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"A Supurb Expression of Masonic Interest in Community Life"



Rev. Paul R. Gleason - Past President of the Masonic Service Bureau, David Crawford - Recipient of this year's Dedicated Community Service Award and Chad Crawford. More photos on page 11.

(Photos Linda Zahn)



Mathew Gingold, - Representing the Jewish Faith, Angelo DiCataldo - Vice Chairman of the Service Bureau, Father Otto J. Vogt - Representing the Catholic Faith, F. Jay McCullough - Chairman and CEO, Service Bureau, and Rev. Paul R. Gleason - Protestant Rep.

By W.: Angelo DiCataldo

This title explains the qualities and result of this year's Interfaith Service and Breakfast. It was taken from a note a Brother Mason sent to me.

This was the 59th Annual Service and the 41st time we recognized a local exemplar of Community service.

This year's recipient was Brother David Crawford, R.:W.: Paul Gleason was the presenter of the Plaque and a check for \$500.00, which Dave donated toward the proposed World War II Memorial in Washington, DC.

Don Alhart, last year's recipient, favored us with the pleasure of being this year's MC. Our

heartfelt thanks to him for accepting this chore at the last minute, due to the illness of Jerry Flynn.

Don also favored us by getting the Channel 13 camera to our event, and providing us a boost in the 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. news. Thank you, Don!

It was another great turnout. Mysterious thanks to all who were in attendance. Much credit for this event is due to our Masonic Service Bureau's Council members. As usual, R.:W.: Paul Gleason, Jr., has always been instrumental in the preparation of the Ecumenical Service and in recruiting Father Vogt. R.:W.: Mat Gingold and Why. Ramona Dimino were our liaisons with Logan's and also got our soloist and accompanists, a job splendidly done by Joan Buddle and R.:W.: Charles Spiegel, Jr.

Thanks to Linda Zahn for donating the flowers, photos, programs and her time; Tom Paglia for getting our tickets printed, reservation posters, and for making all our meetings, along with David Larson, Bill Hook, Leon VanHuben, Fred Cornell, Gene Brendel, Harold Bollotin, Jim Scobell, Jim Spencer, Jim Powell, Ken Skidmore, and Mary Wright.

Many special thanks to NYRA Trophies-Brother Michael DiCataldo donated the beautiful Plaque. Thanks to all the Lodges, together with the 78 Masters and all other Masonic Bodies, who made early reservations.

Mark your calendar for next year. The date is November 4th, 2001, at Logan's Party House. □

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Happy Holidays



Instructors Needed at Masonic Learning Center, Free Training Offered

The Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children offers an opportunity for free training in the Orton-Gillingham approach to reading. Interested individuals require a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. Both practicing and retired teachers are encouraged to apply. Candidates must have dedication and compassion for children and the ability to participate in practicum on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday evenings.

The Center, located at 875 Main Street East in Rochester, provides quality, state-of-the-art remedial education to children with disabilities in reading, writing, and related scholastic skills, diagnosed as "dyslexic". In this setting, children with dyslexia are provided with individual instruction, twice each week, either by teachers in training in the Orton-Gillingham approach or by already certified tutors.

Information regarding available scholarships and future information sessions may be obtained by contacting the Center's Director, Ann L. Kaczka, M.S. at 716-442-7290. There are openings for trainees and a waiting list of children who can benefit from this program.

In keeping with the commitment of 32° Masons to children, this service is provided free of charge to children who have previously been tested, evaluated and diagnosed as dyslexics. □

Scholarships

Scholarships, Essay Contest and Educational Assistance Programs are there for the asking. Masonry benefits your children and grandchildren during any given calendar year.

Totton Essay

The most imminent opportunity is presented by the Fifth Manhattan District to the children or grandchildren of all Masons in New York State. It's called the "Frank M. Totton Essay Contest". Details are in your copy of the Fall issue of the "Empire State Mason" magazine. Deadline for submission is January 15, 2001, the earlier the submission, the better. Your high school senior who plans to enter an accredited college in the Fall of 2001, writes a short essay of 200-350 words on "How Does One Achieve Respectability". Ten scholarships are awarded ranging from \$100 to \$1,500. Look it up or contact your Lodge Secretary for assistance.

Grand Lodge Educational Assistance

Grand Lodge has awarded assistance grants to more than 2,300 students totalling more than two million dollars. The Committee is chaired by R.:W.: James Sullivan of Lockport, a retired educator. If invited, and scheduling permits, he will come to a Lodge and make a presentation on the Educational Assistance Program.

Your high school senior or college attendee can complete required forms that you acquire from your Lodge Secretary by early Spring. Your student sub-

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Hawaii Vacation

By R.:W.: Vern Goodrich

The Masonic Service Bureau is planning a Cruise and Tour to Hawaii in September, 2001, and again in September, 2002. We will have an informational meeting on Saturday, January 6th, at 1:00 p.m. at Damascus Temple, 979 Bay Road, Webster. It is a 19 day tour including 12 days on Carnival Cruise Lines newest ship, "Spirit", with stops at selected ports. The cost, based on double occupancy, is: inside cabin, \$2500; outside cabin, \$2800, Rochester to Rochester, including airfare. A representative from YMT Vacations will be on hand to answer questions.

While reservations for the informational meeting are not absolutely required, we do need to know an approximate number attending. Please make your reservation to the Masonic Service Bureau at 473-4351. □

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Ronald McDonald Charities

By R.:W.: Donald Darrohn

Like other readers of the "Democrat & Chronicle", you may have been puzzled by the recent announcement of charitable grants made by Ronald McDonald Charities. We Freemasons have over the past 12 years, contributed in excess of \$130,000 to the local Ronald McDonald House located on Westmoreland Drive. The concern expressed to me has been: Why should we work to collect money for them (Ronald McDonald Charities), and have them give it away? The short answer is they don't! Those funds

that Ronald McDonald Charities provide to local charities come from the McDonald's restaurants that are within the operating area of the local Home Away From Home. In each restaurant there are receptacles for customers to make a donation.

All funds raised through our efforts have been donated directly to and are for the local Ronald McDonald Home! The local Home Away From Home has recognized our efforts by placing a picture with explanation of the Masonic Cornerstone Dedication for their facility. We are also recognized on their wall of contributors as a major benefactor.

February 3, 2001 we will be back in the malls again. See you there! □

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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You have been reading in the *Masonic Times* in my column, and in others, about the importance of communicating with the membership. This continues to be a sticking point with the Brothers. The intention is not to single out any particular organization. This is not the Masonic way.

The intention here is to, some how, convince the leadership of the importance of letting the members of the Lodge know what is going on. Perhaps it has been perceived that I have been harping on this unnecessarily, however, it is a common and persistent problem. If the members of our Fraternity do not feel that the leadership is interested in letting them know what's going on in their organization, it is definitely not a good thing for the health of that organization.

Case in point

We received a note from a widow of a Mason asking that we cancel her subscription. Her note came right after the November issue of the *Masonic Times* should have reached her. Coincidentally that particular Lodge did not have an article in the November issue. The telling comment at the end of her note was, "I enjoy reading the paper, but recently there isn't very much about the Lodge in it." Does that tell you something about the importance of communicating with your membership? If the Master does not feel the need to tell his fellow members what's going on in Lodge, they may get the impression that nothing is going on. So, why attend? To quote a well worn phrase - "we're not doing Rocket Science here!"

Masonic Stewardship

When a Brother takes on the responsibility of leadership, he also takes on the responsibility of stewardship, a stewardship of the membership. I'm sure that many of you have experienced the frustration of being left out of decision making in a family environment. Well, as you may have heard often during your Masonic career, Masonry is a family relationship, a family of Brothers.

I totally agree on a bottom line basis that cutting expenses is a good idea. The thing that has to be considered is what you get for your money and how you utilize the service purchased. If you don't

use the product for its intended purpose you are indeed wasting your money. What we at the *Masonic Times* have been advocating and trying to encourage, and will continue to encourage, is utilizing the paper for its intended purpose, namely, to communicate.

Spark plug

What every Lodge needs is only one committed person, a spark plug, a Brother who is enthusiastic about being a Mason and concerned about the Fraternity's future; one concerned enough to expend the effort to get the family news out to all the members. This person doesn't have to be an accomplished writer or a Nobel Laureate in journalism.

Just because a member is not at the meetings doesn't mean that he is non-existent. What good are your programs, special functions and ladies events if no one knows about them or how they are received? It doesn't take long for inattention to communication to knell the death of interest. We cannot afford to neglect this aspect of good leadership. **Think about it!**

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Your Service Bureau stands alone in the magnitude of the various services we perform. However, we do not intend to rest on our laurels. We will continue to expand the uniqueness of this Bureau whenever we can.

