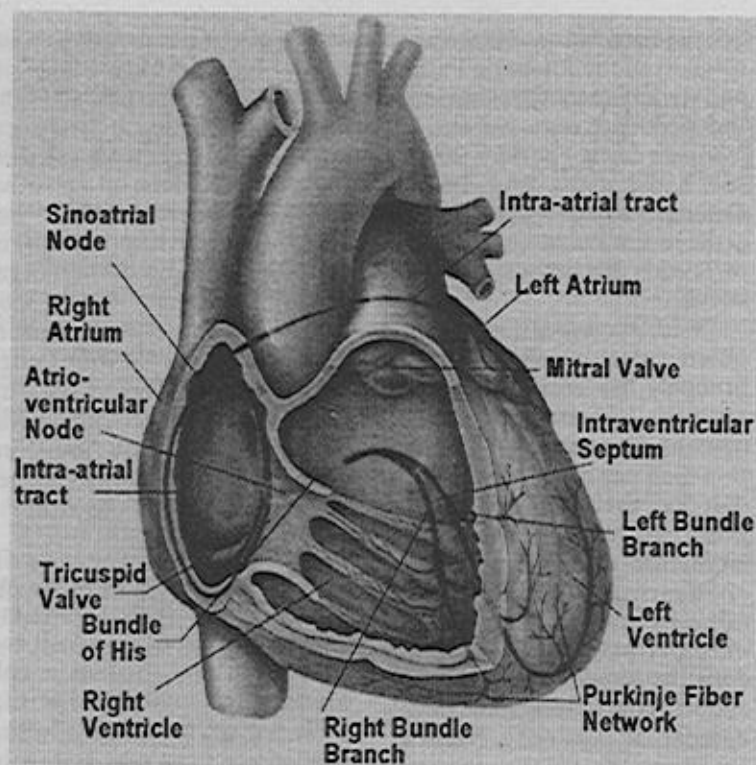
I asked her if anyone did any major electrical work in the house lately to which she replied, "no", but she did change two light switches. I asked her why she attempted that and she said, "My husband is deathly afraid of electricity, but don't worry, I turned off the breaker."

Smart lady, but what she really didn't know was that the white wire also carries electricity, especially if something else is attached to it and working. Knowing this, I asked where the switches were and finding them, started to remove them from the wall.

One used to be a dimmer switch for the dining room which she replaced with a regular single pole switch. The only thing wrong with the other replacement were loose screws, she had not completely tightened them down. She then told me when she reassembled the switch the light in the kitchen would flicker or refuse to go on. She rearranged the wires and things settled down to only flickering.

I asked her at what time did it start to flicker and she said after the basement light switch was changed. I found that when she pushed the wire back into the box, the wire, when stripped, was nicked and it broke. It couldn't be seen because the nick was hidden by the plastic covering. When she rewired the switches, she put two hot wires on one screw, the way it was originally and a no-no. She did not see it, but the screw was sitting on the insulation and only a small part of the wire was making contact. I asked her if she knew anything about that kind of repair work. Her answer was no, but she went to the library and studied the books on electricity. You know the kind with pictures that you can buy for \$5.95. This in her mind qualified her to do the work. Little did she know that if the problem did not occur, later on there could have been a more serious problem. Maybe the loss of a house.

Ladies, a word to the wise, if you don't know anything about electricity, don't try to fix it. Electricity is serious business, you only get one chance. Call a licensed or qualified electrician. You may think it costs a lot, but think what it would take to replace your home. "Here's more power to you."



Excitable Heart

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The electrical signal that sets the heart in motion originates in the right upper chamber (right atrium) in a structure known as the sinus node. Traveling through specialized pathways, the impulse spreads throughout the right and left atria and then squeezes through an isthmus that connects the upper and lower chambers (ventricles) of the heart (see illustration). This junction known as the atrioventricular (AV) node, serves as a relay station where the impulse is delayed, providing enough time for the blood in the atria to empty into the ventricles. Because it serves as the gatekeeper for the ventricles, the AV node is also referred to as a "safety valve", regulating the rate at which impulses can propagate from the atria to the ventricles. From there the electrical impulse journeys down a divided cellular highway (bundle branches), simultaneously activating both ventricles. The conduction system terminates in a webbed network of specialized (Purkinje) fibers that permit nearly synchronous activation of the cells of the ventricles from the bottom up so as to effectively squeeze out the blood. This well organized sequence of activation, the result of millions of years of evolution, allows for quiet and efficient pumping of blood by the heart for the purpose of providing oxygen and nutrients to the rest of the body.

The healthy heart follows this same pattern of electrical activation about 70 times each minute; this is the basis for the normal heart rate. The efficiency of the heart as a pump can become seriously compromised when the electrical distribution system breaks down. Just as a faulty distributor can cause a car to stutter and sputter, a faulty distribution system in the heart can cause rhythm disturbances, or arrhythmias, that can alter its normal function. An arrhythmia occurs when the heart beats too slowly (bradycardia), too rapidly (tachycardia) or erratically.

A very slow heart rate results when either the sinus node, the primary pacemaker of the heart, is defective, or the AV node, the structure through which the sinus impulse must pass to activate the ventricles, is defective. When impulse conduction between the atria and ventricles is blocked (heart block), the heart does not stop completely because subsidiary (backup) pacemakers located in the ventricles take over control of the heart. However,

their rate, usually less than 40 beats per minute, is too slow to maintain normal function and in some cases is too slow to maintain consciousness. Fortunately, the problem is easily remedied by the implantation of an artificial pacemaker, a device that provides electrical pulses to stimulate the heart and thus restore normal rate and rhythm. Although very slow heart rates can be life-threatening, most arrhythmic deaths result from abnormally rapid heart rates.

A tachycardia results when either the atria or the ventricles beat too rapidly. There are several mechanisms by which this can occur. Abnormal impulse formation due to altered movement of ions across the membrane of pacemaking cells is one mechanism. Another, more common mechanism, involves the recirculation (reentry) of the electrical impulse around a real or functional obstacle in a never ending loop characteristic of a dog chasing its tail. The normal pattern of electrical distribution is therefore disrupted, resulting in a short-circuiting of a part of the heart. Tachycardia can degenerate into fibrillation, also known as sudden cardiac death when it occurs in the ventricles, if the electrical activity becomes further disorganized.

Because the ventricles do most of the pumping, a rapid rate in the ventricles is generally more serious than in the atria. Inasmuch as the AV node limits the number of atrial beats that reach the ventricles, an abnormally fast heart rhythm can exist in the atria while the ventricles beat at a near normal rate. Medical treatment of fast heart rhythms ideally should be tailored to the underlying mechanism responsible for the arrhythmia. Artificial pacemakers, automatic defibrillators, antiarrhythmic drugs and ablation techniques are today available to treat and prevent the de-

velopment of life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias.

These therapeutic modalities are available today due in part to the vital research conducted by the internationally renowned Experimental Cardiology Team at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. The research findings of the MMRL's scientists together with those of researchers at other institutes worldwide, have translated into therapies and preventative measures that have saved countless lives. In the next segment of this series, I hope to expand on the causes of tachycardia and fibrillation and to further discuss how research, in some cases only months old, can provide a new lease on life for many patients.

Hugh Miller Hall

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After the construction of the new First Baptist brick church on Prospect in 1893, the membership of the Freewill Baptist Church steadily declined and closed permanently in 1902. The building was sold to Attica entrepreneur, Hugh Miller, for \$1,750. Mr. Miller removed the deteriorating church steeple, installed a hardwood floor and a balcony. He promoted the use of the building as a dance hall, roller skating rink and for various other affairs.

The Attica Masonic Lodge had long been interested in acquiring this structure for Lodge purposes. In 1907, this building and its furnishings were sold to the Lodge for \$5,000.

The Lodge built a brick addition to the front of the building and considerable other work was done to the old structure over the years. The Lodge also carpeted Mr. Miller's hardwood floors, but the beautiful balcony still remains as a monument to part of this landmark building's heritage. (Article submitted by the Attica Landmark Preservation Society)

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Winding down

The old saying applies, "time flies when you're having fun". I've had challenges and many experiences of joy and excitement. Truly it seems only yesterday that I started down the road as District Deputy. The time has flown, many events have occurred and now the new TEAM is preparing to step in. I have had fun and I thank each and every Brother for helping to make these two years fly by.

Observations

"There is nothing more important to the survival of Freemasonry and its growth than the Blue Lodge. It is in the Lodge that our leaders are inspired or lost, it is there that Masons are brought to light or left in darkness, it is there that a commitment is grown or the seeds of apathy sown." So said R.W. Friedman and R.W. Wihlen in April, 1996. The same is true today. Last month's Membership Retention article by R.W. Joseph Privitera regarding Lodge mergers made the point we are stretched for the most vital resource-LEADERS. The Lodge that has a full line of Officers is unique! At the same time, we are trying to maintain nineteen Lodges at fourteen different locations. Lodge buildings have become millstones about our necks; too often we spend our limited time tending to a maintenance nightmare rather than doing the work of the Craft. It is my opinion that mergers/consolidations should be encouraged ultimately resulting in 6 or 8 Lodges within the consolidated District.

R.W. Friedman's words still apply. "To make mergers work, we must conquer fear and most of all live up to the lesson of the Compasses: to subdue our passions, and in truth, our egos. We must ask ourselves, what is in the best interest of the Craft? The Craft must always come first and our personal feelings second. None of us is bigger than the Craft." We need to move and make mergers happen keeping in mind that TIME, the leveler of all things, waits for no man.

It's the Mason in the Man

I have often wondered why Freemasonry was not discussed

or mentioned in textbooks when so many of the founding Fathers and signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons. *The Northern Light*, February 2000 issue, had a quote from Brother Thomas W. Jackson, (the speaker at the recent Philalethes "Seekers of Truth") that helped me understand.

"With the exception of organized religion, Freemasonry probably has created a greater beneficial impact upon the development of present day civilization than any other organization that has existed on earth. Yet when you read historical documentation of the evolution of civilization, Freemasonry is rarely mentioned and if it is, it is only peripherally. We cannot deny the impact of Washington and so many others in the development of American freedom; but it was Washington the man, not Washington the Mason and not Freemasonry, that made America what it is.

The philosophical purpose of Freemasonry always has been to develop the man - to start with good men and make them better, to increase the intellectual capacity of the individual, and give the man the incentive to contribute to making the world a better place to live." Well said, Brother Jackson!

Grand Lodge Staff Officer

Monroe District



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

"Brother"

When I took the job as Staff Officer, it was with the understanding that it was for two years. Two years seemed like a very long time. There is only a little more than one month until the next Officers will take their places. In some Grand Jurisdictions the title does not carry over. You revert to "Brother". I don't have a problem with that. There is no better title or honor than that of "Brother" when spoken by a Freemason, and there is no finer moment than when I received my Lambskin Apron. There are many others who feel the same way. Notice the emotion displayed when a Brother receives his Service Pin. Time to move on.

Merging?

Is your Lodge one that is discussing merger? If you are, there must be a need. Small numbers of members cannot pay the ever es-

calating costs of operating an organization. Too many Lodge officers have failed to face up to the fiscal responsibility of their organization. If merger is a must, do it while it can be done on a positive note. Your elected officers are charged with the responsibility of knowing the status of their organization at all times. If it must be done, don't forget the members who have supported your Lodge for a long time. They've built up pride in their Lodge. Change will be very difficult. You "must" include them in any and all changes that might be made - up front!

"Vinny"

When my term is over, my cousin Vinny will be selling me some swamp land. He says it can be drained and used as a golf course. This sounds like a worthwhile project, but I'm in a "retire now" mode. I can play golf without buying a golf course. I hope Vinny can build it himself. He deserves the chance. Look at all the times he's helped me - and for so little money. What a guy!

I'll see you in Lodge. □

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



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

Greetings, Brothers

We will meet on April 8th at 10:00 a.m. at Fame/Germania Lodge. Note that our May meeting has been changed. We will meet at Clio Lodge on May 6th at 7:30 p.m.-Ox Roast Night.

Analysis

We had representatives from 12 Lodges in attendance at our February meeting. The first order of business was a critical analysis of our involvement with the Have-a-Heart solicitation at the Malls. No finger pointing took place, but rather an honest assessment of what we could have done better. We determined that the difficulty of finding enough Brothers to staff the malls was of our own making. Our focus was too narrow. We had the resources, all we had to do was ask the Concordant Bodies and the OES to help. Another option was to ask Brothers from Lodges located in the surrounding Districts, and Prince Hall Masons, to help out.

A critical component is securing sites within the malls. We need to have commitments in place by September, October at the latest.

We did gain some valuable insights and information that will make the load lighter next year. We now own the hardware necessary to display the hearts. My thanks to W. Bob Fisher of Oatka for allowing us to store these materials. We have secured a supplier who was generous enough to provide in kind donations. We now have the necessary keepsakes to hand out to mall patrons. Most importantly, we now have the necessary information needed to host future solicitations at the malls. We need no longer rely on any one single individual to disseminate the information needed.

A smile and kind words

The Craft is grateful for all the hard work of our DDGM,

R.W. Donald Darrohn. His efforts are why we had the solicitation this year. It was an unnecessarily frustrating experience for him. Keeping his passions in due bound, and with his usual grace in the face of frustration, Brother Don labored with a smile and kind words. As a testament to his commitment, he has volunteered to work on the Have-a-Heart Program next year. Thank you, Brother Don, from the entire District.

Tribute to the ladies

We had a very pleasant Widows Luncheon at Logan's Party House on March 18th. My thanks to everyone who came out. It's a tribute to the ladies, it's how we say thank you for supporting our dearly departed Brethren in Masonry, while they were alive.

Child ID

W. Bill Lindsay spoke to us about the Child ID Program. An idea that caught fire was to have the ID Program go to events or town fairs. That is where the audience is. Another idea is for each Lodge and Concordant Body to contribute funds to purchase the necessary equipment to host a Child ID Program. With ownership of equipment comes the ability to host Child ID Programs on a more consistent basis.

Masters

We will meet separately as a group at Fame/Germania Lodge on April 9th at 7:30 p.m. This is an important meeting. We need to finalize our plans for travel to Grand Lodge in May.

Spring Dinner

Mark your calendars. Saturday evening, May 13th, is our Association's Annual Spring Dinner. The cost is only \$25.00 per person, and includes a keepsake. This year's theme is "Masonry 2000". R.W. Don Vetal will be our guest speaker. Afterwards, we DANCE! Bring your significant other. This promises to be a memorable evening.

Please note

In the March newsletter, I mentioned that digital pictures would be made available. Further investigation revealed that the costs of production were greater than first realized. We decided to do without. This decision will keep the cost of the dinner affordable. Feel free to bring your camera.

This is my last article as President of Masters and Wardens. Thanks to all of you for your support. Our meetings were productive. We each got a chance to know one another and strengthen the bonds of friendship. □

Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County

President:

V.W. John Zabel

Symbols

The Lodge had decided to try to win the Traveling Gavel. The group, including George, met at the Lodge early and headed to Euclid Lodge, where the Gavel rested. They were successful in obtaining the Gavel. On the way home after the meeting, Durwyn got to talking to George.

"I noticed that big thing on the wall at Euclid Lodge. It appeared to be covered with drawings of all sorts of things, including a drawing of George Washington in a Masonic Apron. What was that all about?", questioned Durwyn.

"That is what is known as a 'Master's Carpet', or 'tracing board'," replied George. "They were used in the 19th Century as part of the Masonic lectures as a means of teaching Masonic principles. The one in Euclid Lodge was made around 1859, I think."

"Well, what do all the symbols mean? I recognized some of them, but not all of them."

"I don't know all of them myself," said George. "I guess I should do some studying to find out more about the symbols on these 'Master's Carpets'."

"Why were there so many symbols? Couldn't they just do the lectures like we do now, just using words?", asked Durwyn.

"I think it's because many people in the 19th Century and in the early part of the 20th Century did not read or did not read well. The symbols were used because all people can communicate through symbols. For example, if you see a boat on the ocean with the flag of our country, you can assume it belongs to a company or citizen of this country. You don't have to read the name and home port written on the hull. Similarly, people do not read stop or yield signs, they know what they mean by their shape and color. Symbols can convey a lot of meaning. As the saying goes, 'a picture is worth a thousand words'," replied George.

"We should get together and discuss this further," said Durwyn.

"Yes, why don't we? Why not this Saturday morning at my place?", inquired George.

"I'll be there about ten o'clock", replied Durwyn.

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A recommendation to ponder

Masonry in Monroe County has changed quite a bit since the early 1970's. There have been changes in the Lodges and meeting places. There have been changes in the Concordant Bodies and other Masonic related organizations. It is recommended that each Lodge in the County consider putting together an updated history. Much information about a Lodge can be gleaned from the Lodge minutes, however, a concise history could be a useful membership development tool. Think about it.