Your past support in both money and time have been greatly

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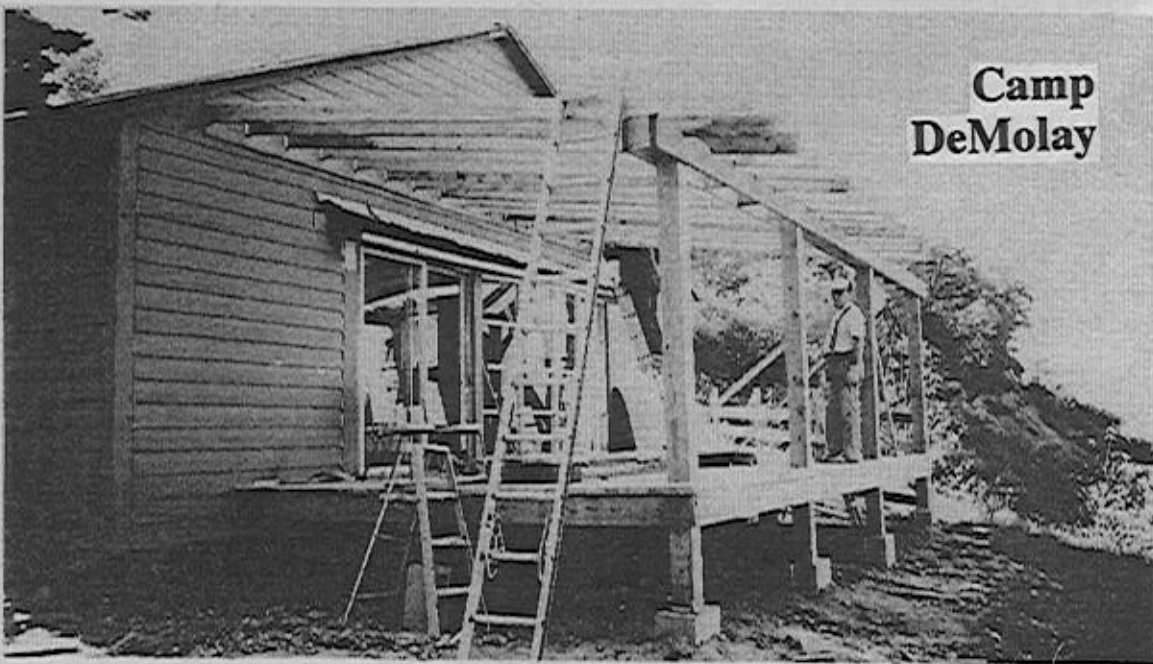
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appreciated. I am sure your current and future support of the Bureau will continue and in some aspects, even expand.
The road to success is always under construction.

Rene VanDeVeir, and Tom Paglia, hanging rafters.

Ron Weber stepping back to admire his work. Not too far Ron!



A porch synopsis

By Tom Paglia

The old porch on the main building at Camp DeMolay has been replaced. There were six helpers working on the preparation for the footers: Ron Weber, Rene VanDeVeire, Bill Hook, Dick Vaughn, Dick Snyder and me. The lines for the porch were laid out and pier holes dug. We worked on it for a couple of days, but then we became a crew of four. Slowly, but surely, it took shape. Mind you, Bill Hook has two bad legs and Rene Van-

DeVeire has a bad back, but they pitched in and did what they could. Bill Hook was our go-fer because he couldn't climb ladders. He supplied us with hot coffee, cocoa and materials. Ron, with his new vehicle, picked up materials as needed and Rene brought a great deal of his personal tools.

God must have been smiling on us and enjoyed watching us work because we had good weather while building the porch. In fact, some days when we arrived at the Camp, the clouds and wind were up, but as soon as we started to

work, the sun came out and the wind died down. I told them I had a direct connection to the Man upstairs.

Bill Guinup spent a day helping to put the felt paper on the roof. By this time the porch is 80% completed, all that is needed are the railing, steps and screening. These may be installed in the Spring.

The size of the porch is 12' x 24', a pretty good size porch. It takes a long time to construct with plywood sheeting and a 30 year life span shingled roof. All of
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the exterior lumber is pressure-treated, except the plywood and roof rafters.

I wish to express our thanks to Mr. John Hicks from Rochester Lumber for all of his expert advice. The porch will last for a long time. For a group of volunteers I would say "A job well done!" My deepest thanks to all who helped complete the porch because they took time from their families and other important activities. It goes to show that when a group of people who work in harmony can get a lot done.

You are welcome to take a trip out to the Camp and look at the project. Call Bill Hook or Vern Goodrich to make arrangements. If you have any comments, if they are good ones, make sure the work crew hears them. Remember, none of us are professional carpenters.

My experience comes from being a U.S. Navy Seabee. I was a certified welder and electric high line installer.

We hope everyone who sits on the porch next Summer will enjoy the view. It is really something to see the sun setting in the West, watch the various types of boats go by, and greet the neighbors walking on the beach. A tip of the hat to all who put in many long hours of work.

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

Al Sigl Center WalkAbout

This annual fundraising event of the Al Sigl Center was held at Marketplace Mall on Sunday, October 19th.

R.W. F. Jay McCullough, President of the Masonic Service Bureau, received a letter from the Al Sigl Center, under the signature of Marilyn A. Means, thanking Professor Rem, a magician, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, and the Masonic Service Bureau for their continued support of the Al Sigl Center.

It was a fun-filled, hectic and rewarding experience for the 1400 volunteers and walkers who filled the entire Mall from end to end. The Center raised a total of \$100,000.


The Shrine Clowns also participated. They were swamped by entertaining and balloon sculpturing for the huge number of children present.

At the present time, there are no further community service events planned for the near future.



An unidentified Volunteer with Mr. Harry Ape.

Custodian's Corner



R.W. Maurice Solomon
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Q. Is it permissible for members of the Shrine Degree Team, or for that matter, any members of the Shrine, to wear their Fez(es) when in the confines of a Lodge room, while the Lodge is open and business, such as a Degree, is being conducted?

A. This is a subject that has been brought up on previous occasions, and always seems to cause differing opinions. The answer is fairly simple and straight forward. Masonic protocol permits four Officers to wear headgear, and no one else. They are the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master and Worshipful Master. Headgear of any kind by any other person within the Lodge room is forbidden.

As far back, or if you wish, as recently as 1991, the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine, in a published protocol, issued a directive that "the fez should not be worn while in attendance at the Masonic Lodge".

Q. During the course of a Lodge meeting, the Worshipful Master takes the occasion to come down on the level to converse with the Senior Deacon. The Marshal wishes to speak to the Senior Deacon. Should he cross "the Symbolic Master's Carpet", or must he come round West of the Altar?

A. This is a most interesting question, and leaves room for speculation. Masonically, the "Master's Carpet" is considered to be the space between where the Master sits in the East, and the Three Great Lights on the Altar.

The Worshipful Master, while temporarily not sitting in his chair, is nevertheless still in the East. It would seem therefore, that anyone crossing between him and the Altar would interfere with his view of the Three Great Lights, which is at the core of the provision which says that one should not cross the Master's Carpet except for Degree or Ceremonial work. As I said, an interesting question, and one which is not really connected with Ritual, but more with protocol.

Under the circumstances, I am somewhat reluctant to offer an opinion for actions without the jurisdiction of the Custodians. Nevertheless, I will make some investigations and hopefully provide you with a more definitive answer at a later date.



The final Ward visit for the year 2000 was made on Sunday afternoon, November 12th. No Ward visits will be made in December. Instead the following events are scheduled:

Tuesday afternoon, December 12th, the Annual Holiday Gift Wrapping Session will be in

Building 5 Auditorium from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

On Tuesday afternoon, December 17th, the Annual Holiday Gift Distribution to the Wards begins in the Building 5 Auditorium at 12:30 p.m., after which we will proceed to our Ward.

Veterans Day

On Saturday morning, November 11th, the Annual Veterans Day Memorial Service, sponsored by the Monroe County American Legion, was held in the Downtown War Memorial.

The James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post of the Masonic War Veterans took part in the program by presenting their Masonic War Veterans wreath.

Following the Ceremony, a lunch was served at the Beahan Road Party House.

Money Tip\$

By Dave Larson

'Tis the season for giving and beating year-end deadlines, so I thought I would pass along a great tip to take advantage of before January 1.

Consider opening an Educational IRA or college savings account for your children or grandchildren. The Educational IRA is limited to \$500 per child per year, but the college savings accounts can accept much larger contributions. To take advantage of the benefit for the current year, you have to make the contribution by December 31, 2000.

You can open an Educational IRA at most mutual fund companies, brokerages or banks. Contributions cannot exceed \$500 per child per year, and you can invest in stocks, bonds or mutual funds. There is no tax deduction allowed, but the account grows tax deferred, and if used for educational purposes, no tax is paid when withdrawn.

Most States sponsor a college savings program (sometimes referred to as a section 529 plan), so you should check with your State to learn the requirements and limitations of their plan. In New

York, you can call 877-697-2837 or visit the website www.ny-saves.com. A good web site to learn more about college savings programs in general is www-savingforcollege.com.

The New York College Savings Program allows you to take a State income tax deduction on contributions up to \$5,000 per taxpayer, so a married couple can take up to \$10,000. The account grows tax-deferred until withdrawn for educational costs. When withdrawn, the withdrawal is taxed at the beneficiary's ordinary income tax rate. One potential drawback to the State sponsored college savings programs is the requirement that the plan invest in age appropriate balanced funds, and the investor has no control over the funds or allocation.

If you have children or grandchildren you would like to help obtain a college education, these programs are very attractive. You can arrange to be the custodian yourself or gift the cash to someone else who can act as custodian. For estate planning purposes, you may be able to gift assets to your children by fully funding the State sponsored College Savings Program. These techniques, however, require consultation with your attorney or tax advisor.

Consider giving the gift of education.

Have a wonderful holiday season!



Masons Participate in Al Sigl WalkAbout

Children with the Shrine Clowns at the Al Sigl WalkAbout.



Professor Korne and Prof. Rem with a Shower Person.

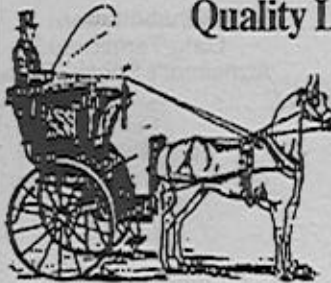


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The Grand Lecturer's Convention has again come and gone. My congratulations to Hesperus Lodge for getting the Potts Award. It seems strange that Hesperus' Brothers could make it with ten Brothers and five other Lodges in the District couldn't bother to send even one. Then we wonder why Masonry is on the decline. The Lodges and the whole District need your support.