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.
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A great evening

On March 13th the Lodge put on a Roast Beef Dinner, prepared by Irondequoit Chapter, OES. The ladies were invited to join us. After dinner and the meeting we were treated to the singing entertainment of a Barbershop Quartet arranged for by our own W. Gordon Oaks. We thank him for his assistance. It was a delightful evening!

2nd Degree

The 2nd Degree on March 27th was conducted with V. W. John Zabel in the East. I thank him and all participating Officers for putting on a fine Degree. I am sure our newly passed Brothers were equally impressed with the work.

April events

We will have a regular meeting on April 10th.

The 3rd Degree will be held at the Downtown Masonic Temple in Rochester on April 15th. The time has yet to be established. All Masonic Lodges throughout the Monroe District are invited to have their eligible Fellowcraft raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Our Brothers will be raised at that time.

A dinner (men only) and meeting will be held on April 24th.

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No. 426

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March 1857



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

W. James P.
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14534

The 70°+ temperatures of the first days of March and the noise of the geese in my back yard tell me that our Winter Southern residents are about to return. We look forward to seeing you at Lodge real soon. Sorry you missed all the snow.

Important information

You are reading this just after the 2nd Degree. The 3rd Degree date has been changed. Our candidates will take their 3rd Degree at a District Degree Fest on Saturday, April 15th. The Ceremony starts in the morning and continues into the afternoon. The Calling Committee will contact everyone to get full support from the Lodge. We look forward to seeing a big turnout at this special event. It has all the elements of providing the most impressive Degree for our new initiates.

The 1st Degree was a success. Randy Griswold did a great job in the East. A special thanks to Don Smith and R. W. John Tijou with last minute parts. The biggest thanks to V. W. Dan Walker for coordinating the Degree, delivering the Lecture and also taking a part at the last minute. Our support was 100%.

Linda Zahn started off our evening with a great meal.

Cancellation

In light of the rescheduled 3rd Degree, our meeting of May 20th is cancelled. This is Maundy Thursday and our By-Laws do not allow us to meet on this day.

Another change in term plans

Due to the uncertainty in the availability of the key recipient of the DeWitt Clinton Award, we will change the Award Night to May 18th. Our meeting of April 6th will be a regular business meeting. Please note this on your calendars. Remember that this will be open to your guests.

Politics

Ray Beardsley joined me in addressing the Pittsford Democratic Party that met at the Lodge on Sunday, February 13th. We spoke of the Fraternity, our Lodge and the building history. Thanks to John Dudley for booking this important Lodge rental that generated income and informed people in the community of our cause.

Ladies Night

Full details concerning Ladies Night will be available in our next communication. Please save May 13th for this event. Live music, dancing, and great dining awaits the attendees. Be one!

Our Altar is draped

Charles Chesterman, our oldest member (just shy of 100 years) and Gordon Monroe have passed away. With the Altar draped for the customary 30 days, we are reminded of their 100 plus years of service as members. A Masonic Service was provided as requested by Brother Chesterman. Brother Monroe requested private services and we have extended our comforts to his widow. Our prayers are extended to their families.

Sickness

All things considered, Jean Campbell is recovering nicely from her stroke reported last month. John Williams, Bill Fraser, Roger Wolf, Doris Welch and George Bradshaw are each recovering from health concerns as reported at our meetings. Our best concerns for full recoveries are extended to each of them.

Before parting

If the publishing and mailing date for this issue of the *Times* allows, let me take this final opportunity to remind everyone that there is a critical meeting concerning Lodge finance on Sunday, March 26th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Lodge. We have lost our number one fundraiser, the sausage stand at Canal Days Festival, which was cancelled this year. We need fresh ideas from our members to replace this important source of income. If you can't attend, jot down anything that you might think of and mail it to me. Phil Sheridan sent in two great ideas within a day of receiving his "Northfield News". Thanks, Phil! What do you have to say?

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Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



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2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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From the Secretary

By Herbert Spencer

Brethren

Have you checked your dues card lately? If it says 1998, you owe dues for 2 years. If it says 1999, you owe for the current year. We have established an incentive for early payment of dues. Please check your dues notice and send in your dues. There are several of you who are 2 years in arrears.

CLIO LODGE No. 779



W. Jeffery
B. Ross,
Master
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1st & 3rd
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

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

I hope that by the time this is published it is a little warmer and it stays that way for a while.

1st Degree

We found ourselves in a little bit of trouble for our March 21st meeting. Bob Pedersen, Senior Warden, and I both had to work. W. Sean Noonan told us he would step in and put on the 1st Degree. Once again a Past Master comes through for the Lodge.

Sickness and distress

Al Bird was in the hospital with pneumonia. Charles Tucker's wife is resting at home after spending several days in the hospital. Eric Betteridge is still suffering with neck problems.

April birthdays

Happy Birthday to: Dana Aueter, Karl Brandt, J. Johnson, Dale Polmateer, Robert Quackenbush, Joe Ulrich, Denny Wright, Dave Partiss, Maurice Northrup, Merle Wallace, Harry DeHollander, Sante Panella, and David B. Seeger.

Upcoming events

April 4th - TBA

The 2nd Degree rehearsal will be on April 16th. The Degree will be conferred on April 18th and we will open at 6:30 p.m.

Our Spaghetti Dinner this month is on April 12th.

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

Review

Another Masonic year is nearing its close. It has been a good year for Seneca. Four Brothers have been raised; we have sponsored good causes and are ready to take on the challenges of the new millennium. The jackets have been presented to Brother Simmons Pee Wee Football Team, and Awards presented at the Science Congress. The sign will be up at Camp Haccamo this Summer. Our Masonic speaker from the Laboratory and the Tea are yet to come, but they should offer something for everyone and be a fine finish to the year. I wish to thank all of you for your support: W. Robert C. Green, Jr., for keeping me focused and W. Gary Stein for handling the Brotherhood Fund.

Secretary

Brother Green has served us faithfully as Secretary since 1994 and would like to pass this position on. If you would like to be Secretary for the Lodge, now is the time to step forward. Though the work is more than the pay, it is a challenging and rewarding position. If you have been looking for a way to help the Lodge, this may be your opportunity.

Medical Research, what does the future hold?

R. W. Ronald P. Kamp, Director of Development, Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica, will be speaking to us at our April meeting. This will be a non-tiled meeting and friends and guests are invited and encouraged. We hope to have a large turnout. Please call Brother Walthour for a dinner reservation or seat reservation if you are coming to the meeting only. Dress will be suit or sport coat and tie.

Masonic thoughts

I leave you with these thoughts from a poem by Brother Walter Wingham, titled "A Closing Hymn".
"...But thou to us has given a part,
To build a temple of the heart,
In which to walk with soul erect,
A monument of Thine elect.
Then strengthen our Masonic tie,

Teach us to live, teach us to die,
Enrich our cause with all that's good,
Cement our love with brotherhood."
Thank you for an enjoyable year.

The Brothers of
Seneca Lodge No. 797
invite the Brothers of the
Monroe District
to join them

April 11th
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Program 7:30 p.m.

Speaker of evening
R. W. Ronald P. Kamp
Director of Development
at the M.M.R.L.

for reservations
Call Stuart Walthour
at 321-1948

Churchville Lodge No. 667

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



W. George
Pfieger,
Master
426-0603

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

W. George R. Burke,
Secretary 293-1629

By W. Garry Hutcherson
Well, Spring is in the air and we're getting closer to Grand Lodge in New York and preparations are going well.

New members

We had an exciting time last month with three new candidates being raised. W. Craig Mollon raised our oldest candidate, his father, at the 82 years of age. Our youngest candidate was raised by his father who came from Pennsylvania just for this occasion.

The Shrine Degree Team helped us with the 3rd Degree and they did a fabulous job, as usual. We really appreciate them and can't thank them enough.

BAF Night

We had a Bring-a-Friend Night at our first March meeting with three new hopefuls who turned in petitions. We are off and running again.

Snowbirds

We hope Doug Varley is doing well in Arizona and that our other snow birds will be returning soon. We hope to see them in Lodge.

Have a Happy Easter and enjoy the warm weather.

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Greetings, Brothers

My thanks to R. W. Bill Zufall and W. Lou Campaniello for the fine job they did putting together last month's Table Lodge. Those who attended had a fabulous time.

Thank you to W. Lou Campaniello for coordinating our participation in the Have-a-Heart Campaign at the Center at Greece Ridge Mall. My thanks go out to all the Brothers who participated. There are families out there who are better off for our efforts.

Visiting!

We traveled to Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 on February 15th. A Major in the Marine Corps discussed tank warfare and showed us some videos of the M1A1 Tank. It's quite an impressive piece of armament. Dinner was phenomenal! Brother Bill King, JW of Charlotte/Corinthian, cooked us a meal that would do a mother proud!

Thanks to the ladies

We had a very pleasant Widows Luncheon at Logan's Party House on March 18th. My thanks to everyone who came out. It's a tribute to the ladies, it's how we say thank you for supporting our dearly departed Brethren in Masonry, while they were alive.

April meetings

This month we have the following programs. Our first meeting on April 4th, is a Summoned Meeting.

Our second meeting on April 18th promises to be memorable. Brother Bob Kinzel, a 50 Year Award recipient, will be coming

to Lodge to share with us his memories of Rochester, and his experiences at Kodak Park. Brother Bob was in charge of the Photo Finishing Lab, prior to his retirement. He has some amazing photographs of our nation's recent history. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Call your reservations into W. Dan Emerson at 334-7730, no later than April 13th.

M&W Dinner

As President of the Masters and Wardens Association, would you do me the honor of coming to the Masters and Wardens Dinner on May 13th? The cost is only \$25.00 per person. It includes dinner, dancing, keepsake and an enlightening talk on Freemasonry by R. W. Don Vetal. Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. I have tickets.

Combined efforts

Our Lodge owes its heartfelt thanks to W. Dan Emerson and W. Lou Campaniello for all their hard work in managing the Lodge. It's their efforts that make our meetings that much better. Their willingness to remain in the Line allowed me to become an effective Master. I could not have done it without their help.

W. Craig Covert has always come to the aid of his Lodge when called upon. As Acting Treasurer, he enables our Lodge to function in a responsible manner. What makes his contributions note-worthy is his willingness to devote the time in addition to his family responsibilities. I can appreciate the anxiety that juggling responsibilities brings. Despite that, Brother Craig has carried out his duties with good humor. Thank you, Brother Craig.

W. Bill Lindsay has been the best mentor a Master could ever have. Any successes I have had in Lodge owe some measure of their success to Brother Bill.

R. W. Terry Wihlen. His contributions to the Lodge in his efforts as Secretary are the benchmarks by which we judge how a secretary should perform. It's a responsibility that requires thought and diligence. Without either, a Lodge's ability to function would be seriously compromised. On behalf of the Lodge, thank you very much for all you have done.

We all owe our heartfelt thanks to our present DDGM, R. W. Donald Darrohn. He has

acted in this Lodge's interests, above and beyond what is expected of any DDGM.

This is my last article as Master. It has been an experience. Any successes I have had are because of the friendship and support of my Brothers. I consider it an honor to have been chosen by my peers to lead this Lodge. I am a better person for it.

Flower City Lodge No. 910



R. W. Phillip Averbach,
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Rochester, N.Y. 14605

W. Jerry
Spero,
Master
334-7616

2nd
Thursday
7:30 P.M.

You do make a difference

I recently received an e-mail message from Australia from David, an individual I have "chatted" with on the Internet. He sent this same message to 16 others around the world.

A teacher in New York decided to honor each of her seniors in the high school class by telling them of the difference they made. She called each student to the front of the class, one at a time. First, she told all of them how they made a difference to her and the class. Then she presented each of them with a blue ribbon imprinted with gold letters which read, "Who I Am Makes A Difference". Afterwards the teacher decided to do a class project to see what kind of an impact recognition would have on the community. She gave each student three more ribbons and instructed them to go out and spread this acknowledgment ceremony. Then they were to follow up on the results and report back to the class in a week.

One of the boys in the class went to a junior executive in a nearby company and honored him for helping him with career planning. The boy gave him a blue ribbon and pinned it on his shirt. He then gave him two extra ribbons and told him about the class project, asking him to go out and honor someone with one of the two extra ribbons.

Later that day the junior executive went in to see his boss, who had been noted by the way, as being a grouchy fellow. He then told his boss that he admired him and thought he was a creative genius. The boss seemed very surprised. He explained about the boy's classroom project and pinned the ribbon on him, giving him the final ribbon to pass on.

That night the boss came home to his 14 year old son and sat him down. He then explained about the junior executive pinning the ribbon on him above his heart that said, "Who Am I To Make A Difference" and that he was admired for being a creative genius. Then he gave me an extra ribbon to honor another.

As I was driving home tonight, I started thinking about whom I would honor with this ribbon and I thought of you. I want to honor you. My days are really hectic and when I come home I really don't pay a lot of attention to you. Sometimes I scream at you for not getting good grades or for your bedroom being a mess, but somehow tonight I just wanted to sit here and, well, just let you

know that you do make a difference to me.

Besides your mother, you are the most important person in my life. You're a great kid and I love you. The startled boy started to sob and sob, and he couldn't stop crying.

"Dad, I didn't think you loved me. Now I know you care. This is the happiest day I've known."

The boss went back to work a changed man. He was no longer a grouch, but made sure to let his employees know they made a difference. The junior executive helped several other young people with career planning and never forgot to let them know they made a difference. The young boy and his classmates learned a valuable lesson. Who you are DOES make a difference.

I want to challenge all of you to make a difference. Think about what you can do, AND DO IT!

Utica trip

A trip to Utica in April is being planned. I thank all who contacted me about going.

Fellowcraft meeting

The April Fellowcraft meeting is a must for all officers. This will be the planning meeting for May and June events. April 13th is our next meeting.

FAIRPORT Lodge No. 476



W. Tom
Richenderfer,
Master
377-7782

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

W. George R. Bracht, Secretary
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Ah, Spring! When a Master's thoughts turn to New York City and the end of his term. It has been a very different year for the Lodge. I made the decision early in the year to concentrate on projects instead of entertainment at the meetings. I think that this has proved worthwhile with the completion of the renovations to the ladies restroom and the storage room in the dining room. Also, we are processing and protecting many valuable items from the Lodge's past that were found in the old office.

New campaign

Finally, we have successfully started the "Have-a-Heart, Start-a-Heart" fundraising campaign. All in all, it has been a very productive year for Fairport Lodge. I hope that all my Brothers share in the enthusiasm for these projects that the Officers and I have.

The fever has hit

Speaking of Spring, I seem to have a very nasty case of Spring Fever, so this is going to be a short article this month.

Upcoming events

On April 24th we will hold our Annual Lodge Awards Presentation. If you are eligible for an Award, I urge you to come to the meeting to receive it and be honored by your Brothers. If you are not eligible, please come out to honor your Brothers who have contributed so much to Fairport Lodge.

The meeting will be preceded by a Roast Beef Dinner. Contact me for reservations - 377-7782.

Union Star Lodge No. 320

3 N. Main St.
Honeoye Falls, NY

W. John H.
Williams
Master
533-1188

2nd Mon.
7:30 P.M.



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38 Cullens Run, Pittsford, 14534

A surprise

Brother Robert Norget was surprised when four of his Brothers showed up at this home to present him with his Certificate and Pin attesting to his completion of his service as an active Mason for 60 years. Assisting me in making the presentation were JW Jim Nersinger, Gene Mosholder, Steward, and Brother Les Moore. Bob's wife, Mary, made the arrangements for our visit, but did not tell Bob that we would be there. Sixty years as an active Mason is quite an achievement.

More presentations

At our regular meeting on Monday, April 10th, we will be presenting Certificates and Pins to other Lodge members who have achieved worthy goals in Masonic service. Being honored for 60 years of service will be Brothers Robert Harnish and Leland Ruby and W. Harvey Closs. For 50 years we will be honoring Brother Arthur Sheeler. Receiving Certificates and Pins for 45 years will be W. Jackson Valley, W. Richard Judge and Brother Leslie Sackett. With 40 years of dedication to the Masons we will be honoring Brothers: Howard Stanley, Harold Schwartz, Francis Fitzgerald, and Franklyn White. Let's have a good turnout to show these Brothers that we appreciate their dedication to our Masonic Order.

Fellowcraft Club

The Fellowcraft Club has been making progress on many of the programs that are important to our Lodge. They will soon have a representative in to help with the selection of the fabrics that we might use to cover the benches and officer chairs in our Lodge room. They will then pass along their recommendations at a regular Lodge meeting for possible action. Join us at our Fellowcraft meeting on Monday, April 24th, at 7:00 p.m. and give us your comments and suggestions.

Degree Fest

On Saturday, April 15th, there will be a Degree Fest at the Downtown Masonic Temple for the 3rd Degree. Many of our Lodges will be participating in this event. The 1st Section will be in the morning and the other Sections, including the Hiram Legend, will be in the afternoon. If any of our Brothers have the opportunity, they should attend to see the conferral of the Degree and the raising of the new Brothers.

Brotherhood Fund

You still have time to send in your contribution to the Brotherhood Fund. Brother Jim Nersinger can help if you have misplaced your form. Give him a call at 334-9057 and he can tell you the categories for the distribution of your donation and where to send your check.

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

W.: Bernard Russell, Master
 872-1353

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

W.: Paul Sobtitz, Sec. 671-8980 

Traveling Gavel

A special thanks to the Brothers who drove with me to Ionic Lodge No. 549 in Hamilton, Canada, to regain the Traveling Gavel from our Brothers in the great, white, North. Webster Lodge Brothers, Jimmy Lindstrom, Dick Patterson, Worshipful Brothers: Emil Schirano, Greg Brown and I were treated to overwhelming fellowship as we were given Grand Honors and all were seated in the East. Worshipful Frank Crockery presented me with the Traveling Gavel, and we were treated to two wonderful Lectures.

The Lodge was closed with the Canadian National Anthem, as well as the Star Spangled Banner. As old acquaintances were renewed, and invitation was extended to our Sister Lodge to attend Webster Lodge's next Open Installation on May 20th.

I also delivered the Visitation Plaque which shows a record of all visits between our two Lodges. I am unable to put into words how warm a welcome the Brothers at Ionic Lodge conveyed, but I will say that I was privileged to be a part of our renewed relations. I look forward to seeing them again in the near future. Thank you again, Brothers of Webster and Ionic Lodges, for you have shown me the true meaning of Brotherly Love.

Widows Luncheon

The Widows Luncheon was a success. Webster Lodge Chairmen were Nick Haldoupis and Hank Libera. Thank you to all of the Brothers who helped organize the transportation for the ladies. We were all treated to a great lecture on Wellness, presented by Betty Perkins. She has helped so many people achieve their goals in sports and in life, including me when I used to belong to her swim club.

Service Awards

On April 6th, Webster Lodge will be presenting Service Awards. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. and the open Awards Presentation will be at 7:30 p.m. Please call John Merz for dinner reservations. If anyone needs a ride to Lodge, please call me at 872-1353. I will arrange for transportation for you.

Degree Fest

Webster Lodge will be traveling downtown for the 3rd Degree Fest on April 15th. I will need help conferring the final Degree for the Spring Class. Please show your support and help bring your new Brothers into Webster Lodge and into productive lives in the quarries of Masonry.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Spaghetti Dinner in April is going to be a great event. The Lodge has been increasingly busy during the dinners and more and more people are attending. Brother Doug Koenig and the Brothers and Sisters serve a su-

per dinner each and every time. The Lodge will need more help from any of you who can spare some time to help in the kitchen and serve in the dining room in April and May. Please contact Doug if you are able to help.


Brotherhood Fund


The Brotherhood Fund Drive is in full swing and I am hoping that all Brothers who have not contributed thus far will consider supporting a good cause. Everyone should make a contribution. Choose your favorite charity and send your donation to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund as soon as possible. Contact Brother Emil Shirano, giving the greatest gift of all, charity.

Please make it a point to attend the meetings. I look forward to seeing you there.

ETOLIAN
Lodge No. 479
 133 South Union St.
 Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

W.: Michael Schwartz, Master
 352-4016

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

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

Our Sweetheart Dinner on February 14th found us under the weather. Old man Winter decided to rage out of control, causing the planned entertainment of the evening to cancel out. The lack of entertainment didn't dampen the spirits of heartysouls who came out and dined on a fine meal prepared by resident head chef, JW, Karl-Heinz Reich, assisted by Steward Art McMichaels; SD, Jim Toogood and R.: W.: Jim Powell. Festive balloons used as table decorations were provided by W.: Floyd Seeley, and the Lodge presented red, white and pink carnations to the ladies. Table service and clean-up was handled by the Spencerport United Methodist Church Youth Group, who are endeavoring to raise funds for a Mission Project in Appalachia this Summer. We passed the hat after the meal, and \$72.00 was donated toward their cause!

Degree work

At the February 28th communication, we exemplified the first part of the Entered Apprentice Degree with JW, Karl-Heinz Reich in the East. Thanks to all the Officers for their preparation and hard work, and a special thanks to R.: W.: Gene Brendel for being AGL for the evening, making our mistakes learning moments.

On March 7th the Finance Committee audited the books, and found everything in order.

Thanks

Thanks to R.: W.: Jim Powell for stepping in and coordinating the Widows Luncheon on behalf of Etolian Lodge.

Dues

If you are one of the 32 Brothers who hasn't yet remitted your Y2K dues, please do so soon. The Lodge does need your financial support as well as your attendance.

Looking ahead

There has been much talk within the Lodge regarding future planning. Without exception, each of the "westside"

Lodges are facing either financial, membership, accessibility or declining membership issues. These are serious problems which are not going to go away. We will be discussing future planning and building issues at the April 10th communication. Please plan to attend, your input is valued.


By-Laws

The Lodge By-Laws are being reviewed by an ad hoc committee. Specifically, they are updating some of the archaic sections of the By-Laws to reflect current times and they are also addressing the establishment and rules of governance for the Etolian Bequeath Funds. I will provide an update in next month's newsletter. The proposed changes will be announced at both stated communications in April, and will be included with the Summons letter for our Annual Communication to be sent out in April.

Please update your trestleboard-the April 24th meeting will be Service Awards Presentation Night. Twenty-eight Etolian members will receive Grand Lodge Pins that evening. Please plan to come out, support and celebrate with these Brothers who represent 960 years of Free and Accepted Masonry!

O-At-Ka
Lodge No. 759

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

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

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

Greetings from the East!

As I compose this I keep thinking how March has been very busy in anticipation of both the Widows Luncheon and our 3rd Degree, directed by W.: Larry Blazey, with the "Two Lodge Degree Team" and help from our visitors from our Canadian Sister Lodge, Ionic of Brampton, Ontario. By the time this is read we will have three new Master Masons and will have renewed our old ties with our widows and fellow Brethren from Henrietta, Honeoye Falls and Canada.

Shaker boxes

On March 8th W.: Gary Trescott presided in the East and put on a demonstration of the art of making Shaker boxes. Gary is truly a master craftsman and we all enjoyed his handiwork.

More of March

W.: John Pascucci presided in the East on March 22nd and broke his record for being the fastest ritualist in Opening and Closing the Lodge. He has a detailed Lecture planned on Royal Arch Masonry. The local Custodians of the Work conspired to slow him down.

April

On April 12th W.: Terry Wright will present his program, "Music in Masonry". Please join us for the fun. W.: Larry Blazey to supply some venison victuals.

I am working on a program to present to you on April 26th.

Election and Installation


Our Election and Installation will be held on May 10th. Please join us and support the new Line.

SW Pete Fallone is excited with the prospect of going forward. He is planning an Open Installation and is in the final stages of completing his Trestleboard. You may have suggestions for meeting topics. Now is the time to communicate your suggestions to Pete at 594-0231.

As Masons, we look for inspiration from several sources. R.: W.: Donald Darrohn provides some inspiration and I have quoted him from the March issue of this fine tome. The inspiration comes from Brother Darrohn. You have the opportunity to make this organization more interesting by telling the Lodge leadership what you want. That is the meaning of.... As always, we are because you were, we will be because you are there!

Charlotte/Corinthian
Lodge No. 1088

W.: G. Thomas Grape, Master
 (h) 621-5282

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

C. William Flemming, Secretary
 723-0083
 4550 Lake Avenue
 Rochester, New York 14812

Brothers

By the time you read this you should have been called or communicated with to announce necessary schedule changes beyond my control. At the 2nd Degree on March 7th, these changes were reviewed with the Brothers present:

1. Since Paul Stillman was unable to come on March 21st due to new career opportunities, he was present at a special open meeting on March 14th at 7:30 p.m. At this time he will introduce his Samurai character to the audience and a snack will be served following the presentation.

2. We met and had a regular business meeting on March 21st to satisfy our By-Law requirements.

Sickness and distress

Past Master, W.: Jim DeLorenzo, has been stricken with a herniated small intestine and needs surgery. Warren

Alhart's mother has fallen and he needs to stay close while she heals.

A card or call, as well as your prayers, would hopefully speed their recovery and let them know we are thinking of them.

Date change

Due to the conflict with the Shrine Circus and the potential parking problems with Holy Cross Church, we will move our Brunch at Lodge from Sunday, March 26th to Saturday, April 1st from 10:00 a.m. 'til noon. There will be a sign-up sheet in Lodge or you can call JW Bill King at 266-5676 with the number of reservations you require. Please call so we can provide sufficient food. Bill is looking for volunteers to help with cooking, serving, and cleanup. Brothers, bring your families, friends, appetites and your aprons to make this event a success.

We will close out March with the School of Ritual at Union Star Lodge No. 320 on 3 Main Street in Honeoye Falls. I will be happy to drive my van (7 seats) from Lodge at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30th. Let's get a big turn out for this last event of the year.

April

It will be necessary to swap April meetings due to Grand Lodge timetables. We will, therefore, have our Table Lodge on Tuesday, April 4th, with the opening at 6:00 p.m., a Prime Rib Dinner at 6:30 p.m., and a combination business and fellowship meeting after dinner. Churchville Lodge is invited and will be advised of the date change. Tuesday, April 18th, will be Awards Night to honor deserving Brothers for their efforts and achievements. It will be an open meeting to allow families to attend. A punch and cookies snack will follow the festivities.

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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

From the Secretary

W.: Tom and Sue Kendig report they are leaving Webster after 35 years and moving to 2064 Brookway Crescent, Ontario, 14519, toward the end of March. We will have the telephone number later. We all wish them the very best in their new home.

Sadly missed

W.: Jay Painton passed away February 12th. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Brotherhood Fund

Through March 7th, 105 contributions have been received totalling \$3,993.00—approximately 59% of the membership.

Reminder

Brother Tom Kendig suggested anyone who hasn't made their reservations for the Fellowshipcraft Annual Dinner on April 11th, please call him at 265-2624 by March 31st (due to moving). After that date, call me at 385-1422. Thank you.

Sickness and distress

W.: Glen Ide has been under the weather since Christmas and I am sure he would appreciate a phone call from his Brothers (663-1215). Hope to see you in Lodge soon, Brother Glen.

Welcome back

W.: Chuck Strickland and family recently returned from their Annual Caribbean Cruise and W.: Bill and Helen Hook returned from Florida. Good to see you both home safe and sound. W.: Gabe Milonni and Louise departed for Florida March 3rd and are expected back about the 1st of April.

Officer's meeting

The Annual Officer's Meeting will be held on April 25th at the Shrine Mosque on Bay Road at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner being served. Many have already reserved this date - please call Brother Gabe at 476-9535 for further reservations.

Change in plans

Originally Brother Bill Zufall planned to speak on the Morgan Affair on March 7th. Due to a conflict, W.: Mike Schum came to the rescue and invited his mother-in-law, Betty Perkins-Carpenter, who gave us a rousing demonstration on physical fitness. In addition to being a renowned senior fitness author, she's a great entertainer. Again, thanks from all of us, Betty.

April 4th Dinner Meeting

After speaking with Brother Warren Doerr, he stated that Brother Bill Zufall will be speaking on the Morgan Affair following the above dinner, with ladies invited. According to our good friend and faithful cook, Hilde, the main entree will be chicken breast. Come one, come all, and enjoy!

April Birthdays

Again, greetings to the Brothers born in April: Tom Davis, Glen Ide, Earl Lenhard, Earl Martin, Dick Militello, Arnold Raymond, Ron Sterling, Christ Stock, Dick Stone, Chuck Sutton, Bob Thompson, Mikolaj Tworek, Dave Ververs, Carm Vitali, Alois Froelicher and Derek Van-Houten.

Dues are due

Our Secretary, Brother Tom Kendig, stated there are 1999 dues outstanding. Will the Brothers who have overlooked this please comply? Thank you.

April meetings

There will be a dinner meeting on April 4th.

The Fellowshipcraft Annual Dinner will be April 11th, and there will be a regular Lodge meeting on April 18th.

GERMANIA

Lodge No. 722

4275 Culver Rd.
Rochester, N.Y.
14622



W.: Nelson
Borch,
Master
671-4792

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

Secretary

W.: John H. Foster 467-1677

By Dave Foster, Sr. Warden

Hopefully some big and important things have happened by the time you read this article.

Merger

If all went according to plan, both Fame and Germania Lodges will have voted affirmatively on the proposed merger. The paperwork should be in the hands of Grand Lodge and we should be waiting to hear of their approval. If things didn't go according to plan - stay tuned for more information next month! As of right now however, our meeting this month on Tuesday, April 18th, will be a regular business meeting with the main order of business being the continuing process of preparing for our merger with Fame Lodge. As usual, the meeting will be preceded by our Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Brotherhood Fund

If you haven't made your donation to the Brotherhood Fund yet, please do!!! As Brotherhood Fund Chairman, I am hoping that everyone will make a contribution this year, even if it is only \$1.00. Let's shoot for 100% participation. Thanks to the following Brothers who made contributions recently: R.: W.: Don Krech, Phil McClure, and W.: Kenn Kassel. Time is starting to run out on this year's Campaign. Let's make this drive a huge success and go into our merger with style! Let's all help support the Brotherhood Fund!

Sickness and distress

We are glad to hear that Olga Gunkel, wife of W.: Heinz Gunkel, is coming along and things are looking up. Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Brother Frank O. Haynes who was called home by the Supreme Architect of the Universe on February 16th.

Ladies Night

The Lodge has decided to have THE Party - 2000 be our Ladies Night again this year. THE Party - 2000 will be on Saturday, May 13th at the Mapledale Party

House. I have tickets and more information. Plan on attending this gala event and having a great time!

Dues

The Secretary has asked me to remind any of you who haven't sent in your dues yet to do so now. Thank you.

Let us know

I hope this finds you all healthy and enjoying yourselves. If you (or if you hear of one of our Brothers) are under the weather or otherwise needs our help or charity, please make sure you call one of your Officers.

Last, but not least, Happy Birthday to all our Brothers with April birthdays. See you in Lodge.

FAME

Lodge No. 945

CHARTERED 1917

4275 Culver Rd.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14622



W.: Michael
Bell, Master
244-2895
2nd & 4th
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

Leon VanHuben, Secretary
647-1391

Brethren

The winds of March swept out the cold and darkness of Winter. The snow geese have already started their journey back to the far North. The days become longer and moods tend to be lighter. The worst of the season is now behind us.

Merger news

The merger business is well on its way to completion. We should have completed all the "paperwork" by the time of our Summer hiatus. Next Fall should see a totally new line-up of officers. The changes in Lodge activities and Rituals will be minimal. As a result of the blending of our memberships, additional activities will likely include both a Sausage Roast this Summer and a Steak Roast later in the Fall (yum-yum).

Communicate

Be sure to keep me, or any other officer, aware of any illness, distress, or anyone in need of our aid or sympathy.

Get those wild t-shirts and sport shirts out of mothballs and start to think about our Annual Strawberry Festival.

Don't cry, Joe! Don't fence me in! Don't let the stars get in your eyes! Don't be cruel to a heart that's true! Don't sit under the apple tree with anyone else but me!

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Good work!

We have good news on membership. The Genesee/Wyoming District only lost 20 members over the last year. This is not good, but it's a lot better than it has been the last few years. Several Lodges have had Degree work this Winter, so it looks like maybe we can even cut the 29 member loss. Keep up the good work.

Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161



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

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

By Ed Law, Sr. Warden

The month of March again has appeared upon the calendar, and by the time that these words are seen in print will be about to join its predecessors in history's "circular file".

This writer extends apologies to his readers for having missed consecutively two previous publication deadlines. I was afflicted by a stubborn upper respiratory infection. Medical intervention utilizing antibiotic therapy became necessary for my recent recovery.

News long overdue

More than 60 poinsettias were delivered to Bliss area widows and shut-ins just prior to Christmas, 1999. About the same time, Y2K calendars were distributed to those who had ordered them. Eagle Valley Lodge joined with Bliss churches in contributing for the purchase, preparation and distribution of Christmas food baskets in the Bliss area. I am pleased to report that Eagle Valley Lodge has helped fund the local "Kids Christmas Party" in 1999 and the "Kids Easter Party" in 2000.

Weather woes

To borrow a bit from George Washington's Farewell Address to the Continental Army, "it is not within...the compass" of this column "to detail the hardships...brought on by an inclement season." Suffice it to say that the couple months just past have given most residents of our region a hard way to go! Hopefully, with the passing of March, Winter will be mostly out of Western New York's weather sys-

Don't forget the DeMolay meeting in Attica on March 29th at 7:00 p.m.

War Vets Post

If you are interested in getting a Masonic War Vets Post going the the Genesee/Wyoming District, let me know. We have three Brothers who are interested now. We only need 15 Brothers to form a Post. If the Charter from Batavia has not been turned in, we may be able to use it.

Best wishes

In the last *Masonic Times* I read about R.: W.: Robert Forbe's health problem. Bob, I was there and went through it. Your statement about early detection is so right. Early detection saved my life. Our prayers are with you.