I do thank the forty Brothers who did make an effort to be there and I think they were rewarded for it.

Don't forget the Masonic War Vets meeting on December 1st in Warsaw at 7:30 p.m.

The holiday season is again here and I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas.

How Far to Bethlehem?

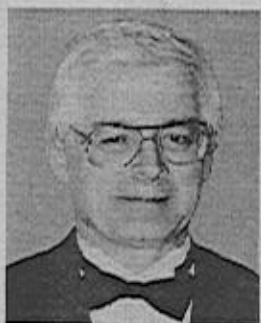
How far is it to Bethlehem Town?
Just over Jerusalem hills and down
Past lovely Rachel's white domed tomb
Sweet shrine of motherhood's young doom.
It isn't far to Bethlehem Town
Just over the dusty roads and down
Past Wise Men's well, still offering
Cool drought from welcome way side spring;
Past shepherds with their flutes of reed
That charm the woolly sheep they lead;
Past boys with kites on hilltops flying,
And soon you're there where Bethlehem's lying,
Sunned white and sweet on olived slopes
Gold-lighted still with Judah's hopes.
And so we find the shepherd's field
And plain that gave rich Boaz yield,
And look where Herod's villa stood.
We thrill that earthly parenthood
Could foster Christ who was all good;
And thrill that Bethlehem Town today
Looks down on Christmas homes that pray.

It isn't far to Bethlehem Town!
It's anywhere that Christ comes down
And finds in people's friendly face
A welcome and abiding place.
The road to Bethlehem runs right through
The homes of folk like me and you.

Madeline Sweeny Miller □

Grand Director of Ceremonies

Genesee/Wyoming



R.W. Arthur E. Drew
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At the Grand Lecturer's Convention, Hesperus Lodge No. 837 qualified for the Potts Award, and deserves our congratulations. Two other Lodges had 10 members present, but each came up one officer short. Their efforts are deserving of Honorable Mention. Nice try, Arcade and Mt. Vernon.

On a recent visit to Hesperus Lodge we enjoyed an excellent Roast Beef Dinner and it was a pleasure to see many Brothers from Batavia No. 475. When they left they were carrying Molly.

Genesee/Wyoming had their best turnout ever on Veterans Day at the hospital in Batavia. R.W. Sheldon Moden thanks all for their efforts.

The "Road to the East" Program should have completed the first session by this time. It was the effort of six Districts at the Dansville Temple.

Have a happy and enjoyable Holiday Season. Keep me posted on your upcoming events and if I can help in any way, call me. □

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Hello Brethren!

I recently accepted the position of Admissions Counselor to our Masonic Home in Utica for the Genesee/Wyoming District. This is a program initiated by the Masonic Home last year. Their goal is to have at least one Admissions Counselor for every District throughout New York State.

My duty as an Admissions Counselor is twofold. First, to make myself immediately available to any Brother who might require any of the many services that our facility offers. Secondly, to educate and inform all of the

Brethren in my District about the services and benefits of the Masonic Home that are available.

A recent survey of the Masons across New York State indicated that 85% of our Brothers weren't even aware of the Masonic Home and Research Laboratory or of the benefits available to them as Masons! As of today, only 50% of the people living in the Retirement Community and in the nursing facility are Masons. As this is a Masonic facility, our goal is to increase awareness and use of the Masonic Home by our Brother Masons.

I will be traveling with the DDGM and ensuring that, at least, every Master and Secretary of every Lodge in our District knows how to reach me. Additionally, every month in the *Masonic Times*, I will address, for your edification, the benefits of each department of the Masonic Home and how they work.

I encourage any and all questions. □

CONSTELLATION Lodge No. 404

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1st & 3rd
Thursdays

Secretary
John Miller,
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The season is upon us almost without warning. As I type this newsletter, there is no snow, no cold weather, no merry men singing or chanting, and Christmas is X plus 25 days away, where X is the number of days left in the month of November. The Millennium Year 2001 is not that far away.

Communication

The view from the Master's Chair - an overview so to speak - hints issues of attendance, membership and their goals, those hoped-for things, remain elusive.

There has been some progress in how best to communicate with the membership in the manner Brothers, individually, expressed and voted for - a locally produced and distributed newsletter devoted solely to Masonic activities of the membership of Constellation Lodge No. 404. The format is becoming clearer. The content must be clear, relevant and of interest us.

E-mail will make it possible to provide copies to those who provide an e-mail address. E-mail will allow its distribution to those Brothers, widows, and others, without a snail mail cost. Of course, mailing costs will prevail for those without an e-mail address. If you have an e-mail address, send it to our Secretary, John Miller. The 1st issue is slated for January 1st.

Condolences

Brother Leo D. Milhollen's wife, Alice, has recently died. Our thoughts, prayers, and sympathy are extended to him and his family.

Widows

The Brothers and Sisters of Constellation Lodge and Perry Chapter, OES, will invite the widows who have a nexus, past or present, to either of our local Temple groups, to a get-together in early 2001 to let each know that we have not forgotten them. We will have an afternoon of fun, entertainment, repast, and mementos.

For the ladies

Traditionally, we have a Ladies Night during the Christmas Season. Would it not be a good idea to continue this tradition, either at the Temple or at a local establishment? In this period of goodwill to men and women, why not have a night out? There is still time to plan such an event, although booking availability is limited if we shoot for a public location.

Why not have a catered Christmas Party at the Temple? At the centrally located Temple, there will be adequate parking, total smoke control, adequate dining room space, readily available talent for entertainment, and the cost may be adjusted for actual expenses. It would not be a money-making affair. Feedback please! The sooner the better.

Building survey

The deadline for submission is December 31st. "All of the Lodges in the State are urged to participate in this unique historic project." A Grand Lodge Survey in 1997 indicated that our Temple in Perry is owned by the Perry Temple Corporation. The request for the survey was received this past June. The problem, Brothers, both near and far, is that there are subtle issues in the survey.

The immediate problem encountered is that obtaining the seven pictures of suitable quality will not be easy. The 1st attempt failed to produce the quality pictures necessary for a book. The required front view of the Temple and Lodge room are possible with a good camera.

Questions relating to financial matters should be answered by the Perry Temple Corporation Officers, if a consensus can be reached to do so. There should be no objections to providing pictures, square footage of the building, construction, materials used in its construction, heating plant type, etc. Every attempt will be made to return the survey form on time. □

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First things first. I wish each of you a belated "Happy Thanksgiving". This seems to be the first of the several upcoming holidays in which we get together as family, experiencing sharing and caring as the most important part of living during the season.

My Brothers, I ask myself, where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday that we were enjoying the heat of Summer, but in actuality we are well into the Fall season where we find ourselves involved in those tasks that need attention before the snow falls, like raking leaves, putting away those outdoor fixtures, etc.

Final report

As promised, we now have a final report of the "Hot Dog Stand" at the Jubilee Store. We had net proceeds of \$575.00, which was disbursed as follows: \$100 donated to the Crossroads House here in Batavia, a non-profit organization which allows for the finest quality of life for

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those experiencing their final days with us; \$200 donated to the Batavia Assembly of Rainbow for Girls; \$125 to the Charles L. Carter Chapter, DeMolay for Boys and the balance to the General Fund of the Lodge. As you can see, this was a very worthwhile event in many respects in that it provided support to several organizations as well, and more importantly, an opportunity to make this Fraternity visible to the community.

DeMolay

On October 22nd, there were eight young men who received their induction into the Order of DeMolay. Four were from the Charles L. Carter Chapter; two from the Chapter in Jamestown; one from the Chapter in Buffalo, and one from the Rochester Chapter. As I witnessed this Ceremony, it reminded me of my younger days when I was with the DeMolay, jolting memories of my induction during the conferral of the Initiatory Degree and the DeMolay Degree, when they were presented to me. It was quite a solemn and beautiful ceremony.

Welcome

The Brethren of the Lodge take this formal opportunity to welcome our newest member, Brother Bert A. Hundredmark III, son of our own Brother Bert A. Hundredmark, Sr. Welcome Brother Bert! As a result of the Induction Ceremony for DeMolay, we have been told that there probably will be another Brother who will be affiliating with Batavia Lodge in the near future. He happens to be a family member of one of the boys who was inducted.

November events

On November 2nd seven Brothers of Batavia Lodge attended the Official Visit of the District Deputy to Hesperus Lodge No. 837 in Bergen. Besides the fellowship, enjoyment and the support of the District Deputy and members of his Staff, who also brought "Molly", the Traveling Trophy, home to Batavia. How long she remains with us nobody knows. Isn't it strange that some inanimate item such as "Molly" can precipitate friendship and enjoyment for many?

On November 5th, Brothers from Batavia and throughout the District, participated in Veterans Recognition Day at the Batavia VA Medical Center and the Western New York VA Nursing Home. They visited with and passed out gift packages to each of the patients.

We will be assisting with the Child ID Program at LeRoy on December 2nd, during the Winterfest Days. We also are making plans to host the Child ID Program in conjunction with the Cooperative Extension here in Batavia in the Spring.

The Brotherhood Fund Drive is well underway. As stated in the letter enclosed with your dues notice, the Chairman would appreciate your earliest response to this Drive.

I would like to reiterate the request for information asked for on the bottom of the letter you received with your dues notice, concerning the status of receipt of subscriptions and your individual participation in the internet. Please take the time to fill out this information and return it to the Secretary with your remittance.