We need your support

As you probably know by now, I was asked to stay on as your District Deputy for two more years. It's the hope of the powers that be that maybe I could get it right this time. I am again very lucky for the excellent partner in W.: Arthur Drew of Arcade as Staff Officer. I'm looking for good times ahead over the next two years, but for Art and I to be successful, we again need your support. May God bless you and yours.

tem, allowing us not only to plan our work, but to work our plans.

Eagle Valley Bar-B-Que

Cousin Lem came up from the 'coop this mornin' and said, "Them chickens are a gettin' nervous. I guess the Bliss Masons will soon be havin' their Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que." Cousin Lem had it right. Come to Bliss, NY, Saturday, May 20th, and partake of the finest barbecued chicken in Western New York (possibly the finest in Northeastern North America!) It's at the Masonic Temple on Liberty Street-in the mid-afternoon the feasting begins. Eat in-take out.

"Who ya gonna call?"

Brothers, if you have some Eagle Valley news for the *Masonic Times*, give me a call at 322-7221. Have a wonderful month. Stay well and happy. See you at the Bar-B-Que on May 20th.

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

R.W.: Jerald A.
Brade
Master
344-1808

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



W.: Norman Steinbaugh,
Secretary 591-2073
39 Main Street
Attica, N.Y. 14011

The March 4th Attica Band Benefit Dinner was well attended by 250 hungry people who provided a substantial donation to the Band's Travel Fund. The Band members and Masons worked very well together and did an excellent job. The camaraderie was enjoyed by all. Many of the people who attended had never been inside the Temple, so this was really a win-win event for the Band and Attica Lodge.

Thanks

The good news is, the response to our goal to have 100% of dues paid by March 15th was very good and thanks to everyone who helped. The bad news is, we didn't

quite reach our goal. About half of the yearly funds needed to operate the Lodge come from dues. The other half are raised by Lodge sponsored events, such as our monthly Pancake Breakfast, Mother's Day Chicken Bar-B-Que and donations from some members. Please check your dues card and calendar and take appropriate action.

Scholarships

While you're looking at the calendar, mark April 30th as the deadline for the Education Assistance Program. Children, grandchildren and widows of Master Masons are eligible. Please call if you have questions or need forms. This is a great program. Don't delay.

Attendance

I'm sorry to report that we didn't improve attendance at our March Pancake Breakfast. We will try again on April 2nd with improved excellent pancakes. Come and eat some pancakes to help break the record!

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

Under the weather

R.: W.: John Bater is feeling pretty tired after his dialysis. The pressure is almost to the max.

W.: Ted Paine was feeling well enough to be at 2nd base for the 3rd Degree.

Brother Jim Kicks (one of our new Brothers) had eye surgery and is doing well now. He was able to complete the 3rd Degree.

W.: Van Hulburt was not feeling well down South and returned to New York. It was discovered at Strong Memorial Hospital that he had pneumonia. If he feels well enough he may go back on vacation.

Jean Lambein fell and broke her leg. She is recuperating at the Village Green.

Petitions

We have another petition and it has been referred to the Investigating Committee. If anyone knows of someone who would like to join, please get the petition in ASAP. We have scheduled the 1st Degree for April 20th.

Flowers anyone?

Rochester DeMolay will be selling plants and flowers again this year. The orders will have to be in by the end of April. Please contact W.: Gary Burke, one of the members of the Order of DeMolay, or me, for information.

Bingo

In February, Hesperus Lodge had the opportunity and pleasure of running the Bingo at the Veterans Hospital in Batavia. I got a lot of flack for showing up just as they were serving the ice cream, but I was a hit because I chose to wear my USA flag tie.

Ladies Night

Our Ladies Night was on March 4th at Deerfield Country Club. There were about 140 guests enjoying dinner and

watched the play, "Kiss Or Make Up". Now, doesn't that sound like an interesting twist. Not all of the guests were from Hesperus. I think we should work on getting more of our members and friends out to this affair.

Bar-B-Que

Our Annual Spring Chicken Bar-B-Que will be on May 13th. W.: George Springett is the Chairman. Please contact him to reserve your spot on the list of helpers.

More May events

Master Mason Night at Hesperus Chapter, OES, will be on May 22nd. This is open to all Masons, you do not have to be a member of the Eastern Star to attend.

May 26th is the G/W Council of Masonic Activities Dinner with the women and the meeting to follow.

Brotherhood Fund

Contact Brother Norm Austin to make your donation to the Brotherhood Fund. Remember, it is not the size of your donation. Your donation will be added to the others and together they will do great things.

Reminder

All letters and/or articles that go out from the Lodge or on behalf of Hesperus Lodge have to be reviewed by the Master as he has to answer to them.

Scholarships

Grand Lodge Scholarships are available for children or grandchildren of Masons of New York. See me or W.: John Specht for an application. They are due in by April 31st.

The George Walker Scholarship applications are available from John and me and are for the children of Hesperus members, as well as for the member or his wife. These are due back to the Lodge by May 1st.

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

W.: Dennis G. Parmeter,
Master
786-3544

1st & 3rd
Mondays

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

2473 Route 20A
Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

Awards Night

On March 6th, West Star held an Anniversary Awards Night. Present to receive their Awards were W.: Frederick Luce, 55 years; W.: Merle Robinson, 45 years; W.: Stephen Licht, 25 years; and Brother Duncan King. Awards were presented by DDGM, R.: W.: Ray Barber. Thank you to all who were present to receive the Awards.

Events

On March 20th, West Star recognized the Past Masters of the Lodge. April 3rd has been set aside for Uniform Night. Any Brothers who wear a uniform to work or for any other reason, stop by and show it off.

One date to keep in mind is the Masonic Bingo Night. It's scheduled for May 23rd at the VA Hospital, Batavia.

Everyone at West Star wishes a speedy recovery to Uncle Mel. GET WELL SOON!

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

Main Street
Pike, N. Y. 14130

R.: W.: Keith A. Granger
Master
493-2908

2nd and 4th
Wednesdays

W.: Richard Anderson, Sec.
493-2203

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign has been completed and sent to Grand Lodge. We should beat 100% donation for this year.

Grand Lodge

All the plans for Grand Lodge are in line. I will be going with the Allegany District again this year and staying at the Edison Hotel. We are leaving on April 29th and returning on May 2nd.

Candy Sales

Brothers, the candy has all been handed out. Let's get the candy money back into the Secretary, R.: W.: Richard Anderson.

Table Lodge

Our Table Lodge was on March 18th. A good time was had by all. Thank you for all the help I received.

Golf Tournament

It is that time of the year again to let you know that we are having another Golf Tournament. The price is \$35.00 per man x four man team for a total of \$140.00. We will be playing captain and crew again this year. If you have never played in this Tournament, you should take the time now. A great time will be had by all. Men and women mixed teams are more than welcome to play. The date is June 3rd; reservations may be made by calling Rolling Acres Golf Course at (716) 567-8557 or meat (716) 493-2908.

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Hello, Brothers

For those of you who are traveling, I hope that the weather is as nice as it has been here at home. We've been enjoying temperatures from the 40's thru the 70's with no snow!

Activities

Please keep in mind my previous request for assistance with the 150th Rededication of our Lodge. See or contact Brother Bernard Whaley at 457-9905.

I thank our stalwart kitchen and floor staff who regularly work our Pancake Breakfasts. Remember, we can always use another pair of hands and we always have a great time working together.

Brotherhood Fund

We are well on our way to meeting last year's goal dollar wise, but sadly only 29% of our

total roster has thus far contributed. By the time you receive this issue of the Times, those who have not already contributed will have received another request from me. Please contribute something to this very worthwhile endeavor. Thank you.

Awards Banquet

We will be honoring Brother Trevor Rogers and Brother Craig Landphair with an Award presentation on April 10th. This will be an open meeting and please plan to bring your ladies. Dinner will be served starting at 7:00 p.m. sharp with our meeting to begin at 8:00 p.m. Please make dinner reservations through either Bernie Whaley at 457-9905 or myself at 457-3079.

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Greetings, Brethren

We write this newsletter to report a modest turnout for the 4th leg of our Euchre Tournament, held at Constellation Lodge on March 16th. The 3rd leg was held on March 7th at Oakland Lodge in Castile. The first two legs were held in Triluminar in Pike, and Warsaw Lodge in Warsaw. These get-togethers are always opportunities to have a good time. The Brothers in the sponsoring Lodge get to see the visiting Brothers in the communication.

Table Lodge at Oakland Lodge on March 18th found a good representation from local Lodges in attendance. It was reported that a good time was had by all.

Projects

Repairing and upgrading projects at our Temple are heading to completion. We are happy to report the repair of the basement floor in the Boy Scout's

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room is now completed. Bids for repair of the water damaged wall have been received.

Is the tail wagging the dog?

As we struggle to deal with the problem of decreasing membership, the loss of incoming dollars, the aging of our membership, complaints resulting from higher dues to belong to Constellation Lodge, no plan to permit retired senior Brothers to pay reduced annual dues, and no concomitant plan from Grand Lodge to help in this latter aspect, comes the revelation that we have received pins and certificates attesting to various years of Masonic membership which are to be presented to Brothers who meet the designated requirements. We were shocked to find that this is going to cost us money!

Three observations were forthcoming from the membership: 1. Whatever happened to the idea that the Blue Lodge could control its own destiny? 2. While there is perpetual decrease in membership in the Blue Lodge, there is no concomitant loss in the hierarchy. 3. Is the tail wagging the dog? Certainly, further discussion is indicated.

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Well, Spring has sprung, the grass has risen - at least I hope by the time you read this column, this will be true. Actually at the time of this writing, it is about 25° and still the possibility of snow.

Welcome a new Brother

Spring has sprung at Batavia Lodge No. 475, we have new growth in our Lodge. I take this opportunity to have each of you welcome our newest Brother at your earliest convenience. Brother Ralph Goodberlet was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on Thursday, February 17th, at Hesperus Lodge No. 837. We welcome Brother Ralph with great enthusiasm. The Officers and Brethren of Batavia Lodge express their appreciation to the Brethren of Hesperus Lodge for accommodating us for the conferral of the Degree.

Renovation

The renovation of the 3rd floor of the Lodge is complete, just a few cleanup details left to do. We encourage you to come to Lodge and see for yourself. We are looking for donations of a few small items to complete the decorating part, such as artificial flowers, doilies for the lamp and coffee tables and an area rug for the lounge area, approximately 10X12. If you are cleaning out for Spring and just happen to come across any of these items and would like to donate them, let the Secretary know and we will make the necessary arrangements to pick them up.

Special evening

Plans are underway for our Annual Spring Dinner and Awards Program to honor our widows and Longevity Award recipients. The tentative date for this occasion is April 29th. It will be held at Bohn's Restaurant in Batavia. Please mark your calendar now. I am sure you do not want to miss this special event.

Another date to remember will be August 12th. We are planning the Summer Picnic for this date. Complete details for both events will be announced.

Election and Installation

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 9th. This will be our Election of Officers of Batavia Lodge No. 475. The Installation will take place on Tuesday, May 23rd. We encourage each of you to make every effort possible to attend these two communications and show your support for the new officers and the potential of your Lodge.

As a matter of information, the addition of Brother Ralph Goodberlet was the first in almost five years. I am convinced without any reservations, that we are in the process of growth, but only with your individual efforts. As I have said before, I have no doubt that each of you know of someone who you would like to introduce into Masonry, where the intent of this great Fraternity

is to 'take a good man and make him better'.

On the mend

Among those who are 'on the mend' I have the following to report: Brother Dan Wiatrowski is recuperating at home from a recurring illness. I have seen him out and about. Brother Richard Rung continues to heal and we hope to see him out and about very soon. It is our hope and prayer that these Brothers will have a complete and speedy recovery. I remind each of you to remember and visit with, in some manner, Brothers Clarence Greene, Robert Clement, who are at home, and Brother Gerald Sawdey, a resident of the NY State Veterans Home of Batavia. I am sure they would appreciate your concern.

Until next time - May God Bless Us All.

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Sickness and distress

It's been reported that our "famous chef", Brother Bud Hoffmeister, has been under the weather. He is back on his feet and cooking up a storm at his restaurant. We decided, because of Brother Hoffmeister's illness, to cancel the Corned Beef Dinner we had planned for St. Patrick's Day.

Brothers in hibernation

I am looking forward to seeing the Brothers who go South for the Winter back in Lodge in the near future. Hope you Brothers have had a healthy and fulfilling Winter.

Bowling

Anyone who is interested in bowling in the State Tournament, please contact W. Henry Robinson or W. D.J. Beardsley, for more information.

Dues and Brotherhood Fund

In case it has slipped some of your minds, don't forget to send your dues to W. Richard Smith. Please send your Brotherhood Fund donations to W. D.J. Beardsley, or better yet, contribute at our next meeting.

Installation

It's not too early to start thinking about filling the chairs for next year. I encourage any Brother who hasn't had a chair to talk to any Past Master about filling one. It is very helpful to our Lodge as a whole if we can start to get some of our inactive Brothers to become more active.

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Well, my year as Commander is close to the end and I know the next couple of months articles are going to appear in this publication.

Thanks

At this time I give my heartfelt thanks to Bud Golding, our Past Adjutant, for his hard work and dedication. He has put a lot of time and effort into organizing records for the in-coming Adjutant. A big thank you to all officers and Color Guard of the Post for their dedication and hard work, and most of all, to all of our members. If it wasn't for you, we would not exist.

Thanks go to Don and Winnie McDill for their hospitality and the use of their cottage for our annual picnic.

I believe we had a prosperous year, accomplished most of our goals and increased public awareness of our organization. I know this will continue with our new line of officers. I will continue to be active.

Remember the day

Keep July 15th, James A. Hard's birthday, on your calendar for a large public celebration at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Details of the event will be forthcoming.

April meeting

Our next meeting is the Election of Officers on April 27th. Mike Bell will be serving an Italian extravaganza at 6:30 p.m. (bring your bibs). There will not be a mailing, but you will be called for your reservation. I hope to see you there.

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As I look out the window, I am thinking that we were teased by Mother Nature with our Spring-like weather turning quickly back to Winter. Hopefully, Spring will be here for real, soon.

Sickness and distress

Fred Nielsen had carpal tunnel surgery and is recovering nicely. I have been under the weather with acute bronchitis, along with my wife, Gail. That carries togetherness a little too far.

Thank you

I thank Gene Brown for his recent and generous donation to the Forest's refreshment inventory. He also donated his GTC Pyramid.

News & Views

Ted has returned to Florida. Paul Kober is on vacation in New Orleans, as he put it, "having all that nasty, hot stuff at local Oyster Bars". We look forward to hearing his stories and food critic report. Paul also informed me that the final year-end reports have been filed and assessments paid to the Supreme Forest.

The next meeting will be April 26th with dinner at the Penfield Tavern at 6:00 p.m. I hope to see you all there.

Masonic Series No. IX

This is the ninth in a series of articles from "Whither Are We Traveling?", originally printed in 1962, written by Brother Dwight R. Smith, Past Grand Master and Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Bring the Line up to the standard

Question 9: Hasn't the so-called Century of the Common Man contributed to making our Fraternity a little too common?

An old legend which comes to us from the Napoleonic Wars tells of a youth, too young to fight, who was permitted to carry the regimental banner. During one bitter engagement his unit was advancing on the enemy under heavy fire. In his youthful zeal the boy went so far ahead of the regiment that he was almost out of contact. The commanding officer sent a runner bearing the message, "Bring the standard back to the line."

With heroic recklessness the lad sent back the ringing reply, "Bring the line up to the standard!"

In the United States today, politicians like to refer to the present age as the "Century of the Common Man". Even though no man considers himself common and every man desires mightily that his sons be uncommon men, it does make a good vote-catching phrase.

Trouble is, in our solicitous concern for the Common Man, we overlook an important principle of applied psychology. Too much emphasis on common men and common things can serve to make common that which should be uncommon. There is in evidence today what might be called for lack of a better term a Masonic Gresham's Law. Under its operations we are not thrilled with the sight of the line being brought up to the standard; instead, we witness the sad spectacle of the standard being dragged back to the line.

Whether we like it or not, let's face it. The trend is in the direction of altering the pattern to fit the cloth. It has left its mark on every Lodge in Indiana, large and small.

In bringing the subject out into the open, I am not merely unburdening myself of a personal irritation-I am only putting into print what has been whispered in my ear on countless occasions these last 15 years.

When we cease to set a lofty mark and expect our Brethren to measure up to it, when we permit a downward adjustment to conform to practices and manners that are casual and lax and crude, we are dealing our beloved Fraternity a double blow:

First, a blow from without. Certainly we must not expect to retain the prestige the Craft has enjoyed in the past if we can lift our sights no higher than the bowling lanes, the drive-in hamburger stand, the picnic grounds.

Second, a blow from within. Will not men respect and venerate Freemasonry more if they know there are certain rules of gentility-of behavior, of dress, of speech and decorum-which they are expected to observe?

What am I talking about? All right, let's spell it out:

1. The appearance and actions of Master Masons in public ceremonies. Not always do they create a favorable impression. Only on rare occasions may Freemasons perform their ritualistic work outside the Lodge hall, usually a funeral or the laying of a cornerstone. It requires no great degree of imagination to see what damage can be done the entire Fraternity when men do not possess that priceless gift known as "a sense of the fitness of things."

One time I attended the funeral rites for a beloved Brother. At the conclusion of the church service the Brethren filed down the center aisle in view of all in attendance to take their places in the escort. The bearer of the Three Great Lights did not know what to do with his head gear. So, down the aisle went the procession with a faded straw hat on top of the Holy Bible, Square and Compass.

What am I talking about? Careless, sloppy, undignified behavior when Master Masons appear in public processions: such inexcusable practices as smoking in ranks, talking and joking with the Brethren, waving to family and friends.

What am I talking about? Aprons that are crumpled and soiled. Whether worn without the Lodge room or within, the apron itself is disgraced when it is anything less than spotless, and the Fraternity is cheapened, to say nothing of the psychological effect upon the wearer himself.

Yes, and I am talking about the ridiculous spectacle of the Master Mason who appears anywhere with long apron strings dangling from the rear, all too suggestive of the limp tail of an old white cow I used to know. Must we go out of our way to make ourselves a laughing stock?

2. Then there are the coarse and boorish performances by self-appointed comedians, and by the Glue Factory Craft Club, in conferring the Master Mason Degree. I have seen the Sublime Degree lose all its sublimity in a matter of seconds when immature men forfeited their opportunity to convey a never-to-be-forgotten lesson and chose instead to show off like little boys. On my private black list are the names of Lodges in which I simply will not be present when the Master Mason Degree is conferred. Some of them, I am sorry to say, are in Indiana.

Twenty-four years ago Carl H. Claudy was saying the same thing in a Short Talk Bulletin which the Master of every Lodge would do well to obtain and read again and again.

3. Finally, let's lay it on the line. I am talking about the lack of respect shown by the Masons for their Lodge as reflected in the attire they wear to its meetings.

It was Past Master's Night. An invited guest, I sat on the sidelines to witness the always pleasant conferring of the Sublime Degree by those veterans who had borne the heat and burden of the day.

At first all went well. The Ritual that only Past Masters know was executed as only Past Masters can. Then King Solomon

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approached the East. The man who represented that wise and noble ruler wore a slouch felt hat a half-size too large that caused his ears to droop forward. Coatless, his loud patterned sport shirt was buttoned at the throat without benefit of a necktie. Taking his place in the oriental chair, he laid the heel of a yellow right shoe on his left knee, and began chewing his gum thoughtfully.

"Even Solomon in all his glory," I mused to myself, "was not arrayed like one of these."

Yes, I know the subject of a man's personal appearance is a touchy one. Nevertheless, I stoutly maintain that appropriate dress for Masons while attending meetings of their Lodge simply is not a debatable issue. A Lodge hall is dedicated in the name of Jehovah. It is set apart as a place in which the Great Architect of the Universe is an object of our reverence. Why, then, should there be any question about proper and respectful attire in the Lodge room any more than the Church?

Recently a distinguished officer of the Grand Lodge of California prepared a most effective pamphlet under the title, *If Freemasonry is Good, Let Us Talk About It*. This one paragraph deserves frequent repetition: "The Mason who creates a bad impression, in whatever field of activity, can bring discredit to the Craft. I am in the women's clothing business, and in our business we are concerned about what our female employees wear 'off the job' as well as on. Our salesgirls make an impression at all times and we want it to be a good impression."

Let us not cloud the issue with pious mouthings about how Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors; that it is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that render him worthy to be a Mason. The question is not one of wealth or honors—it is one of respect for the dignity of our ancient Craft. Mark it down: *if the internal qualifications are there some of those qualifications will show through on the outer side*. A Mason need not wear a Hart, Schaffner and Marx suit to show proper respect for his Lodge, but certainly there should be a high point below which even laziness and negligence will not permit him to descend.

Sometimes I wonder what a serious minded young Mason must think when he looks about the Lodge room and sees his Brethren attired as they would for an outdoor steak fry. Does his mind go back to the time when he received his preliminary instructions prior to initiation as an Entered Apprentice? Perhaps he recalls two significant sentences: "Put on your freshest and most immaculate garments," he was told, "that their spotless cleanliness may be symbolic of the faultless purity of your thoughts and the artless integrity of your intentions. With your body clean and your garments spotless you are more suitably prepared to receive that spotless and faultless philosophy which Masonry will offer you."

Yes, perhaps the young Mason *does* remember those sentences. He may be one of the sizable army of newly raised Brethren that drift away from their Lodges never to return!

All these practices and many more serve to cheapen Freemasonry in the eyes of the public and

in the eyes of the Brethren themselves.

Much more could and should be said. For example, my criticism has been confined to the Symbolic Lodge. But the Symbolic Lodge does not stand alone in the cheapening process, by any means. Organizations which restrict their membership to Masons and which profit by their relationship to the Craft are doing their part rather well in dragging the standard back to the line.

Now let there be no defensive bleating that the Grand Secretary has gone over to the silk stocking crowd and is promoting tea parties. The choice is not bowling league attire versus white tie and tails. I only insist that Masons, of all persons, should have that fine "sense of the fitness of things," a wholesome respect for the Lodge and the place it should occupy in the lives of men; the same kind of respect a man should show his church when he goes to worship, or the family of a friend when he attends a wedding, or his host when he is invited to Thanksgiving dinner. Just plain good taste, that's all.

Will the Brethren complain if Lodges insist on dignity, decorum, respect? Will interest lag, attendance fall, membership decline?

Well, take a look at interest and attendance and membership now.

When good men are summoned to the highest and best within them, they usually respond with the highest and best. We might be pleasantly surprised at the reaction of our Brethren if challenged to bring the line up to the standard where it belongs! □

Masonic Series No. X

This is the tenth in a series of articles from "Whither Are We Traveling?", originally printed in 1962, written by Brother Dwight R. Smith, Past Grand Master and Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Let's try Freemasonry

Question 10: Are there not too many well-meaning Brethren who are working overtime to make Freemasonry something other than Freemasonry?

"Whither are we traveling?" was my anxious query ten months ago, and there followed ten searching questions on subjects that have disturbed me increasingly in recent years. With the promise of a series of articles in which each subject would be explored, I added:

"I shall propose no bright new deas-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."

Thus was notice served at the outset that I would not be found aligned with anyone who seeks to make Freemasonry over and bring it so up-to-date that it will be out-of-date tomorrow.

I

In all the land there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. The Masonic Gimmick Manufacturing Company, Unlimited, is working overtime devising stunts to "modernize" Freemasonry, to put it in line with ten thousand other organizations that clamor for the attention of the Tribal

American. Among its many products we are urged to try these:

Abandon the "free will and accord" rule which has placed our Craft far above the mine run of societies, and permit outright solicitation.

Ape the service clubs. Get busy on "projects" galore in the best Babbitt fashion.

Go into the organized do-good business in a big way. Find an area of the human body that has not been exploited. Exploit it. Set a quota, have a kick-off dinner, ring the doorbells.

Subsidize other organizations right and left, and, in the doing, ignore, neglect and starve the parent body.

Feminize the Fraternity. Carry "togetherness" to even more ridiculous extremes than we have already.

Hire press agents to tell the world, like Little Jack Horner, what great boys we are. ("Masonry is not getting its proper share of publicity," complains one Grand Master.) Never mind actions; concentrate on words.

Imitate Hollywood. Stage an extravaganza. Bring in all the groups that ever fancied themselves remotely related to Freemasonry. Form the parade, blow the bugle, beat the drums, and cheapen the Fraternity.

Let Freemasonry "take a position" on public issues of the day. Stand up and be counted (assuming, of course, that the position our Craft takes is in line with our own pet prejudices.)

Go all out for materialism. Raise money; spend it. Build temples, institutions. Subsidize; endow. Whatever can be had by writing a check, get it.

Centralize, centralize, centralize. Pattern Freemasonry after Washington bureaucracy. Let nothing be done modestly by an individual or a Lodge; do everything on state or national level the super-duper way. Make a great to-do about local self-government, but accept no local self-responsibility.

Why does not someone suggest that we try Freemasonry?

Certainly we haven't been trying it these many years. We have experimented with just about everything the mind of man (and of woman) can imagine. Why not get back to our knitting?

II

Looking at the overall picture of American Masonry candidly and thoughtfully, it seems to me the greatest single need of our Craft today is a membership with a better understanding of what our Fraternity is and especially of what it is not.

Few indeed are the Master Masons who know what Freemasonry really is; even more rare is the species with a comprehension of what Freemasonry is not. Seniority and rank seem to have little relationship to our ignorance. The number of Masters, Past Masters and Grand Masters who are hazy as to what our Craft is all about is appalling.

What has happened?

Well, we seem to assume that Freemasonry is a fly-by-night fad of the mid-Twentieth Century; something to be tossed hither and yon by every wind that blows. In the restless, superficial age in which we live, we are impatient unless our organized bodies have slogans, and carry banners, and make official pronouncements on about every subject under the sun, however trivial. We want them to follow the conventional pattern; to maintain lobbies, to

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Strategic Plan 2005

The Valley of Rochester Strategic Plan 2005, as I explained last month, is the Commander-in-Chief's blueprint for Scottish Rite in Rochester. Key to the implementation of such a plan is the vision the leader has for the Bodies. The vision essentially represents what he thinks is possible and what he believes can be done and what will be done. His challenge is to share that vision with each and every one of you. This charge I have accepted as my own. Last month I told you I would share my vision of what the Scottish Rite can be with you in the coming months. I don't intend to make that a drawn out affair.

We have, among our membership, men and Masons of honor and integrity. We can be proud of that. We can be proud that we have many among us who demonstrate in their daily lives, in the way they husband their families, in the way they live with their God, in the way they conduct their business, in the way they deal with success and with failure, the Masonic values learned in our lessons. They lead by example. Our Strategic Plan 2005 provides a guide for us to reference and to communicate the manner in which we share those values.

The vision that I have contains an overriding element of quality in everything we do. There is no room for anything less when we examine our expectations. We must expect and demand of ourselves nothing but the best in terms of our dealings with others. We must put forth our best efforts in everything we do if we are to expect and to receive the same from others. I believe that the lessons of the Scottish Rite contain the benchmarks that we, individually, need to assume the role of leaders within our community.

Those lessons or degrees provide us with the guidance often needed to put real situations in perspective. Those ancient truths are just as valid today as they were as represented in the lessons. They are universal truths that live without aging. We can use them to interpret and respond to the challenges we face in everyday life.

I believe the Scottish Rite can be the magnet that draws together men of integrity to service as leaders and chiefs within our community. We have done so in the past and we can do so in the future.

Ahead

We have a full schedule ahead of us this month. First we have the Feast of the Paschal Lamb on April 6th. I urge all of you, particularly those who have not seen this marvelous presentation, to come out with your family for this important event on our calendar. Share with the Chapter of Rose Croix Officers, the dignity and solemnity of this unique Scottish Rite Celebration. Remember, dinner reservations are a must!

Next we have our Millennium 2000 conferral of the 32° in Cathedral Hall. It's not too late to submit petitions for this Class. Isn't it time for you to share your wealth of Masonic experience by sponsoring a qualified candidate?

We will join with the Valleys of Buffalo, Corning and Jamestown in the presentation of the Ritual Section of the 32° of the Reunion. Damascus Temple will sponsor a Ladies Tour of the Finger Lakes Outlet Mall, departing from the Downtown Masonic Temple at 11:00 a.m., returning the ladies to join us at approximately 4:00 p.m. At 5:00 p.m. Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, will deliver a special message to us and to every other Valley in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction simultaneously.

We will follow this with the Ill. Bruce W. Widger, 33°, Class Banquet at the Holiday Inn Airport.

Random reading

"The larger the island of knowledge, the longer the shoreline of wonder." (Ralph W. Sockman)

Freemasonry is, and always has been, an educational institution, and properly considered, a Masonic Lodge is a Temple of Learning where Masons seek "enlightenment" illumined by the lessons enshrined in the Ritual Charges and Lectures and embodied in the traditional history and dramatic allegories of this Ancient and Honorable Society. Masons, as individuals, endeavor to extend their personal experience in order to gain a deeper insight and study to expand their knowledge to achieve a fuller understanding of the eternal verities. Masonic knowledge is cumulative and learning is sequential, and like the Operative Stonemasons of old, we "build from the ground up". In the course of our schooling in the Lodge, as in all institutions of higher learning, "degrees" are conferred "according to merit and ability" to mark the student's progress. In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry there are no less than thirty-three degrees! (Someone has calculated that there are at least 110 in the various Rites, Orders and Appendant or Concordant Bodies of modern Freemasonry!)

The significance of the several degrees may be symbolized in the simple mathematical instrument: the protractor-the small semi-circular device we all used in elementary school to measure angles in degrees. No, it is not one of the symbolic "Working Tools" employed in Masonic Ritual, but look at it for a moment through the eyes of a Mason.

First, observe that the lines radiate from a central point, the point where we stand at the center of our Universe. Secondly, as the circle of our experience grows ever larger, the radiating lines spread apart or diffuse. The farther we extend the lines defining the angle, the broader the horizon and the wider our outlook. Thirdly, the more degrees we add, the closer the circle approaches completion.

However, even with all the degrees available in Freemasonry, we cannot expect to achieve "perfection" because our Quest will continue to the end of time. In this life we press toward the mark of our high calling.

Before you put the protractor back in its case, place it on the table and look down at it from above. Do you see the outline form of a spiral stair like those

constructed by medieval operative Masons in the walls of the Gothic cathedrals? Does it not resemble the "Winding Stair" by which we ascend by degrees toward the ideal? Finally, flip it over. Now the circle is completed. You still stand at the center, but the world of Freemasonry is all around you, and you are surrounded and supported by a full circle of men you know as your Brethren all over the globe. "The lyf so short, the craft so long to lerne." (Geoffrey Chaucer 1340-1400)

Freemasonry has the innate capacity to be "all things to all men" and each man takes from the Craft that which serves his singular needs and satisfies his peculiar desires. William Preston (1742-1818), while admitting that no one person can ever fully comprehend the meaning, philosophy, and theology embodied and taught in the Lodge, urged each one of us to pursue his studies to the fullest extent of his abilities,

and encouraged us not to be daunted by the enormity of the undertaking.

In the medieval university, the curriculum was arranged in two levels as the trivium and the quadrivium - the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences. Today, modern education is compartmentalized into elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities. In Freemasonry, while there are many degrees conferred in the various Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Conclaves, Preceptories, and Consistories, there is only one degree of a Mason, The Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. All others merely interpret, illustrate, explicate or expand on its lessons. Hence, the designation "higher degrees" in common use is inaccurate and inappropriate. □

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| Candidate Regis., 3rd Floor Lodge Room | 7:30-8:00 a.m. |
| Coffee and..., 3rd Floor Dining Room | 7:30-11:00 a.m. |
| Opening of Council, Chapter and Consistory | 8:30 a.m. |
| 16° - Cathedral Hall | 8:45 a.m. |
| 18° - Cathedral Hall | 10:00 a.m. |
| Lunch | Noon |
| 29° - Cathedral Hall | 1:30 p.m. |
| 32° - Cathedral Hall | 2:30 p.m. |
| (Combined Valleys of Buffalo, Corning, Jamestown and Rochester) | |
| Break (Allow ladies and guests to join in Cathedral Hall) | 4:00-4:30 p.m. |
| Supreme Council Millennium Reunion | |
| Celebration - Cathedral Hall | 4:30-5:30 p.m. |
| Travel time to Banquet | 5:30-6:30 p.m. |
| Cash Bar, Holiday Inn Airport | 6:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Reunion Banquet Honoring the Ill. Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active, Class | 7:30-9:00 p.m. |
| Dancing and Fellowship | 9:00-11:00 p.m. |

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| Leave Masonic Temple | 11:00 a.m. |
| Travel to Finger Lakes Mall by bus | |
| Shopping | 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. |
| (discount coupons available) (Lunch on own) | |
| Return to Masonic Temple | 3:00 p.m. |
| Optional Tour of Learning Center | 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. |
| Supreme Council Presentation in Cathedral Hall | 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. |

Cost Approximately \$10.00 per person

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publish aims and objectives, conduct drives and campaigns, strive to get into the headlines and on the airwaves, write checks to everything that sounds benevolent and has a board of directors, and, in general, to have a finger in every pie.

Freemasonry does none of these.

Strange, is it not, that our ancient Craft should have gained for itself such a preeminent position of honor and prestige when it does almost nothing in the conventional manner!

III

Then what is this Freemasonry to which I urge our Brethren to return? What are its aims and objectives? What does it do?

Perhaps the last place we would expect to find an answer would be in the First Book of Kings, and even then the answer will come as something of a disappointment, for it is all so different from the ways to which we have become accustomed.