At the present time, I have nothing to report relating to any Brother suffering from sickness or distress. It is my hope and prayer that all are well.

May God bless us all! □

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



R.W. Jerald A.
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Master
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Wednesday
(Jan-Feb-Mar
3rd Wed Only)

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New Lodge

The Trustees are very proud of our newly refurbished Lodge room and would like to show it off. If you know a Brother who hasn't been to Lodge in a while, please give him a call to come and take a look. The following is an excellent reason for an appearance.

Crossroads

On December 6th at 7:30 p.m. there will be a presentation at Attica Lodge on the Crossroads House, "one of Batavia's best kept secrets". Crossroads House is a wonderful facility which provides end of life care without the patients or families financial responsibility as a major criteria for admission. The program is open to the public, so please come and bring anyone who is interested.

Pancakes

The pancakes were excellent at our November First Sunday All You Can Eat Breakfast. The December First Sunday is the 3rd. How many pancakes can you eat?

Dues notice

It was reported that some 2000 dues notices were lost in the mail, so, FYI, the 2001 dues notices were mailed on November 1, 2000.

Happy Holidays

May the blessings of Heaven be yours during the holiday season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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



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By W. Adrian J. Miller, SW

As a newcomer to this area and a member of Arcade Lodge No. 419, I look forward to receiving the *Masonic Times* and all the information that it provides in the Districts. It sure is a wealth of information.

Brotherhood Fund

Brother David Frost is one of our newer members and is the Chairman for the Brotherhood Fund for Arcade Lodge No. 419. Soon you will be getting a letter from him explaining the different charities that you may donate to. Your donations are very important in making this Drive a success.

Child ID

On December 2nd, LeRoy will be hosting the Child Identification Program from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00

p.m. It will be held at the Presbyterian Church. If you can help, please call R.W. Leonard W. Mason at 492-1813 and give him the time you can work. He also needs the ladies to help with the children. Remember my Brothers, many hands make light work.

Degrees

On December 12th we will be conferring the 1st Degree on 2 candidates. If you can help, please call R.W. Arthur Drew at 492-4860.

On behalf of the Officers and members of Arcade Lodge No. 419, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837 1st and 3rd Thursday



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Season's greetings

I trust that each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day, a time for giving thanks for all that we have to be thankful for and a time to share the bounty we have with family and friends. My lady, Linda, and I helped out at the free community dinner at Olive Branch Lodge in LeRoy on Thanksgiving. This, I believe, the 13th consecutive year of this annual tradition, overseen by R.W. Bob Nicoll and his lovely wife, Rt. Wthy. Leone. Brother Clayton Demick, DSA, and his gracious wife, Rt. Wthy. Lois also helped.

This is a wonderful opportunity to extend to those less fortunate, the company, dinner and trimmings most of us take for granted.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Last month I apologized for giving incorrect information regarding the Grand Lecturer's Convention. The location was Mt. Vernon Lodge in Java Village. The OES served a delicious Ham Dinner.

Despite some of us getting lost on the way, we did make it there and I am extremely proud and happy to report that for the 2nd year in a row, Hesperus was the sole Lodge in the G/W District to qualify for the coveted Potts Award. We had 10 Brethren in attendance and I can't thank these fine Brothers enough for making this success occur. You guys are absolutely the greatest! It will be a proud moment at Grand Lodge to receive the Award on behalf of Hesperus Lodge and all my Brothers.

Thank you

Thank you, Brother Harry Tyson, for the transportation to and from Java Village. I am trying to convince the Brothers to take up a collection and get the Master a fabulous old light blue 1958 Cadillac Fleetwood we saw for sale in Varysburg as a "token of friendship and brotherly love". I wonder, how far does one's cable-tow stretch?

Victory

Hesperus came away the victor at the Tri-Lodge Euchre Tournament on October 30th - hurrah for our side! The next

Tournament will be Monday, January 29th.

Official Visit

The Official Visit of DDGM Ray Barber and his Staff Officer, GDC Art Drew was well attended by 14 Brothers from our Lodge and 14 visiting Brothers. We hope they enjoyed their visit as much as we enjoyed having them.

Molly

Molly, our Traveling Trophy, bade us good-bye as she left for what we hope will be a brief hiatus, with the Brothers of Batavia Lodge, who arrived to give her a change of scenery. We will visit them soon to bring her back. Our thanks go to Rt. Wthy. Janet Seely, Rt. Wthy. Nancy Specht, and my lady, Wthy. Linda Bryant, for preparing the delicious Roast Beef Dinner preceding the Official Visit.

Batavia VA

I found Veterans Visitation Day at Batavia on November 5th to be a very rewarding and humbling experience to try to brighten the day of those men and women who sacrificed so much for us to be able to enjoy the freedoms we have today. Fourteen people went to the Veterans' facility, under the direction of R.W. Sheldon Moden, to pass out bags of personal care products, canteen booklets, and new socks to the residents. Eleven Brothers from the G/W District were in attendance, along with Josh Willwerth, Kay Drew, and Al Hajuk.

While visiting, we were treated to a display of stellar artwork in various media by resident, Stanley Rataczak on the 3rd floor. If you want to see some amazing freehand drawings, stop up and see Stanley and he'll show you some first rate work. He is incredible!

Events

The 20/20 Party in November was a success, as usual. It is always nice to see so many folks show up and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment. Thanks to all who contributed their time and effort to make this event all it was.

Saturday evening, December 16th, is the date of the final Hesperus Card Party of this year, sponsored by the OES. Attendance lately has been less than stellar, let's see if we can end the year with a great turnout.

A setback

R.W. John Bater suffered a setback some time ago and returned to Strong Memorial Hospital after experiencing medication problems. He is now recuperating at the former St. Mary's Hospital (Unity Health Facility). We wish him well as he convalesces. Visits and cards to him would be appreciated.

Christmas baskets

On Friday, December 22nd, we, along with other volunteers under the direction of W. Dick Sands, will be filling Christmas baskets for distribution the following morning to local residents. This tradition was formerly overseen by R.W. John Bater.

The end

I believe I am far over my allotted space, so I will close wishing you and yours the most Blessed Holiday Season, see you next year!

Let our Patrons know
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Masonic Times

District Deputy Grand Master

Monroe District



R.W. William Lindsay
621-3573

I believe that the expression "old wine in new bottles" captures the notion that something is not new, rather it is something old, or familiar, presented in a new package. We've all gone to the store, bought the "new and improved" Cheerios, only to discover when we opened the flashy designed box at home that the contents looked and tasted very much like the "old" Cheerios. So it is with many of the "new" experiences we encounter, or have.

In the last 20-30 years, I have been exposed to, or trained in a plethora of methodologies designed to make me a better communicator and administrator. This has been valuable as I go about the business of meeting expectations in my capacity as a District Deputy. My observation is that communication flows from the administrative perspective one brings to a task. While there are probably more administrative perspectives than on my list below, common ones would include:

1. Administering by "fiat"...as in I create the plan, tell you what to do and if you do it, we will be successful
2. Administering by "consensus"...as in we all get together and agree on the details and we will be successful
3. Administering from the "participant needs" perspective...as in we get together, create a plan anticipating the needs of all the participants and we will be successful.

Anyone who has been trained to serve in a leadership capacity (through church, work, Scouting, etc.) could easily supply familiar labels for these strategies. What is certain, however, is that within the next 6 months, some book will be written, published, and climb to the top of the sales charts which promotes the "new way to be an effective leader". It will play for awhile and be all the rage, followed by a cooling off period, then, "voile", someone else will complete a graduate dissertation, then a new book, record setting sales on "the new, new way to be an effective leader." One is reminded of Karr's "the more things change, the more they remain the same".

Effective leadership (managing for success) requires the use of all the strategies noted above: define the task, seek input, identify participant needs, create the plan, distribute the responsibilities, monitor the process, communicate...and we will be successful. No one of us has to rely on the conjunction of the planets in order to experience a fortuitous outcome anymore. To learn more about this process, enroll in the "Road to the East" program by contacting R.W. Clifford Short at 225-0464 or R.W. James De Lorenzo at 458-8856.

I frequently hear the question, "Do I need the 'Road to the East' Course?" I will probably offend someone if I respond by saying, "If you have to ask the question, chances are it would be a good idea." It is my opinion that if you are an elected line officer in a Lodge, or any Concordant Body, you really should consider yourself obligated to take the "Road to the East". In electing you to your position of leadership, your Brethren invested you with their confidence in your ability to represent the best interests of the organization. If they had elected you the "Chief Pilot" for the Lodge, you probably would think it same to take a flying lesson or two before your plane took flight. Success favors the well-prepared.

Who says prepositions aren't important? In the last issue an article appeared concerning "Veterans" with the by-line "by Bill Lindsay". It was an extremely well-written article and I received numerous calls and comments attesting to its quality. I certainly would be proud of myself had I written the article. However, I didn't. The by-line should have read "from Bill Lindsay", as it was an article I had seen in November, 1999, clipped it and gave it to the *Times* Editor with the suggestion that it would be a good piece for November, 2000. I am glad he concurred and published it. As articles in the *Times* are an important way of making us all better men, I encourage each reader to pass along quality articles to the Editor.

W. Pete Fallone is offering his self-defense training class on January 13, 2001, at the Downtown Temple. People who would like to enroll, should contact him at 594-0231 for further information. This class is for people who would like to learn skills to maintain their personal safety while out in public. Peter is an accomplished martial arts practitioner and instructor and he reminds us that knowing "what not to do" as is important as applying physically defensive measures. This class will be open to Masons, their family, friends, and children. To parrot a well-worn phrase, "success favors the well-prepared". Thanks, Brother.