Elijah was languishing in his cave on Mount Horeb in the conviction that of all God's children only he had remained faithful to his trust. By divine command, Elijah went forth and stood upon the mountain, and the prophet tells us what happened:

"And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice."

What does that mean to us this day? It means that Freemasonry erects its temples within the hearts of men. Even though we may not understand what we are saying, we sound forth our purpose in trumpet tones when, in our own Declaration of Principles, we proclaim,

"Through the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, Freemasonry seeks to improve the community."

And we tell the candidate for the Degrees of Masonry the same thing in words striking in their simplicity. "The design of the Masonic Institution," we say to him, "is to make its votaries wiser, better, and consequently, happier." Not a word about mass action, nor pressure groups, nor resolutions on matters of state policy. No "pro" this, nor "anti" that. No sales talk for any pet scheme. No great undertakings to cure the ills of the world by making everyone over to fit a pattern of our own design. No running about like chickens with their heads off in search of a do-good project with which to gain favorable notice. No restless biting of the nails to compete with a service club or a civic league. No endless "busyness" which loses sight of the objective.

The message of Freemasonry? Just this: that the Lord is not to be found in the wind, nor in the earthquake, nor in the fire, but in still, small voice!

The purpose of Freemasonry? Its purpose is the same as it has been since the day when the stones for King Solomon's Temple were hewn, squared and numbered in the quarries where they were raised. It is to take an individual—just one man at a time, mind you, and as good a man as possible—and try to make a better man out of him. That is all. How desperately the world needs just that! If that technique is outmoded, then the experience of two thousand years is all wrong; the Parable of the Mustard Seed is horse-and-buggy philosophy; the Leaven in the Loaf is a cruel hoax.

The mere fact that men do not comprehend its purpose does not mean that Freemasonry has no purpose, nor that its purpose is outmoded—it only means that the stones are not being well hewn and squared in the quarries where they are raised.

Freemasonry has not been tried in the balance and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.

More than anything else today, the world yearns for that same kind of gentle, healing influence at work in the hearts of men. The Masonic Institution, which sometimes is looked upon

with scorn because it does not operate in the conventional manner, is prepared to bear witness to the fact that the conventional way of our age leaves much to be desired, and to stand upon its own majestic affirmation that the way to change human systems is to change human lives.

The wise and venerable Dean Roscoe Pound has seen more of life than most of us, and views history with greater philosophical calm, perhaps, than any of us. Here is his message to his Brethren of the Craft: "Freemasonry has more to offer the Twentieth Century than the Twentieth Century has to offer Freemasonry."

Whither, then, are we traveling? I come to the conclusion of this series of exploratory articles with my faith in the basic worth of our ancient Craft unshaken, convinced that the solution to Freemasonry's problems is Freemasonry.

Why do we not try it?

Poetry Niche

Contributions welcome

The following poem was written by the father of Rachel Scott, one of the victims of the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, CO. Mr. Scott read this poem on the occasion of his testimony before the House Judiciary Committee.

A Father's Voice

Your laws ignore our deepest needs,
Your words are empty air.
You've stripped away our heritage,
You've outlawed simple prayer.

Now gunshots fill our classrooms
And precious children die.
You seek for answers everywhere
And ask the question "Why".

You regulate restrictive laws
Through legislative creed,
And yet you fail to understand
that God is what we need!

Darell Scott

There Will Come Soft Rains

War Time

There will come soft rains and the smell of the ground,
And swallows circling with their shimmering sound.

And frogs in pools singing at night,
And plum-trees in tremulous white.

Robins will wear their feathery fire
Whistling their whims on low fence-wire.

And not one will know of the war,
not one
Will care at last when it is done.

Not one would mind, neither bird nor tree,
If man perished utterly;

And Spring herself, when she awoke at dawn
Would scarcely know that we were gone.

Sara Teasdale

Blow, Bugle, Blow

The splendor falls on castle walls
And snowy summits old in story;
The long light shakes across the lakes,
And wild cataract leaps in glory.

Blow, bugle, blow, set the wild echoes flying,
Blow, Bugle, Blow; answer, echoes, dying, dying, dying.

Oh, hark, oh, hear! how thin and clear,
And thinner, clearer, farther going!
Oh, sweet and far from cliff and scar
The horns of Elfland faintly blowing!

Blow, let us hear! the purple glens replying,
Blow, bugle; answer, echoes, dying, dying, dying.

Oh, love, they die in yon rich sky
They faint on hill or field or river;
Our echoes roll from soul to soul,
And grow forever and forever.

Blow, bugle, blow, set the wild echoes flying,
And answer, echoes, answer dying, dying, dying.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

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Passports will then be issued to each new candidate as he receives the 32°. It will replace the certificate that previously was presented to all members. An optional diploma, suitable for framing, will continue to be made available.

The new item is similar in size to a government passport. It con-

tains a separate page for each Degree with suitable space for a Valley to stamp the location where the member witnesses a particular Degree and to record the date.

Those who view all 29 Degrees in full form will receive special recognition from the Supreme Council. Only Degrees witnessed after January 1, 2000, will be eligible for stamping in the Passport.

Once a member has filled the Passport, he may obtain a second one to renew the process.

To help members achieve the goal of witnessing every Degree, Valleys are being encouraged to present all the Scottish Rite Degrees over a six-year period.

Hospitaler's Report

By Tom Paglia, 32° MSA

Jim DeLorenzo - is recuperating at home after a stay in the hospital.

Robert P. Zabel, 33° - had eye problems, doing well now.

Robert Bueg - is recovering from knee surgery.

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27th Capitular District



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Thank you

I thank all Companions for the support and confidence you have shown me in my appointment as District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 27th Capitular District. It is a privilege and honor to serve each of you in this capacity.

Official Visits

The Grand High Priest has asked that all my Official Visits be accomplished before the Summer break. In that spirit I have scheduled my Official Visit to Hiram on April 27th and Dansville on May 9th.

Congratulations

I congratulate M.E. Arnold Palmer on his fine year as Grand High Priest and R.E. Thomas Paglia on his year as Grand Sentinel and Arnie's Right Hand Man. Congratulations also go to R.E. Gerald Jones on his Appointment as the Grand Representative to Delaware.

Web site

Royal Arch Masons, State of New York, are moving into the 21st Century with its own web site. As of this writing it has not been completed, so I don't have the address. When it becomes available, I will publish it so you can see all the upcoming events, not only in your own District, but throughout the State.

by all. There was no snow this year, and the sun was shining quite a difference from last year. M.E. Dale Tynan, Grand High Priest, has set up a full agenda for his term of office. We will learn more about his plans from our new District Deputy, R.E. Paul Josephson, during Paul's visitation on May 25th. Dale has requested that each Chapter bring their Chapter Banners to Grand Chapter next year. I am sure this new tradition will add color to the festivities. R.E. Gerald Jones was installed as the Grand Representative of Delaware. Many thanks to Linda and Bob Zahn for hosting the Hospitality Room again this year. A great stopping place to fill the time between activities, and to fill one's tummy between meals! Congratulations to Carm Dunn and Ed Brereton, who were winners of Scholarship prizes.

Good news

We have a new candidate going through the Degrees. Thanks to E. Bruce Horncastle and V.E. William Zufall for pulling together two excellent teams for the Degrees of MMM and PM on March 9th.

United Way

Remember the Masonic Service Bureau when making your United Way Fund contributions. Their number is 1060. Call the Bureau Office at 473-4351 if you have any questions.

Scholarship Dinner

I have tickets for the Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, May 20th at Frederick's Manor in Lancaster for a \$25.00 donation.

Summer event

This year's Summer event has been coordinated by R.E. Gerald Jones and will take place on Friday, July 21st. The Chapter will be taking a Genesee River Boat Cruise on the Harbor Town Bell. The 2 hour cruise will include a Buffet Dinner for \$14.00 per person. Please send your check, payable to Gerald Jones, 10 Jackie Circle West, Rochester, NY, 14612-3608. The cutoff date for reservations is May 25th. If you have any questions, please call Gerald at 225-5207 or me at 586-6426.

If you have an e-mail address that Hiram Chapter could contact you by, please send it to: JohnAlanDudley@aol.com.

District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District



R.E. Stephen Licht

Companions

Five of our six Chapters were represented at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. This year we were met with snow and slippery roads until we reached Syracuse, but no one was forced to abandon the trek and return home. The Thursday night Banquet was the exquisite treat of roasted hummingbird stuffed with wild rice. If you ever wondered how many grains of rice were needed to stuff a hummingbird, the answer is THREE!

On Friday, R.E. Dale Tynan was elected as our new Grand High Priest. Retired recently from the Long Island Railroad, a co-worker of our Grand Master, he immediately met with his District Deputies and gave us direction for the ensuing year. M.E. Tynan will be visiting each District this year. He presented the request that the Assistant Grand Lecturers be regarded as Staff Officers, recognized and accorded Grand Honors whenever they are present in light of the valuable service they perform.

R.E. Walter Hilsenbeck, Grand Royal Arch Captain, presented each DDGHP with a bag of lapel pins, their purpose being

to generate funds for the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program, i.e., our Research Laboratory at Utica. The 29th District purchased each and every pin I was given within moments. For the Companions unable to attend, I have replenished the supply and will have them with me as I visit your Chapters. The pins are available for a \$10 donation, ALL of which is presented to the Research Assistance Program.

On behalf of the District, I was able to present the Grand Chapter with a check for \$100.00, the proceeds of our picnic's project, conducted by R.E. Wing last August.

Having been under the weather with flu and bronchitis, on Friday evening I left the Banquet at 9:00 p.m., and went to bed without seeing dessert! At breakfast I met scores of bleary-eyed Royal Arch Masons, mumbling something about leaving the Banquet around 11:00 p.m. for the Order of Old Saratoga and not getting in bed before 2:00 a.m. This year was a special treat as several of the inductees were visiting dignitaries from the West Indies and Bahamas.

A District meeting was announced for Friday at 1:30 p.m. in my room. I hurriedly left the DDGHP luncheon, a free meal, and found the 3X3 delegation awaiting my return. Together with our AGL, V.E. Richard Anderson, a discussion of upcoming dates and events was held.

Upcoming events

March 28th is the Grand Lecturer's Convention at LeRoy Chapter No. 183. Work of the evening-Mark Master Degree. There will be a Roast Beef Dinner at 6:00 p.m., at a cost of \$6.00.

Official Visits

April 10th-Arcade Chapter No. 322.

April 11th-3X3 Chapter No. 333. Dinner at 6:15 p.m.-reservations to R.E. Karl Reich at 426-6838.

April 25th-LeRoy Chapter No. 183.

May 9th-Wyoming Chapter No. 181.

May 11th- Orleans Chapter No. 175.

May 18th-Western Star Chapter No. 35.

May 20th is the Past High Priest's Scholarship Dinner at Frederick's Manor, \$25.00 donation. Each Chapter has a supply of tickets. Student recipients will be guest speakers.

August 23rd at 4:30 p.m. is the 29th District 2nd Annual Steak Roast at Kiwanis Park, Rte. 5, Batavia. Reservations will be necessary. Same menu, same price as last year. \$10.00 for a dandy steak cooked by R.E. Jerry Brade.

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The meeting of February 8th was opened in due form. We were pleased to have in attendance, R.E. Ronald J. Bertie, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York.

Donations needed

Our own R.E. James Powell, Grand Representative of PA, was appointed Royal Arch Scholarship Chairman. As you know, the Fund provides a \$500 Scholarship to eligible applicants. The Grand Chapter, realizing that quality education is most important, would like to increase the amount to \$1000 to forty or fifty applicants. This can only be accomplished with your help. R.E. Powell would like to hear from you.

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Good work!

The Grand Lecturer's Convention on February 24th went very well thanks to the efforts of V.E. William Zufall, constantly striving to improve the Ritual work of the Chapter. R.E. Hobert Cook was very pleased with our Opening and our Degree work for the evening.

Albany

Grand Chapter was well attended and a good time was had

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Order of the High Priesthood

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred by the Officers of Grand Chapter, RAM, at the Downtown Masonic Temple in Rochester on February 12th. There were 12 candidates present, representing leaders of Royal Arch Chapters from Western and Upstate New York. This Degree has to be regarded as one of the most impressive and memorable Degrees in Masonry.

New members

Western Star Chapter No. 35, RAM, Attica, had the honor of presenting the Holy Royal Arch Degree to a class of six on February 17th. The candidates receiving the Degree were: John Gallant, Dansville Chapter No. 91, Dansville; Robert Mullins, Orleans Chapter No. 175, Albion; John Harley, Corning Chapter No. 190, Corning; Nate Phillippi and Stephen Campbell, Arcade Chapter No. 322, Pike; and Richard Kessler, 3X3 Chapter No. 333, Spencerport. Every Chapter in the 29th Capitular District was in attendance that evening. Congratulations to all and welcome to Royal Arch Masonry.

PHP Association

Western New York Past High Priests Association will be presenting their 24th Annual Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner on May 20th at Fredrick's Manor at 6:30 p.m. Donation is \$25 with the proceeds to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Call our Secretary, Karl Reich, at 426-6836 to make your reservation.

Official Visit

April 11th is the date of the Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand High Priest, R.E. Stephen A. Licht. I look forward to his Visit and the Message of the Grand High Priest. Please mark this date on your calendar.

A thought to ponder:
When the sky above is cloudy,
and you're left out in the rain;
When you're searching for a rainbow,
but it seems to be in vain;
Think not what life owes you, but
of what you have to give.
Then you'll have a bright tomorrow and, what's more
you'll start to live.

(Author unknown) □

What Went on in Albany?



Bob Zahn & Bill Lindsay, with friends - Janet Gee, Carm Dunn, Sharon Whiteman, Nancy Josephson, Cora Paglia, Barb Goodrich, Ruth Poole, Chrystal Dudley and Elizabeth Jones.

Ed and Ann Brereton



The Grand Treasure, R.E. Ted Diehl-Asst. Grand Treasurer, R.E. Vern Goodrich-Grand Treasurer, and R.E. Larry Dunn-Asst. Grand Treasurer.

Photos Courtesy
Linda Zahn



Elizabeth and Jerry Jones.

R.E. Dave Taber, DDGHP #24
and Cyril White.

R.E. Dave Lathers-DDGHP
26th Capitular District.



Nancy with M.E. Dale Tynan,
(the one attacking the bread).



The Grand Line in no particular order - M.E. Dale Tynan-GHP, R.E. Don Lounsberry-GK, R.E. Edmund Harrison-GScrb., M.E. Charles Reilly-GSec., R.E. Vern Goodrich-GTreas., R.E. Larry Dunn-AGTreas., R.E. Ted Diehl-AGTreas., R.E. David Stoy-GCH., R.E. James Hemstrought-GPS, R.E. Walter Hilsenbeck-GRAC, R.E. William DuBois-GM3V, R.E. Stephen Rubinstein-GM2V, R.E. Griffith Jones III-GM1V, R.E. Robert Cook-GMus., R.E. and Rev. Robert Cave-GChp., R.E. Milton Martellack-GSentinel.



Barb Goodrich, Carm Dunn, Ruth Poole and Nancy Josephson sharing lighter moments.

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Well, my year of being the Illustrious Master is nearing its end. It was a very enjoyable, as well as, an enlightening experience. It will not soon be forgotten.

It seems that Winter has now left us, however we may be bothered with some of the final throes of it. Let's not be discouraged by these little disruptions and continue our work in the secret vault.

Degree

Last month we conferred the Royal Master Degree on several of our new Companions. As usual, the Degree was well presented. On April 24th the Degree of Select Master will be conferred. Rt. Ill.: Layton Vogel will be in the East. It will be held at LeRoy Temple, located on West Main Street, at 8:00 p.m.

If there are any Companions from other Councils are interested in taking this Degree, they are all invited. Please let us know if you are going to attend. Contact me at 492-2807, or Ill.: Vernon Rupert, Recorder, at 343-8429. All are welcome.

Future Plans

The Investigating Committee has been appointed and is working on a slate of Officers.

Blooper

My dad, in all his wisdom, said, "Son, don't believe everything you read in the newspaper." Last month I wrote that we would be changing our dues structure and at the April 24th meeting a vote would be taken. I am very sorry, the voting took place at our February meeting. The change was passed unanimously by the 22 members present.

Doric Council No. 19

Cryptic Masons
(Chartered in 1861)



3rd
Wednesdays

William R. Lindsay, Ill. Master
621-3573
L. Edward Walker, Recorder
647-2382

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

Table Council

On April 19th the Annual Doric Council Table Council will be held under the able direction of R. L. Bill Zufall, Chaplain of Doric Council and Grand Lecturer. A Table Council revives a traditional form of a Masonic meeting that was much practiced in earlier times and is a regular Masonic meeting while at meal. It follows a prescribed form which includes a series of formal toasts, song, and an opportunity to do regular Council business as in a usual meeting.

One of the differences is that a Table Council features a formal presentation on a Masonic topic

for the benefit of the Craft. Much effort has gone into the selection of a speaker as this tends to be the highlight of the evening. Companion Zufall has regularly recruited outstanding presenters and this year is no exception.

Past Grand Lecturer Emeritus, R. L. William Vassily, from Central City Council (Syracuse) will be the guest speaker. Companion Vassily served ably as Grand Lecturer for several years, is a well known scholar, Past District Deputy, and a member of the Education and Leadership Services Committee. He is a Companion whose insight and advice is sought by the leaders of the Craft. His presence at the Table Council will assuredly add luster to a Doric tradition.

As in the past, Council members are urged to get their reservations in early, not only for themselves, but for Brother Masons as well. The Table Council can be a great opportunity to expose non-members to the values and working of Cryptic Masonry. When making reservations, it is important to indicate the kind of beverage you wish to be served for the toasts (wine, grape juice, soft drink) so that an adequate supply can be provided. Reservations to Ed Walker at 647-2382.

As I prepare this article the thermometer is reading 63° with a promise that within 12 hours the numbers will be reversed. Such is the wonder of Spring, and the underlying excitement that within a few short weeks the flowers will be in full bloom, time to limber up the golf swing, and go tramping the woods for marsh marigolds and leeks.

So here we are.

for Zone 11. It is our last chance to get more members for the 2000 Crusade. It is my hope to have at least two, and maybe as many as five.

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.

Sir Knights

Welcome! Welcome! Batavia Commandery No. 34 Dedication of Attica Masonic Temple to Templar Masonry was held on Saturday, March 25th. A noon luncheon was held and served by the ladies of the Eastern Star of Thorpe Chapter in Attica. The Re-Dedication was under the direction of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK David Goodwin, and the Grand Line of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York.

Friday evening, March 24th, was the 175 Anniversary Recognition at Genesee Commandery No. 10 in Lockport, with dinner and a program after. The Grand Commander, SK David Goodwin, was present. My wife and I represented Batavia.

Our next couple of meetings will be on rehearsing for the visit of the Grand Commander and

our Inspection on April 13th. The Inspection will be by SK Kenneth Perry, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo. A Pot Luck Supper will be at 6:30 p.m.

The Orders will be conferred on April 8th at Tancred Commandery, starting at 9:00 a.m., with the Order of the Red Cross, followed by the Order of Malta, and Batavia will be responsible for the Order of the Temple. SK Steven Wing will be leading the conferring team.

The Annual Inspection of Batavia Commandery will be April 13th, with a Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 p.m., organized by the Lady Templars. Marsha MacConnell will supply the ladies program for the evening.

Imagine that!

Could you imagine working for the following Company? It has a little over 500 employees with the following statistics:

- 3 have been arrested for assault
- 7 have been arrested for fraud
- 8 have been arrested for shoplifting
- 14 have been arrested on drug related charges
- 19 have been accused of writing bad checks
- 21 are current defendants in law suits
- 29 have been accused of spousal abuse
- 71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
- 117 have bankrupted at least two businesses

In 1998 alone, 84 were stopped for drunk driving. Can you guess which organization this is?

Give up? It's the current House of the United States Congress (535 members).

Cyrene Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered
1993

1st & 3rd
Mondays



SK Douglas S. Poole

Commander 584-3601

SK Lawrence W. Dunn

Recorder 594-8033

Spring

Spring is almost here again. Time to celebrate this season of re-birth. It is a very fitting time for us to hold our Annual Easter Observance on Monday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. This service, in honor of our Lord and Savior, will be held in Cathedral Hall. This service is open to all Masons and their families. As our Grand Commander says, "All Christian Masons should be Knights Templars".

It is my hope to be in Washington, DC, for the Annual Easter Sunrise Service, held by the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar USA. A very fitting way to end my year as Commander. I would just like to take a moment to thank all the Sir Knights who supported me and the Commandery this year.

Thanks are also in order for those who helped make our Inspection a success. We could not have done it had it not been for two Sir Knights who at the last minute had been willing to fill in. They deserve a hearty round of applause!

I ask you to keep your calendar free for Saturday, May 6th, when we will host a Spring Pilgrimage.

DO IT NOW!

Schedule your Lodge "BUS" Visit to the Masonic Home



The Masonic Home.....the best kept secret in New York State.....should not be a secret to our Masons. For over 100 years the Masonic Home has been a haven for Master Masons, their wives and widows. However, it appears that many New York State Masons are not aware of the magnificent campus and top rated services available to them at the Masonic Home. If that is the case, then it is our responsibility to every New York State Mason to make each and every one of them aware of this magnificent facility.

To encourage Lodges to schedule visits to the Masonic Home Campus, the Trustees of the Masonic Hall & Home have agreed to defray the cost of a bus and provide lunch for all visitors. This is a wonderful opportunity for Lodge members to spend a day at the Masonic Home Campus and learn about the quality care and special services that we can someday provide you as a Mason.

The time is NOW! If you have members of your Lodge who would like to visit the Masonic Home Campus, please contact W. Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator or Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations at (800) 322-8826.



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I Meant to do My Work Today

I meant to do my work today-
But a brown bird sang in the apple tree,
And a butterfly flitted across the field,
And the leaves were calling me.
And the wind went sighing over the land,
Tossing the grasses to and fro,
And a rainbow held out its shining hand-
So what could I do but laugh and go?
Richard LeGallienne

The Fox and the Grapes

One summer's day a Fox was passing through
An orchard; faint he was and hungry, too.
When suddenly his keen eye chanced to fall
Upon a bunch of grapes above the wall.
"Ha! Just the thing!" he said.
"Who could resist it!"
He eyed the purple cluster-jumped-and missed it.
"Ahem!" he coughed. "I'll take more careful aim,"
And sprang again. Results were much the same,
Although his leaps were desperate and high.
At length he paused to wipe a tearful eye,
And shrug a shoulder. "I am not so dry,
And lunch is bound to come within the hour...
Besides," he said, "I'm sure those grapes are sour."
The moral is: We somehow want the peach
That always dangles just beyond our reach;
Until we learn never to be upset
With what we find too difficult to get.
Joseph Lauren



Lalla Rookh GROTTO

News

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Leon J. VanHuben, Monarch

M.O.V.P.E.R. Monarch



Leon VanHuben

Monarch's Message

I thank the 12 Prophets who worked on the Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House on Friday, February 11th. You know who you are, so I will not mention your names.

The Grotto meeting was well attended on February 16th and the speaker of the evening was well received by all.

Best wishes

We wish Prophet Bob Bueg a speedy recovery from his knee surgery.

Upcoming events

On Saturday, May 13th, we are having a bus trip to Turning Stone Casino. We will leave at 7:30 a.m. from Midtown Plaza. You can park in the Garage at no cost and we will be returning at approximately 6:30 p.m. Sweet rolls and juice will be provided. The cost of the trip is \$14.00 per person, IF THE BUS IS FULL (52 seats). If you are interested in joining us, please call me at 647-1391 SOON. We must know if you want a Bingo Package or Slot Package. **RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY APRIL 30th.**

Until next month, stay well. We will see you at Grotto events.

Chief Justice

By Ken Hutchinson

On the weekend of March 11th, we traveled to Warren, PA to attend Farrah Grotto's Past Monarchs Ball, with the traditional side trip to the Blair Outlet Store.

In the evening we were well rewarded with an excellent din-

ner and fine entertainment, and of course, good fellowship.

Chief Justice Conclave

On April 1st we will be at the Day's Inn, Fredonia, for the Chief Justice Conclave. The plans and dates for 2001 will be presented, so there are no conflicts among the other Grottoes. In the evening it is the combined Past Monarch's Ball of Kharram Grotto and Sharif Grotto.

Fredonia promises to be a big get-together, so why not plan to attend and have a wonderful time with our Grotto counterparts?

ESGA

The 28th and 29th of April will find many of our Prophets and ladies at the Holiday Inn, Gang Mills, NY, for the ESGA Spring Meeting, hosted by the Past Presidents. This one should be well attended as we continue to support our very own Ken Milner in his year as President.

Let's show our ESGA team of Ken, Mike, and Leon that we appreciate the time and effort they have so generously given to our welfare and pleasure by a large attendance at the ESGA Spring Meeting.

Baya Grotto, Leesburg, FL

Prophet Charles White, our Masonic sojourner in Leesburg, Florida, has been active in Baya Grotto this Winter. There are 14 Grottoes in Florida.

Other Prophets desiring to make a visit to another Grotto while on vacation, or in another area of the country, may check with the Grotto office for addresses, dates, times and officer information.

Wear your Fez and a smile! □

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

The Spring Ceremonial will be held in Cathedral Hall on May 17th. Each Prophet should be actively working toward having a large class for this event.

Master Mason Night

If you have not already asked a fellow Brother Mason to the Master Mason Night Dinner on April 12th, it is not too late. Each Prophet and his guest will be treated to a Steak Dinner by the Lalla Rookh Grotto. Others attending will be charged \$4.00 for

the meal. Reservations are required. Please call 334-4753, 334-4196, or 647-1391 by April 6th for your reservation. See the advertisement in this issue of the *Masonic Times* for details. □

Master of Ceremonies

By Al Pulcino III

If you missed a few Grotto meetings you don't want to miss this one. This meeting is going to consist of a Swiss Steak Dinner and entertainment. Girls, Girls, Girls, the Golden Girls, will be performing for us, (bring your nitro) could be a late night.

The date for this is April 19th, social hour is 5:30 p.m., with snacks and liquid refreshments. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. Entertainment and more refreshments will follow.

Reservations are a must by Friday, April 14th, with me at 225-8471. Please leave a message or call Dick Topel at 663-2547.

See you there. It's going to be a great night. □

Legion of Honor

By Al Pulcino III

In my first article as the new Commander, and I had to mess

**Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship**

Dates to Remember

Mon., Apr. 3rd - Board of Governor's Meeting
Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.

Wed., Apr. 12th - Grotto Meeting Master Mason Night Steak Dinner

Thurs. Apr. 13th - Caldron Prophet's Night

Mon., Apr. 17th - Legion of Honor Dinner Dutch Mill 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Apr. 19th - Master of Ceremonies Swiss Steak Dinner

**Attend Grotto Meetings
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up! My sincere apologies to Frank Murrer, our most capable and honest finance officer, for deleting his name in our new officers line up.

Our February 21st meeting was a great success due to our Past Commander, Edward Miller, for rediscovering fez strips, pins and Legion of Honor patches. These things will help us get more recognition.

We have also joined the United Veterans Association, VM&E Council and established a Color Guard Unit.

We are moving forward

New members are welcome. Dues are only \$5.00 per year.

The next meeting on April 17th will be at the Dutch Mill Restaurant, Dewey Avenue. A Buffet Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. Reservations by April 13th to be made with Ernie Swan at 621-7162. □

Caldron News

March was a busy month with our Humanitarian Project, the Annual Smorgasbord on March 25th. All who participated enjoyed delicious homemade food.

April

April has us looking forward to Prophet's Night on Thursday, April 13th. We hope to have a good turnout. Prophets can bring their wives. We would appreciate knowing how many are coming.

Sickness

It's great having Daughter Chris Eeckhout back with us. Daughter Merline Bueg is still having back trouble. We hope she will mend soon. Daughter Harriet Riggs' husband, Jay, is convalescing after his surgery.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Daughters Alida Doud and Merline Bueg. Until next time, take care and God bless. □



Lalla Rookh Prophet, Charles White, in Leesburg, FL with Baya Grotto's Monarch, Tom Russell, and Chief Justice, Norm Andrews.

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

Annual
MASTER MASON NIGHT
April 12, 2000
Henrietta Town Park
4 p.m. Social Hour
6:30 p.m. Steak Dinner

ALL MASTER MASONS WELCOME
Reservations Required
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Masonic Home Programs available for Lodges

A program about the Masonic Home is available for you and the Brethren and ladies of your Lodge/District. W. Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator for the Masonic Home, presents a video about the Home and answers your questions about the programs, services and costs for care at the Masonic Home.

Listed below are the dates of programs that have been scheduled. If you would like to attend one of these programs before scheduling one for your Lodge, please do so. For additional information about these programs, or to learn more about having a program in your area, contact Daniel L. Clark, Masonic Home, 2150 Bleecker St., Utica, NY 13501 or 315-798-4923 or 800-322-8826 or clarkd@masonichomemy.org.

| Date | Lodge | District | Location |
|----------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| April 14 | Port Jervis 328 | Orange/Rockland | Port Jervis |
| April 17 | Newark 83 | Wayne | Newark |
| April 22 | Albany District | Albany | Albany |
| May 25 | DeRuyter 692 | Cortland/Madison | DeRuyter |

The Grotto Story

The Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, more commonly known as "The Grotto", is a great Fraternal Order. It was organized in Hamilton, New York, on June 13, 1890, as a fun Order for Master Masons to meet, have fun and cultivate the lighter side of life.

The Grotto has grown over the years to include members throughout the United States and Canada. There are over 200 Grottoes in as many different cities. These Grottoes have dinners, picnics and other family oriented functions for all to enjoy.

As all good Masons, just having fun was not enough. It was felt that there was a need to help the less fortunate, so in June 1949, our Humanitarian Foundation

was born. At that time the need was in cerebral palsy research. Our donations since have amounted to more than \$2,000,000 and increases each year.

In 1970, the Grottoes of North America felt a need to expand its efforts into a program that would help those who were not being helped by others. The "Dentistry For The Handicapped" was pioneered with the dental clinic at the Illinois Medical Center in Chicago and the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati. Later on, Centers were started in Pittsburgh and Toledo. In addition, local Grottoes are involved in their own dentistry programs as well. Overall, more than 30,000 children have been treated.

All Master Masons are welcome to join our local Lalla Rookh Grotto Organization and become part of a group that not

only has Fraternal fun, but tries to help others in need. For more information about the Grotto program, contact Ron Morthorst at (716) 334-4196, Membership Chairman. □

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Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

Potentate - George Simon



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FROM THE POTENTATE



GEORGE SIMON
392-4276
Shrine Office
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Spring

The date today is February 26th and what a great day it is. The sun is shining, the temperature is in the 60's, there is a robin sitting in my front yard, and a flock of geese flying overhead. It is also the time that some of our snowbirds are starting their migration to the North to Summer quarters. We welcome them and pray for their safe return.

By now the Circus is over, and I thank all for their time and efforts to make the first circus in 2000 a success.

Thanks

My personal thanks to Erwin Newell for putting it together. Erwin, when you agreed to be Circus Chairman, it took a great weight off of me and Damascus Shrine. When you accepted this

challenge, I knew that you would spend many, many hours on this project. I also know of the frustrations and pitfalls you have had to endure. As Frankie sang, "thru it all I did it my way!" My thanks may not be adequate, but I give it in token of friendship and Brotherly love on behalf of Damascus and myself.

My thanks, also, to all the Committee people for their dedication and service to the great event: our Circus Daddies, Harry and Ken; manpower, Don Rose; novelties, Dayne Tharrett; commissary, Dick, Bill, Earl; novelty salespeople, food stand workers, and everyone who helped.

A special thanks to Kathi Tharrett and her crew of ladies for the meals to sustain us. A great job done, and all should feel proud.

Pancakes

Our excursion to the Maple Tree Inn for pancakes was sold out in February. We were sorry that we had to turn people away. Our bus only had seats for 55 and some people drove themselves. As usual, we had a great time with our ladies and friends.

April

April brings showers and flowers. It also brings Daylight Savings Time on the 2nd, so turn your clocks ahead. It is also time to cultivate new Nobles for our Ceremony on May 3rd.

In 1999 Damascus Temple was the only Temple in New York State to obtain an increase in membership. It was also one of only 13 in North America. This,

Nobles, was quite an accomplishment and the credit belongs to you and your Membership Team.

That was '99, now it is 2000. As we prepare to cultivate the soil of our flower beds and gardens, to plant our seeds and plants, we must also plant the seeds of our Shrinedom in the minds and hearts of upright men and Masons to increase our numbers in an effort to produce a bumper crop in 2000.

Reception

It would be remiss if I did not mention the Potentate's Reception on April 15th. My Lady, Lula, and I would be honored to have you attend.

Degree Team

By Joseph Minas

I thank all the Nobles and Past Masters who participated in the Degrees. You did a wonderful job.

I thank all the Nobles who helped at the Circus. I congratulate you all for your time that made this Circus a success.

As I stated before, if there are any Past Masters who want to join the Degree Team, please let us know. We cannot read your mind.

Director's Staff

By Joe Minas

I thank you for all the help that was given by the Director's Staff during the Circus. The Circus would not survive without your help. Lee Collier did a fabulous job on the breakfast menu. The Concession and Novelty Stands did a very good job.

Changes

Nobles, we have to change our format some so that we will attract new members. At the Hot Sands in May we have to put some kind of a skit on. Carl Mason, Ron Edwards, Derek Van-Houten, Lee Collier and Paul Adams will be in charge of this. There will also be some other changes in the future. We have been standing around too long. Without new members we will not survive.