So here we are.

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October highlight

Just when we thought we might have some breathing room we found that October was anything but that. Four Official Visits, the Grand Lecturer's Convention-actually we attended two others besides our own, the Grand Master's Town Meeting, the Grand Master's Ball, two Apron Presentations outside our District, the AASR Awards Night and the Interfaith Service and

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Breakfast. What a schedule, one that was very memorable, as well as a number of exceptional experiences that will last a long time. The brotherhood was fabulous.

If you missed the weekend of October 13th, you missed the Grand Lecturer's Convention, the Grand Master's Town Meeting and the Grand Master's Ball, truly a weekend of Masonic Brotherhood that the District has not seen in quite some time.

LSOME

Symbols of the 1st Degree

The symbols, emblems and ceremonies of the 1st Degree each have symbolic meaning.

The Hoodwink that covered your eyes represented the darkness in which the uninitiated stand in with regard to Masonry. The great things of existence, such as goodness, truth and beauty are revealed when the Hoodwink is removed. It signified that mental blindness which conceals them from us.

The Ceremony of Entrance into the Lodge room signifies birth, and symbolizes the fact that the candidate is entering the world of Masonry.

The Ceremony of perambulating around the Lodge is rich with many meanings of the progressive journey of Masonic life with its continuous search for light.

The Obligations signify the nature of commitment in human life. An obligation is a moral contract, a pledge, and a duty that is owed.

The Word and Grip are means of recognition, which are required before entering into fraternal relationships. When among strangers, they enable us to prove that the people we meet are regular Masons.

The Apron is both the emblem of purity and the badge of a Mason. The Apron signifies that Masons are workers and builders.

The Working Tools represent those spiritual virtues and habits by which a man can reshape his crude and stubborn nature, in order to realign himself to the requirements of society.

The Entered Apprentice is himself a symbol, one of the noblest symbols of the craft. He represents youth, youth that willingly submits itself to discipline in seeking knowledge.

As you can see, the teachings of the 1st Degree were presented to you as an Entered Apprentice by various symbols, emblems and ceremonies. ("The Lodge System of Masonic Education" by the Committee on Masonic Education, September, 1987)

Reminders

You still have time to sign up for the "Road to the East" session. The 1st session begins on December 2nd at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville. The cost of the session is \$10.00, the cost of your time is 12 hours spread over a three month period, the cost of a lifetime of Masonic knowledge and Brotherhood, priceless. Please contact us ASAP if interested.

This instruction is also recommended for leaders in Concordant Bodies.

If you happened to miss the 1st LSOME session on November 20th, the next one will be in January. The symbols and meanings of the 2nd Degree will be the main topic. If you would like to learn more about the LSOME program and what it has to offer, please attend these sessions. If you would like to present one of the topics, contact us. Either way, these meetings will be interesting. □

Assistant Grand Lecturers Monroe District



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In my travels around the Lodges of our District and at several Grand Lecturer's Conventions in the Western District, I have seen a renewed interest in improving the Standard Work and Lectures of our Fraternity. The Officers are working hard to see that our candidates will receive the very best we have to offer so that they will be encouraged to learn more of what it means to be a Mason. It is of vital importance that their first impression is a lasting one, if we are to encourage their search for more light.

Many of the Brethren are aware that I am compiling a list of Ritualists who are willing to give their time to assist any Lodge in our District with the Degree work on an emergency basis—be it lectures, etc. The response has been enthusiastic and after contacting a few more Brothers, the list should be ready by the first week in December to be disseminated to all the Masters and Secretaries of the Monroe District. In the meantime, call V.W. John Zabel or me for any assistance.

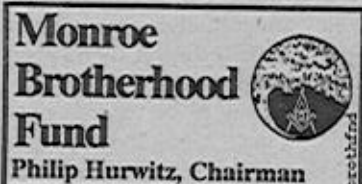
November 30th

The next School of Ritual will be held at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge, 4550 Lake Avenue, Rochester, on Thursday, November 30th at 7:30 p.m. The participating Lodges will be Fame Lodge No. 945 and Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969. The work of the evening will be the 1st Degree. There have been some minor changes in the Ritual work and we will be covering these as the Degree proceeds. Your questions are always appreciated. Together we shall improve ourselves in Masonry.

Future Schools of Ritual

On January 29th, 2001, the 2nd Degree will be at Northfield Lodge No. 426.

The 3rd Degree will be at Etolian Lodge No. 479 on March 29th. □



Charities

There are seven charities that make up the Brotherhood Fund. They are: Grand Master's Allocation; Masonic Medical Research Laboratory; Masonic Home in Utica; Veteran's Hospital Program; Masonic Youth Foundation; Drug and Alcohol Abuse; and Livingston Masonic Library.

This month I'll cover the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

The MMRL was conceived by the M.W. Raymond C. Ellis in 1954. Brother Ellis came up with the idea of a medical laboratory supported by the Craft. (MMRL

Overview). Grand Lodge decided to build the laboratory on the grounds of the Masonic Home in Utica. The laboratory was formally dedicated on St. John's Day, 1958.

Why the need for a Craft supported medical research lab? Because our Craft has always had an interest in human welfare. What better way to improve humanity than to support medical research into illnesses that cause pain and suffering?

You can be proud of the work that the MMRL does. The lab is internationally renowned, especially in the area of cardiovascular diseases. MMRL was instrumental in putting together an international team of doctors. These doctors discovered the gene responsible for sudden cardiac death, or Brugada Syndrome.

The MMRL, in collaboration with the University of Pavia, Italy, has confirmed a link between sudden infant syndrome (SIDS) and congenital heart defects.

In 1997, the MMRL was awarded a 2 million dollar grant by the National Institute of Health for cardiology research. The MMRL has won seven international awards for its cardiology research.

This lab is so well thought of that the Grand Lodge of Florida has designated the MMRL as that Grand Lodge's flagship charity.

More information about the MMRL can be found at its website, mmrl.edu.

To contribute to the MMRL, just check off Box #2 on the inside flap of your Brotherhood Fund envelope. □

Membership Retention

R.W. Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

Masonic Rituals and keeping members

To put it simply, Masonic Ritual is the framework of Masonry. It is what we stand for, and what we are supposed to be all about. Masonic Ritual, when not only done correctly, but when done with proper emphasis and feeling, teaches us lessons to live by and reminds us of our duties and obligations. All the things we do are attached to this framework. Our activities, how we react and treat others, our relationship with our God, our neighbor, and ourselves, are guided by the words in our respective religious literature and our Masonic Ritual.

I am sure that many of us can remember when we were first brought into Masonry and the Ritual performed at that time. We can recall the names of those Brothers who performed good Ritual. I can remember W. Rick Bedoar doing the Master's part in all 3 Degrees; Brother Bob Knorr doing the part of King Solomon in the Drama portion with such feeling that I remember it twenty years later. With the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team, I experienced outstanding Ritual. R.W. Bill Russell and the late R.W. Hal Miller did Ritual work we could all learn from. The late R.W. Stan Allen did a 3rd Degree Charge that was inspirational and moving.

What does this have to do with membership retention? When a Brother who is sitting on the sidelines listens to Ritual that is done poorly, he becomes disappointed and discouraged. If Ritual is constantly performed incorrectly, the

Brother speaks with his feet and does not attend meetings and may eventually drop out. If poor Ritual is accompanied by poor Lodge management and meetings that are improperly run, Brothers are more apt to drop out.

There are solutions: Schools of Ritual that will teach you the correct way to do the Ritual. We have AGL's who are more than willing to assist your Lodge by coming to rehearsals and even assisting Brothers on an individual basis. Maybe there is a qualified Past Master in your Lodge who is willing to become a Ritual Advisor. R.W. Keith Stambach, one of the Monroe District AGL's, is working on a list of Brothers who can do the Ritual work. If there is no one in your Lodge who can do a particular part, all you have to do is ask and you shall receive. Call Keith and he will provide you with names and phone numbers of Brothers who will fill in for the part that is needed.

Ritual, when done correctly, with proper emphasis and feeling, is instructional, it is inspirational, and a guide we can live by. It also keeps Brothers who enjoy and appreciate good Ritual in the Craft.

Happy holiday season to all. □

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.

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Masters and Wardens had their monthly meeting at Etolian Lodge No. 479 with 10 Lodges and 15 Brothers in attendance. I thank you, Etolian Lodge, for hosting the meeting. Masters, please invite your Deacons to these meetings so they can prepare for the future.

In attendance were R.W. William Lindsay, DDGM; R.W. Keith Stambach, AGL; and R.W. Joseph Privitera. R.W. Keith said that his list for Masonic help and Ritual work is just about complete and he is going to distribute the list at the next Masters and Wardens meeting and will be sending them to the Secretaries of the Lodges. Any Brother or Lodge that needs help with Lectures, Charges, Questions and Answers, Whys and Wherefores, or needs anyone to fill in an empty spot in your line, just call him at 865-7416 and he will do his best to help. He also mentioned the School of Ritual on November 30th at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, 4550 Lake Avenue at 7:30 p.m., and will be the 1st Degree.

R.W. Lindsay talked about the LSOME Program and the Road to the East, and said how important these are to the future members and officers. The "Road to the East" will be in Dansville on December 2nd. R.W. Cliff Short needs names of participants.

It was mentioned that the Buy-a-Heart Campaign will be February 3rd to the 14th. Details will be coming soon.

R.W. Privitera mentioned about the list of NPD's from Lodges and some have not sent them to him yet. It was also mentioned to start thinking about sending the Widows Christmas cards and think about the Widows Luncheon coming in March.

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We had a guest. Brother George Springett from Hesperus Lodge No. 837, spoke in great detail about the Child ID Program and how they did it. He brought up many good ideas for us to follow.

Our next meeting will be at ERAC Lodge No. 163 at 152 W. Commercial Street, East Rochester on Dec. 9th at 10:00 a.m.

On January 13th, 2001, our meeting will be at Valley/Simes Lodge, Downtown Temple at 875 E Main Street at 10:00 a.m. We will have a brief meeting.

W. Peter Fallone of Oatka Lodge will be offering a self-defense lesson free of charge to everyone who comes. He feels that in light of what happened to the wife of a Brother who was assaulted and seriously hurt, these lessons are necessary. This is open to all, children are welcome. W. Fallone is a 5th degree Black Belt. No reservations are needed, so please try to come.

If any Brother with the Master and Wardens (Deacons included) has an e-mail address, please send it to me so you can be kept up to date with the activities of the M&W. My e-mail address is moejoy@juno.com. Thank you for the calendar. □

Monroe Masonic Secretaries Association

President
Thomas W. Kendig
315-524-4063
Secretary/Treasurer
Philip Averbach
458-1817

By Karl-Heinz Reich

The November article in the *Masonic Times* by R.W. Richard Friedman indicated the status of the new Masonic Lodge Secretaries System (MLSS). There will be a meeting on Monday, December 4th, 7:00 p.m., 3rd floor of the Downtown Temple. Brother Friedman will present extensive details on this subject. This meeting will be open to all Masonic members, especially Line Officers.

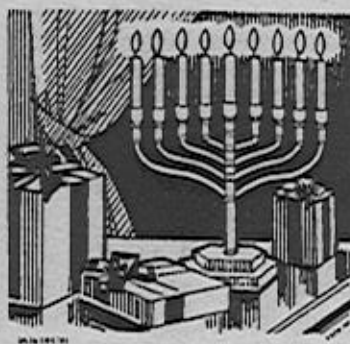
Preceding the meeting, at 6:00 p.m., we will have a Pizza Party for all attendees, free of charge. Please make your reservation with Philip Averbach at 458-1817 or me at 426-6836.

Survey

A Survey was sent out to all Lodges and Concordant Bodies by W. Thomas W. Kendig, President of the Secretaries Association. He is urging those who have not returned the questionnaires to do so as soon as possible. The information is needed for future projects.

Greetings

The Officers of the Masonic Secretaries Association wish everyone a happy holiday season. □



Wakan/Hubbard**Lodge No. 154**

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Awards

It was an honor and pleasure to escort Brother Charles R. Harris as he received the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award from the Valley of Rochester.

At long last, R. W. Don Brugger received his 25 Year Certificate and Pin from Grand Lodge. Maybe they will get your 50th Certificate here on time, Don.

SD Joseph Oelgoetz III received a Plaque from W. Phillip Hurwitz of ERAC Lodge, Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund, in recognition of our Lodge total contribution for 1999.

Clambake

Our social calendar for the Lodge has been fun-filled. The Clambake, chaired by SD Joe, was a huge success. If you didn't get enough peppers, onions, sausage, chicken, salt potatoes and corn, it was your own fault. I hope you left room for the clams and broth prepared for us by Brother Paul Kober. Great job, Paul!

Master's Ball

The Master's Ball at the Green Lantern in Fairport was hosted by SW Steve Maynard. It was a beautiful evening with great music for dancing. A good time was had by all.

Degrees

The Lodge conferred the 2nd Degree on October 23rd. The work was done superbly by JW Steve Xander in the East and JD Joe Oelgoetz doing the Middle Chamber. I have never seen or heard this Degree done so well. Thank you to all who participated.

The 3rd Degree will be conferred by our own R. W.'s and Past Masters.

November meeting

Our 1st meeting in November was preceded by a dinner with our ladies, followed by a talk on the

32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children by R. W. Rod Ritzenhouse. R. W. gave a talk on the Shrine Hospitals.

Party time

All you fathers and grandfathers, don't forget to bring the kids to our Christmas Party on December 16th!

Happy Holidays

If I don't see you all before the Holidays, I wish you all a happy and glorious one, but better yet, come to Lodge and see the beautiful job JMC Mike Robinson did on the carpets. □

Craftsman/ Robertson Lodge No. 969

W. Gabriel J. Milonni,
Master
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1st & 3rd
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

W. Thomas W. Kendig
Sec. 1-315-524-4063
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Rochester, N.Y. 14605



By Robert Ogden

New home

Brother Bill Kicherer and his wife, Janet, were bid good-bye by Bill and Helen Hook and Jane and I recently as they departed for the Masonic Home in Utica. We wish them all the best.

Super extravaganza

W. Bill Hook and Brother Earl Pearce, with several others, prepared a sumptuous dinner for about 183 attendees at the Shrine Mosque on October 11th. The occasion was R. W. Richard Friedman receiving his Junior Grand Warden's Apron and R. W. William Lindsay receiving his District Deputy's Apron. Several tuxedoed ERAC members served a sit-down dinner with the Grand Master, M. W. Carl J. Smith officiating. It was truly a night to remember. Congratulations to Brothers Rich and Bill.

Special Olympics by Brother Ken Schumacher

October 28th marked the date at Clover Lanes where 550 athletes attended for a Bowling Tournament. Brother Ken was assisted by many from Craftsman/Robertson Lodge, including Brothers Ralph Jurgens; Vern

and Barb Goodrich; Bob Traub; Tom Kendig with granddaughter, Lindsey who is a member of the Girl Scout Troup of Wayne County; Chuck and Karen Strickland and Jack Grover, all helping and cheering the bowlers on.

Brotherhood Fund

I'm pleased to report as of October 17th, nineteen donors contributed \$650.00 to the above Fund. Last year at this time 22 donated \$1800.00.

Apologies

Brother Chuck Freida, I'm sorry your name was omitted recently from the Birthday List. Thanks for calling this to my attention.

Entertainment

W. Gabe Milonni, assisted by Brother Warren Doerrer, arranged to have Lt. Rich Tantalo and Investigator Jonna Izzo from the Irondequoit Police Department enlighten us on the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse and Resistance Education) Program. They held everyone's attention when describing their work.

2nd Degree

The date of our 2nd Degree was November 21st, with W. Gabe Milonni in the East doing the honors. We had 4 candidates.

Congratulations

In a recent ceremony, Brother Alan Goodrich and his son, Joseph were each awarded their Black Belts. Good work, guys!

Milestones in December

Many happy returns to the following Brothers born in December: John Auer, Dick Hart, Harry Aldrich, Dick Gundry, Bill Talarico, John Merrick, Jack Grover, George Wyatt, Paul Case, John Smith, Earl Pearce, Tom Colombo and Carlos Mederos.

December events

On December 5th the 3rd Degree will be conferred by the Shrine Past Master's Degree Team. There will be a dinner, this time without the ladies.

The Children's Christmas Party will be December 10th at 1:00 p.m. at the Mosque. Please bring a gift for your child with their name on it. Reservations to be made to Bill Hook at 671-6452 or me at 385-1422.

December 12th is Fellowcraft. December 19th is a regular meeting. □

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538

30 Orchard St.
Webster, N.Y. 14580



W. Emil Schirano,
Master
265-3932

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

W. Paul Sobtitz, Sec.
671-8980

For the Brothers who were not able to attend our 1st Degree on November 2nd, I just want to say it was one of the best Degrees I have seen in a long time. We had 2 candidates and our Junior Warden, Brad Lewis, was sitting in the East conferring the Degree. He was flawless, also all the officers were great. We had about 35 members and guests in attendance.

As I'm writing this the Lodge is getting ready for the Table Lodge on November 16th, and expecting a good turnout.

Changes

Because of Thanksgiving on the 23rd, and the School of Ritual on November 30th, we had to cancel our Officer's meeting and rehearsal for the 2nd Degree. I will be contacting all the Officers to reschedule a date.

Spaghetti

Friday, December 1st, will be our Spaghetti Dinner from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Adults are \$6.00, children, \$3.00, for all you can eat.

December

On December 7th, our Senior Warden, John Merz, will be in the East to confer the 2nd Degree (tux). If you want to see another great Degree, please come to see this one.

Special note

On December 9th, Masters and Wardens will be holding a short meeting at Valley/Simes Lodge in the Downtown Temple at 10:00 a.m. After a brief meeting, W. Peter Fallone of Oatka Lodge, will be offering a Self-Defense lesson free of charge to all who come. This is open to all (children welcome), and is due to a recent assault on the wife of a local Mason. He feels this can help us all. W. Fallone holds a 5th degree Black Belt.

December 14th will be a Fellowcraft meeting. The members have been working in the Fellowcraft room to get ready to put in a drop ceiling. If you can help in any way, please try to come.

On December 21st we will have a speaker, David Hulings, who was a guest speaker a few years ago and spoke about Railroad Safety, will speak on a topic of his choice. David always has very good topics that he brings to Lodge.

This is also Stink Night (Limburger cheese). This is a special request from the Past Masters. Should be a smelly evening!

Christmas Visitation

Our Christmas Visitation is changed from December 24th to the 23rd. The 24th falls on a Sunday, and many Brothers will be going to church and are unable to attend the visitation.

We will start with a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and then with our Christmas visits to the Brothers and widows of the Lodge. This is something great that Webster Lodge has been doing for many years and I'm very proud of all the effort that is given.

January

Just to prepare you for the January 4th meeting, we will be having R. W. George Peter, who is the Grand Lodge Historian. You can read his column in the "Empire State Mason" magazine. He will be coming from Aurora, NY, to be our speaker for the evening. Put this date on

your calendar so you won't forget. He is a great speaker.