Zama Temple

*Daughters
of the Nile*

By Elaine B. Spiegel, PQ

Fairport Masonic Lodge was royally decorated for the impressive Ceremony of Installation on Sunday, March 19th. The organ prelude and the sound of the gong announced the 78th Annual Installation of Officers of Zama Temple No. 14, Daughters of the Nile. We were warmly welcomed by Queen Juanita C. Gorton.

Queen-elect Corinne Routley and her Officers were conducted into the Temple for Installation. Queen-elect Corinne was radiant and was accompanied by her staff of Officers dressed in a beautiful array of colored gowns.

Queen Corinne was conducted to the Throne and was presented the Gavel and the Charter. We are all so pleased to have Queen Corinne lead us as our Millennium Queen in 2000. The remain-

ing Officers were then installed in our beautiful Ceremony.

Queen Corinne addressed the assembly and presented the illustrious Potentate of Damascus Temple, George Simon. He gave his greetings and best wishes and introduced the other members of his Divan and their ladies. It is always a pleasure to have the Nobles of Damascus in attendance at our Installation.

Everyone was invited to a reception of the Queen and her Officers, held in the dining room, following the Installation. Following the Reception, all were invited to a Buffet Dinner at the Green Lantern Inn.

Queen Corinne is one of S.P. Royal, Sharalyn E. Winger's Queens for 2000. Supreme Session will be held in Palm Springs, CA, this year from June 11-15th.

Our next Stated Session will be Sat., April 11th at 1:00 p.m.

The Queen has made plans for the year which include a Luncheon Card Party on May 6th at the Shrine Mosque on Bay Road.

There will be a Next-to-New Sale this Spring and the date will be announced at a later time.

I hope the members will strive to support our new officers and attend the planned functions.



Welcome the Future

The new baby is here, greeted with joy. Grandparents, parents and brothers and sisters will introduce this child to their family, its history, its values and its traditions. They will all teach the newcomer lessons of trust, love, experience and hope.

In this way, all these generations contribute to the world of the future, where this infant will one day make a difference.



Family Life
2000

Honor the past - Celebrate the future

SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM

This message is brought to you by the Scottish Rite Masons in your community.

Order of the Eastern Star HiLights

MONROE DISTRICT

DDGM
Rt. Wthy.
Doris
Bell



DGL
Rt. Wthy.
Michael
Bell

This year is moving along at an alarming speed. Here it is April already, time for the Easter Bunny and colored eggs. Our Official Visit season is off to a wonderful start with three Visits done that were charming and delightful. I am so proud of the Chapters in this District.

Upcoming dates to be aware of and that should be on your calendar: April 1st is the next Line Officers meeting at the Temple on Main Street. I hope to see some faces I have yet to see; April 15th is the State Walkathon in Olean. I have information should you require it. May 21st is the District Picnic and Walkathon. Funds raised at the Walkathon will be dedicated to the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester. Details will be in the next issue.

Mr. Eric Fairchild, Housing Director for Richards House (the Veteran's Outreach Transitional Living Program) spoke at the March Line Officers meeting. He presented the House's wish list for our information, and spoke at length about the purpose and focus of the House. The main objective is to provide a milieu where recovering substance abusers can relearn community living.

Please continue to support our projects as well as you have so far. It is exciting to know that we can pull together for a common goal. "Together we can make anything possible."

Sisters and Brothers

The winners of the initial "Dearie" contest were the ladies Leopold, who rolled up a perfect score. Ken Hutchinson took the place position. Due to an editorial malfunction, four of the questions were omitted from the previous issue.

The answers are:

1. Hopalong Cassidy-William Boyd
2. Gillette Blue Blades
3. Carolyn Kennedy
4. Kay Kayser
5. Sidekick to Garry Moore (T. Garrison Morfit)
6. Duz
7. Ed Sullivan
8. "killed him a bar when he was only three"
9. Super Suds
14. Charley
15. Chesty Blonde on Broadway Open House with Jerry Lester-"I'm a Beanbag"
16. Lucky Strike
17. Lipton

18. He married them and very soon, they went upon their Abba Dabba Honeymoon

19. Der Katzenhammer kids

20. Pansy

This time you are asked to identify a missing item, and to explain the relationship. For example, Huey, Dewey and _____ are _____. The answer would be Donald Duck's three nephews.

1. Athos, Porthos and _____ were _____
2. Mama, Papa, and _____ were _____
3. 'Readin', 'Ritin and _____ were _____
4. Maxine, Patty and _____ were _____
5. Larry, Moe and _____ were _____
6. Red, Yellow and _____ were _____
7. Melchoir, Caspar, and _____ were _____
8. Howe, Lindsay, and _____ were _____
9. Short, Chase and _____ were _____
10. Roosevelt, Stalin and _____ were _____
11. Faith, Hope, and _____ were _____
12. Animal, Vegetable and _____ were _____
13. Joseph, Dominic and _____ were _____
14. Tinkers, Evers and _____ were _____
15. The World, the flesh, and _____ were _____
16. The butcher, the baker, and _____ were _____
17. Clothos, Lachesis, and _____ were _____
18. Spahn, Sain, and _____ were _____

19. Mulvaney, Otheris, and were _____.

20. Aleto, Magaera, and were _____.

Good luck

We are doing wonderfully with the coupons and stamp collecting. Your Matrons will talk to you about our involvement with the local Veterans Outreach Program. We'll be looking for books, and picture puzzles, among other things.

NOLA Chapter No. 368

Order of the Eastern Star

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

Wthy. Antoinette Jeerings
Matron, 385-5605
Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings
Secretary, 594-4692

20 South Main Street
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Alice Hassett

Meetings

Due to the Primary Elections, our March 7th meeting had, as expected, a smaller than usual turnout. We rehearsed some portions of the program for our March 21st Official Visit. Another rehearsal took place on Sunday, March 12th.

April

The Committee for April includes Wthy. John Lenzi, Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi, Sisters Carol Pickworth, and Beverly Bacher. The April 4th meeting will be our Star Points Night. On April 18th, the two teams (we have an ongoing competition this year) will each generously fill an Easter basket, and the winning team will earn extra points. After the judging, a third Easter basket will be filled with "goodies", and those baskets will go to three children whom we are sponsoring, this year, through Project Redirect, a program administered by the Salvation Army. In this case, we are assisting a single father who has custody of three children. Our commitment was to furnish a birthday gift for each of the children. However, we thought that the addition of these Easter baskets might make their holiday more memorable.

Caring thoughts

Please remember those who are unable to attend our regular meetings. Suggestion: each of us send a card or note to one of our Sisters or Brothers, this week, or make a phone call to one of them. Show someone that you care about them.

Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in April: Wthy. Vickie Gross, Wthy. Santo Morici, Wthy. Sheila McDonald, Rt. Wthy. E. Lucile Mason, Wthy. Susan Prevost, and Rt. Wthy. Wilda Robinson.

Charlotte Chapter, OES
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Thur., April 6th, 1-5 p.m.
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Sat., April 8th, 9 a.m.-noon
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For information call:
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Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay



1st & 3rd Fridays
Charlotte/Corinthian Temple
4550 Lake Ave.

By Robert Crystal

Awards

On Saturday, March 11th, the Order of DeMolay presented Awards to four men who have been active in Rochester for many years.

The DeMolay Chapter presented the Cross of Honor to Dad John Cooper and Dad Robert Crystal, who have served on the Advisory Council in various positions for over eight years. Dad Cooper was Chapter Dad and Dad Crystal was Chairman.

The Chevalier Medallion was presented to David Gorall, Past Master Councilor and holder of a Regional Office. "The Chev" Award is symbolic of the knight-hood earned by young men in the middle ages, symbolizing faith, loyalty and courage. David has shown all those and served DeMolay well in his various offices. The Officers of the Chevalier Chapter included Dad Craig Henderson, New York State Chapter Dad, and John Pience, our new New York State Field Representative.

The afternoon was capped off by the Presentation of the Honorary Legion of Honor Cordon and Medallion to Dad Michael Staub. Michael has been the inspiration of all of us in Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay for all these years.

Rochester Chapter was ready to surrender its Charter and go dark those many years ago, but "Coach Mike" came on the scene and the Advisory Council was re-invigorated. As Mike said in his



Paul Chisholm-New York State Executive Officer, being greeted by Mike Staub with (front) Josh Sattora, Dan D'Angillo, Jr., unidentified, unidentified and Lonny Higby. (back) Robert King, Gary Burke, James Weick, unidentified and Jason Staub.



John Cooper-COH recipient, Josh Sattora, Lonny Higby, Jason Burrows and Bob Crystal (COH Recipient). Josh Burke behind.



(front) Lonny Higby, Dave Goral-Chevalier Medallion Recipient and Ed Tromble. (back) Gary Burke, Craig Henderson and Matt Howard.

acceptance speech, "No Chapter has died for lack of boys, but many are gone for lack of Advisors." He

acknowledged his fellow Advisors, including Dad Howard from our Western New York Chap-

would like included in the show, call me. Lorrie likes to include "family" hats when she does a show. Come join us and enjoy a fun afternoon. Everyone and anyone who reads this is invited. You may contact any member of Rochester Chapter for tickets.

Sickness and distress

Please keep Sister Georgia Coates in your prayers. Wthy. Sue Duff is going to be having foot surgery, so she will be laid up for several weeks. I don't have the exact date or information, but as soon as I do I will have the Calling Committee inform you so cards

can be sent. I know she would enjoy them. I know of no other sickness or distress. If you hear of any, please contact the Secretary or me.

Please remember the Projects we are supporting for the District. Three that are easy to do and don't cost anything are: save your cancelled stamps, save your unused manufacturers coupons and save labels from Campbell's Soup products. If you have any, please get them to me or any other line officer and I will get them to the Deputy or Lecturer.

Remember to let your light so shine.

Rochester Chapter

No. 314

Order of the Eastern Star

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Wthy. Evelyn Heller
621-5777

Secretary

Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS
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First Saturday 7:30 P.M.

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Official Visit

March 4th was our Official Visit. It was a wonderful evening and I was very proud of all the Officers. I thank everyone who helped. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

Garage Sale

April 27, 28, and 29th is our Garage Sale. It will be at my home. Please contact either Rt. Wthy. Audrey Zufall or me about any donations you have. Remember, one person's junk is another's treasure.

Hat Show

Another Spring project is our Hat Show and Dessert Buffet on June 17th. 100 years of hats from the 1890's through 2000. Enjoy a whimsical trip through the history of the last century with Lorrie Jones. She does a wonderful job. If anyone has a hat they

Annual Spaghetti Dinner



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ters. He challenged all who were present to join the Advisors and support our Youth Organizations. It is an example of how he works that Mike took the occasion of receiving the highest Honor the Order can confer and used it as a recruiting tool.

We were honored to have as our guests, Mathew Whitaker, the New York State Master Councilor and Paul Chisholm, Executive Officer of DeMolay. Each gave an inspiring speech. The afternoon was also enjoyed by our District Deputy Grand Master, Don Darrohn and his lady, Mickie Ann. Also attending were Amanda McFaul, the State DeMolay Sweetheart, Chapter Sweetheart, and Constellation's Exalted Star, Christy Ally. Wthy. Norrairie Voegtle from Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter, OES, also attended. Each complemented the Chapter, Court of Chevaliers and Legion of Honor for their Ritual and Ceremonials.

In Memoriam

February

Gould, Orrin J.

The Grand Architect of the Universe called Orrin Home on February 16th. He was a member of Fame Lodge No. 945 and is survived by his wife, Constance, 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Haynes, Frank O.

A member of Germania Lodge No. 722, Frank passed away on February 16th. Survivors include his wife, Alice, daughter and son-in-law, Eleanor and Larry Canfield, 5 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Tranmal, Sigurd

Death claimed Sigurd on February 26th. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. Sigurd leaves his wife, Elaine, 2 daughters, and 5 grandchildren.

Monroe, Gordon E.

Northfield Lodge No. 426 lost a member with the passing of Gordon on February 27th. He is survived by his wife, Edna, 2 daughters, 3 step-children and 10 grandchildren.

Shoemaker, Donald C.

Donald was 90 years old when he died on February 28th. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and is survived by his wife, Doris, 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

March

Vanderbeck, John J.

John was called Home by the Lord on March 4th at the age of 87. He was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 and leaves his 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Spencer, Herman C.

Death claimed Herman suddenly on March 7th at the age of 88. He was a member of Attica Lodge No. 462, and is survived by his 2 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Fellin, Earl E.

Fairport Lodge No. 476 suffered a loss with the passing of Earl on March 13th. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

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| May 1, 2 | Grand Lodge, NYC |
| May 13 | District "THE Party", Mapledale Party House |
| May 19 | Joint Investiture, DDT |
| May 20 | PHP Annual Scholarship Dinner, Frederick's Manor Rte. 20 & Bowen Road |
| Jun. 23-25 | St. John's Weekend, Utica Masonic Home |
| Oct. 22 | Interfaith Service and Breakfast, Logan's |
| Oct. 28 | Testimonial Dinner for M.W. Bruce Widger, Retiring A.A.S.R. Deputy for the State. |

Lodge Rentals Available

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| Etolian Lodge, Union St., Spencerport - Cap. 250 Tom Michielsen - 352-483, 1st Floor Commercial Space also available. |
| 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.

Best Bumper Stickers of 1999

My mother is a travel agent for
guilt trips.

Gravity...it's not just a good
idea. It's the law.

If at first you don't succeed,
skydiving isn't for you.

I'm going to graduate on time,
no matter how long it takes.

Anything not worth doing is
not worth doing well.

A day without sunshine is like
night.

First things first, but not necessarily
in that order.

Old age comes at a bad time.

In America, anyone can be
President. That's one of the risks
you take.

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Wed. Apr. 5
WBEE New Artists
8:00 p.m.

Fri. Apr. 7
Barry Manilow
8:00 p.m.

Sat. Apr. 8
Silk & Mint Condition
8:00 p.m.

Wed. Apr. 12
Willie Nelson
8:00 p.m.

Sat. Apr. 23
Gospel Theater
8:00 p.m.

Tues. Apr. 25 - Sun. Apr. 30
Riverdance
Tues. 7:30 p.m.
Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Thur. 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 8:00 p.m.
Sat. 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.
Sun. 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
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| Etolian | 3/13 |
| Oakland | 3/15 |
| Webster | 3/14 |

"x" = months missed.

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

The Deadline for the
May issue is:
April 12, 2000

**Eating
Out**



Apr. 7 - Spaghetti Dinner, Webster Ldg, 5-7 p.m. See Calendar.
Apr. 2 - Pancake Breakfast, Attica Lodge, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Apr. 12 - Spaghetti Dinner, Clio Lodge. See Calendar.
Apr. 9 - Pancake Breakfast, Mt. Vernon Lodge, Java Village. \$5 per person-all you can eat, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., 2nd Sun. every month.
Apr. 29 - Spaghetti Dinner, O.E.S., 5-7 p.m. Fairport, \$6.50.

Classifieds

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

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April Flower - Sweet Pea
April Gem - Diamond

Calendar April 2000

Deadline for the *Masonic Times*

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>Attica Lodge Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Begins</p> <p>Mt. Vernon Lodge, Pancake Breakfast, Java Village</p> <p>Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Wed., April 12</p> | <p>West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe</p> <p>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p> <p>ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Hon. Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p> | <p>Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Germania Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster</p> <p>Batavia Craftsman/Robertson-F Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes</p> <p>RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming</p> <p>OES - Leah</p> | <p>Attica</p> <p>Damascus Shrine</p> <p>Churchville Oakta - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Service Bureau Luncheon</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship</p> | <p>Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p> <p>Scottish Rite - "Feast of the Paschal Lamb" Cathedral Hall - 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p> <p>KT - Batavia</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Caldron</p> | <p>Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5 - 7 p.m. 30 Orchard St., Webster Adults-\$6, Child-\$3</p> | <p>Masters and Wardens</p> <p>3rd Degree Fest Downtown Masonic Temple</p> |
| <p>16</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY</p> | <p>West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe</p> <p>Grotto Legion-Dutch Mill</p> <p>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p> | <p>Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton - 2* Germania Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Nola, Perry, Webster</p> | <p>Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy</p> <p>Grotto</p> <p>RSM - Doric Council</p> | <p>Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p> <p>RAM - Western Star</p> <p>OES - Lea Court, Oakta</p> <p>Passover begins at Sundown Maundy Thursday</p> | <p>Good Friday</p> | <p>22</p> |
| <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>30 Orthodox Easter</p> | <p>ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Mt. Vernon Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>RMS - Nundawaga</p> <p>OES - Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club</p> | <p>Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit</p> <p>OES - Leah</p> | <p>Churchville Oakta - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Tall Cedars of Lebanon</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship</p> | <p>Eagle Valley - Bliss</p> <p>Scottish Rite Reunion 5° and 14°</p> <p>Masonic War Vets - Fame</p> | <p>Orthodox Good Friday</p> | <p>Scottish Rite Reunion 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Scottish Rite Banquet 6:30 p.m. Holiday Inn Airport</p> |