In my column last month, I forgot to wish all the Brothers who had birthdays in November a very Happy Birthday. I'm sorry about that.

December birthdays

Brothers Richard Batzing, Kenneth Cross, Wayne Engbrecht, Charles Gremmels, Hank Libera, Bevan Long, Willard Scott, Tom Vasile, Frank Farge, and Donald Feil. Happy birthday to all.

To the members of Webster Lodge and their families, I wish you the best for the Holiday Season and please take time to stop and smell the roses.

See you in Lodge. Check the *Masonic Times* for all upcoming events. □

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R. W. Donald J. Brugger receiving his 25 year Certificate and Pin from W. Gordon Ball - on the occasion of his 27th year.

Union Star Lodge No. 320

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Honeoye Falls, NY

W. John H.
Williams
Master
533-1188



2nd Mon.
7:30 P.M.

Robert Sweeney, Sec.
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38 Cullens Run, Pittsford, 14534

Membership

Our Lodge, like many others, is facing a decrease in membership. New members are the Life Blood of our organization, and it is important to all of us to invite members of our families, friends, neighbors and co-workers to become acquainted with our Lodge and its activities.

Our recent Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was successful with the dinner included in the evening's activities, but we had a low turnout of our members. This leaves a poor impression on potential candidates. We need more active members to participate in our events. Many of our members go South for the Winter months, leaving fewer in the area to come to the meetings. Another reason that we need more members is to increase the number of possible nominees for the offices that need to be filled.

December

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, December 11th. Come and join us and give us your ideas and input on increasing membership and improving our Lodge.

Awards Night

The Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards were presented recently at the Downtown Temple. The recipient from our Lodge was Brother Jim Nersinger. We had the opportunity to meet the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, M. W. Carl J. Smith. We also renewed our acquaintance with him at the Grand Master's Town Meeting.

Fellowcraft

The Fellowcraft Club will be meeting on Monday, December 18th. It has been moved up a week because the fourth Monday is Christmas Day. This meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. If you need further information on this group, give a call to JW Gary Sanford at 425-4240.

Schools of Ritual

The next School of Ritual, presented by our AGL's, will be on Thursday, November 30th. The location is Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge, 4550 Lake Ave. in Rochester. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., but you should be a little early for registration. This School will be covering the 1st Degree.

The January 29th School of Ritual will be at Northfield Lodge, 17 Church Street in Pittsford. This is a Monday evening and it will be covering the 2nd Degree. Our Lodge will be one of the participants putting on the work, so now is the time to start brushing up. We hope many of our members will show up at this activity and not just the officers who are doing the Ritual work.

Brotherhood Fund

By now you should have received your letter from our Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Brother Gary Sanford. Last year's Chair-

man, Brother Jim Nersinger, reported good returns and it is hoped that this year's donations will exceed those of last year. Be sure to include your Grand Lodge number on the form that you return, you will find that information on your dues card.

Best of Holiday wishes to all of our Brothers and their families and the widows of our departed Brothers.

Seneca Lodge No. 797

Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.



W. Michael C. Ferguson
359-9052

Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary
223-5953

30 Orchard St.,
Webster, N.Y. 14580

Greetings of the season! I hope all is well with you and your families as we enter this holiday season. The recent brisk weather has hastened the feelings of the holidays.

If you are in the process of sending out your Christmas cards, you know what memories and thoughts enter your mind as you read the list. It is my intention to evoke the same feelings at our up-coming Roll Call Lodge. It is time, my Brothers, to remember all of our members. Those close by and those scattered across the country. The Secretary will call the roll of our workmen in the quarries and a report will be made from the Roll Call Lodge form that you sent in. If you haven't sent it in, you can give your report in person in Lodge. As the names are read and reports given, I hope memories are sparked, and perhaps a story or two will ensue.

This is the time of the year to remember those less fortunate than us. The bell ringers are out, and I am sure all your spare change from those shopping excursions will be deposited. Please thank the bell ringers for their service when they thank you for your contribution.

Keep a smile on your face no matter how rowdy the crowd or rude the person in front of you. Say thank you to the clerk. Remember that they have been facing the throngs of shoppers, most of whom are rude, all day long. Take the time to make eye contact and smile.

Check on your neighbors. We often forget we have neighbors as soon as temperatures chase us inside. Make sure they have what they need for the season.

We are Masons. This is what we do. We demonstrate our beliefs by our actions, not our words. Remember that when you have been in line for 20 minutes waiting to make your purchase to look forward to the smiles of the recipient.

I wish you great peace in this joyous season.

Social calendar

Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Webster Temple on Saturday, December 16th. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. and Santa should arrive at approximately 9:30 a.m. This is a great time to invite prospective Brothers and their families to see what fun we have.

January 31, 2001, is Geva Night. The play is a mystery en-

titled, "The Weir". This is always a fantastic evening and tickets are limited, so call Brother Dick Shellman as soon as possible.

ERAC

Lodge No. 163



W. Louis
Perna, Master
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2nd & 4th
Mondays
7:30 P.M.

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Greetings

As I indicated in my last article, October was very busy. We had nine candidates for the 1st Degree, which was quite a large event. The Brothers involved in the Ritual did a splendid job preparing and exemplifying the Degree. Our newly made Entered Apprentices were provided a quality Degree. I fully appreciate the effort and work that went into the investigations and subsequent Degree work. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Update

Unfortunately we did not qualify for the Howard Potts Award. However, the Lodge made \$212 with its first Annual Garage Sale.

Condolences

It is my sad duty to report the death of Brother Edward H. Crandell, who was nearly a 60 year member of the Lodge. Brother Crandell died on October 29th. A Masonic Funeral was held on November 1st. This was greatly appreciated by the family.

Working together

October was marred by the assault of Dawna Zegas, wife of our Senior Warden, Brother Dave Zegas. Since the time of this awful event, Dawna has recovered slowly and is now at home. Brotherly Love was very much the operative concept during this time. Dawna was visited by many Brothers. In addition, the one concrete request made by Brother Dave was well acknowledged and responded to by a cadre of Brothers who spent several hours on a Sunday morning assisting Brother Dave in the preparation for Winter and Dawna's return home. The Zegas' homestead was left in good order. Great job, my Brothers.

Masonic Light

V. W. John Zabel provided the Lodge with a well prepared presentation on Masonic Etiquette. This followed the 1st Degree on November 13th, which allowed the new Entered Apprentices to receive a timely piece of important Masonic Light.

At the reading of this article, many of you will be recovering from the ravages of over abundance typically enjoyed on Thanksgiving. Please reach deep into your souls and hearts, and thank your God for all that you have. Please be considerate of others. Share where you can. Benevolence, Charity and Brotherly Love are what make us different.

As always, and as it shall be until my reign as Master ends, please let me know your willingness to help. Call me whenever necessary at 334-8265, or send me an e-mail at Lperna@peoplepc.com.

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 all

The year is speeding on the downhill slope again, almost out of control. The Winter Solstice is almost upon us. The days grow shorter, while the clutch of night seems longer and ever more menacing. If not for the hope of Christmas, this would be a woefully sad season. But the uplifting joy of the Yuletide raises spirits and gives reason to greet friends and neighbors with a smile and a cheery word. The lights and colors of Christmas bring life and warmth to cold, still nights.

Doris and I wish the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of Yuletide to all Brothers and their loved ones. We hope that the new year brings you all a full measure of health and happiness. I still have nothing definite to report on the merger process.

We will have our Annual Salute to the Ladies Dinner on Sunday afternoon, February 8th. It will be held at the Dutch Mill on Dewey Avenue. You should have received information about it with your dues notice. Please respond as soon as possible so I can set the scene properly. It should be a wonderful time.

Don't drive too fast, or beyond the reach of your headlights. Don't shovel any wet snow. Don't buy any wooden nutmegs. Don't be cruel to a heart that's true. Don't be that way! Don't cry, Joe! Don't blame me!

CLIO Lodge No. 779



Master
W. Robert D.
Pedersen,
865-0849

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

Secretary
W. Sean Noonan
392-8156

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www.mastermason.com/clio779

As the snow is just around the corner, we lose many of our Brothers and families to their rendezvous with warmth in the South. We wish them the best until their return in the Spring. To those who stay and brave the cold, bundle up, and come out to the Spaghetti Dinners to help, and/or eat, and to our regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Embrace the fellowship.

Another success

It is good to see the smiles on the faces of those who join us for our Spaghetti Dinners. On October 25th we served over 130 dinners, refills not included. It is tedious work, so won't you join us and lighten the load. You will see the reward of your labors. A few minutes of your time is worth the effort. In our busy lives, whether you come to help, or enjoy the

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meal, you will enjoy the fellowship. Bring your family and friends. Our next Spaghetti Dinners are December 13th and 27th.

Past events

It was a pleasure to have R. W. William Lindsay, DDGM, R. W. James De Lorenzo and R. W. Clifford Short visit us November 7th. Their presentation regarding New York State activities and District involvement erased many questions from the sidelines and increased interest in the world outside of Clio Lodge. Brothers old and new asked many questions which were well answered with respect to the Fraternity. To our District representatives - I thank you!

Looking ahead

As the Holiday Season approaches, our commitment to our family increases with Lodge activities. December 5th is our Holiday Dinner and brief meeting night. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and a brief meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are a must! Please call Sean Noonan, 392-8156, or me, 388-7595, no later than end of business on Friday, December 2nd.

We also plan to have a family (children, grandchildren included) Christmas Party at the Lodge on December 16th at 10:00 a.m. Brunch will be served, there will be some clowning around and a visit from the red suited bearded wonder himself. A dish to pass would be helpful, and a gift for those children you bring, please. I said, "plan", earlier. If there is no interest, we need notice to cancel. Please call me if interested.

December Birthdays

Congratulations to: Ross Wayne, Howard Garbutt, Tom Hauss, Jerry Jones, Basil VanCamp, Ray Burke, Lee Hendershot, David Upham, and Scott Kier. Just another way to obtain "More Light".

In closing

In need of a ride? We are only a telephone call away. Do not consider it a bother, call a Brother. Happy Holidays!

MONROE Lodge No. 173



2nd
Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

Master
W. George
W. Brego

Secretary
Roy D. Gould,
637-6419

67 Main Street
Brockport, N.Y. 14420

This is the last article for the *Masonic Times* publication. No longer will our name be singled out in the Editor's "special box" announcing the number of issues with no article or the exact time frame of submitting late copy. No more trips to the principal's office.

It doesn't make any sense to continue a subscription to a publication that 99% of your membership takes directly from the mailbox to the bottom of the birdcage. Here's another way to do the math, Joe. For every article not submitted, it's fifty dollars wasted. Over the last three years, until I became Master, you can count on one hand the number of articles submitted for publication by this Lodge. That's because with our limited activity, it's tough to continually be "creative".

Our survey was quoted, so let's flesh this out with the other three questions asked. By the way, it was eighty members, not sixty-five.

Question 1-Do the members of Monroe No. 173 wish the officers to keep this Lodge running as long as possible?

The answer was a positive "yes" from 100% of the Brothers.

Question 2-If we do have to give up our Charter, will you join another Blue Lodge?

Only six replied that they would, and three of those were from out of state.

Question 3-Are you interested in this "West of the Genesee store front merger" that keeps surfacing?

Answer: about three said they were.

Official Visit

To another subject. Our Official Visit was November 14th. It included a Lodge of Remembrance to the best of our ability. In the November issue I was impressed by the article written by our District Deputy, "What is a Veteran?" I spent thirty-eight years in the Army. I think he really summed it up.

So roll the credits, the movie is over. The fat lady is singing. In commemoration of this last issue to the *Masonic Times*, I think I'll wander over to the Elk's Club and drink a lonely toast to Monroe No. 173 and the *Masonic Times*. Won't you join me? I hate to drink alone!

And this copy ain't late! □

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

W.. Kenneth
W. Ratliff,
Master
(h)323-1014



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

C. William Flemming, Secretary
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Rochester, New York 14612

Happy holidays one and all! Seasonal greetings from the East. I apologize for not getting in last month's article.

On November 7th we held our 2nd Degree. Senior Warden, Bill King, was in the East. Great job, Bill. On November 21st we had our Coat Spaghetti Dinner. Thanks to everyone who helped out and to the people who came out. This was a great function for Charlotte/Corinthian. Thanks to all the people who donated their coats to benefit the needy.

On November 30th there will be a 1st Degree at the School of Ritual held at Charlotte/Corinthian.

December 5th we will be our 3rd Degree at Craftsman/Robertson at the Downtown Temple. The Past Masters Degree Team will be conferring the Degree.

December 12th will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Any Brother knowing of a possible candidate who will make a good Mason, please contact the Lodge Secretary so the proper information can be sent out.

On Sunday, December 17th, we will have our Annual Christmas Party. This may take place at the Open Door Mission to benefit the children in need.

December 19th is our Official Visit. All officers must be in tuxedos or dark suits.

I hope everybody had a happy Thanksgiving. □

Churchville Lodge No. 667

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



W.. John H.
Hennessy, Jr.
Master
594-1545

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

W.. George R. Burke,
Secretary 293-1629

Oops!

I missed an article! Sorry!

Condolences

October started on a sad note with the passing of Brother Chet Mollon, father of Craig. Our deepest sympathy to the Mollon family. Chet was raised last year and contributed to Lodge from day one. He will be missed.

Degrees

The rest of October was spent getting ready for our Degrees. Larry Bright sat in the East for our 1st Degree and I'm sure our new Brothers were impressed. Our next Degree will be on January 10th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., as usual.

December

December 13th will be our Annual Business Meeting. Chili will be on the menu for the evening. At this meeting a contest will be held and a prize given to the Brother with the ugliest tie! Gentlemen, it's time to pull out that long forgotten present tucked away in the back of your closet and impress your Brothers with your total lack of taste!

Future plans

It was decided in October that it was time for another Table Lodge. February 28th, at 6:30 p.m., is the date and time and the place is Churchville Lodge. Be there! RSVP to me at 594-1545.

Good news!

Congratulations are in order for Keith and Julie Pinto on the arrival of their new daughter.

It's time to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and I hope to see you in Lodge real soon! □

Flower City Lodge No. 910



W.. Douglas R.
Higgins,
Master
321-0302

2nd
Thursday
7:30 P.M.

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

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

Another month has come and gone. It would appear that our warm weather went, also. What a shame! Summer is and has always been, my favorite season. I cringe at the thought of the snow coming.

Dinners

The Fellowcraft Club dinners are doing very well. I was unable to make the last one, but I am told there was a terrific turnout and the food was great! Our next dinner will be held Thursday, December 7th, at the Kam Wah Chinese Restaurant, located at 2124 Five Mile Line Road in Penfield. We'll meet there at 6:30 p.m. Please contact R.. W.. Jerry Glaser at 442-5825 to make your reservations. Hope to see you there.

December meeting

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, December 14th, in Ionic Hall, starting at 7:30 p.m. I hope you will all come out and support the Lodge and your officers.

Award

We had an interesting meeting this month. I am very pleased to announce that Flower City Lodge received an award for the Brotherhood Fund. It was presented to us by W.. Phil Hurwitz, District Chairman. My thanks to our Secretary, R.. W.. Phil Averbach, for all his work and, my Brothers, to each of you for your contributions. We also had our Official Visit by our DDGM, R.. W.. Bill Lindsay, and his Staff Officers.

Masonry and you

During the program, I was thinking about the future of Flower City Lodge and what part Masonry has played in my life. I pose a few questions to each of you. I do not expect an answer from you, only that you take a moment to consider the answers for yourself. What does Masonry mean to you? What induced you to become a Mason? Does Masonry have the same meaning to you today as it did when you were first raised? If not...why? These questions may be difficult for some of us to answer, but I hope you will take a moment and give them some thought.

That is all there is to report at the moment. I am looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting. □

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Lodge No. 722

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Borch,
Master
671-4792

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

Secretary

W.. John H. Foster 467-1677

By W.. Dave Foster, SW

Greetings, Brethren

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, December 19th. As is our usual custom, it will be a short meeting followed by our Annual Holiday Party Dinner. We will start with an attitude adjustment period at 6:30 p.m., break at 7:30 p.m. for a short business meeting for the reading of the Annual Reports, and then reconvene for dinner and party. Reservations should be made to me at 244-0194 no later than December 12th. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. A flyer with the menu will be sent out in the near future. Be sure to put this on your calendar now!

Unfortunately, as I am writing this article before our November meeting, I cannot advise you as to the status of our consolidation with Fame Lodge. I can tell you that it was a Summoned Meeting for the purpose of voting on the consolidation. Assuming everything went according to plan, we should be moving into the final phases of the process. As we know more, we'll let you know.

All help

The Brotherhood Fund has started again and I, as Chairman, hope that everyone will make a contribution. Let's all help support the Brotherhood Fund and make the list of contributors grow!

Condolences

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Brothers John H. Cunliffe, Sr., and Wayne F. Cowell, who were called Home by the Supreme Architect on October 11th and November 5th, respectively.

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 in need of our help or charity, please make sure you call one of your officers.

On behalf of Germania Lodge, may I wish you the merriest of holidays and the happiest of New Years. And, last but not least, Happy Birthday to all our Brothers with December birthdays.

See you in Lodge. □

O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759

W.. Peter
Fallone
Master
594-0231

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



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

Things are going well for the Brothers at Oatka No. 759. Brother Wright is doing well and Brother Fisher's wife is doing better.

Pancake Breakfast

Our Pancake Breakfast turned out well and I thank all of the Brothers and their families that came to help prepare, serve and eat. I especially thank Brother Crevison for telling me I forgot to set my clock back. I was wondering why I was the only one there, but I did manage to get a lot done.

December

At our one and only meeting in December, R.. W.. Charles O. Ogburn will be doing the old slide presentation from the 3rd Degree. Anyone who is interested please come and join us on the 13th of December at 7:30 p.m.

Santa is coming

We are in the process of getting a Breakfast with Santa together for the little members of

the Masonic family at Oatka. The neighbors of our Lodge are also invited. Anyone who is interested please contact Brother Crevison or me. We will get back to you with the date and time.

Self-defense

I will be doing a self-defense class on Saturday, January 13th, in Doric Hall, at the Downtown Masonic Temple. This is for any and all Brothers and their family members. There will be no cost, but the class is limited to 20 persons. The length of the class will be 2-3 hours. Please contact your Lodge Master and let him know if you plan to attend. If more than 20 people are interested, we will set up additional classes.

Masters, please let me know the number of people from your Lodge who will be attending so I can be prepared with any equipment I need to bring. □

ETOLIAN

Lodge No. 479

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W.. John E.
Dyer
Master
733-1743

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

W.. Michael G. Schwartz
Secretary
352-4016

Events

Keep an eye open this Spring on Route 531. A small group of our Brothers spent a morning planting 1500 tulip bulbs in our flower beds. Special thanks go to R.. W.. Jim Powell for organizing all the work teams for the beds, as well as going out regularly to weed the beds and mow the surrounding area. We have made a long term commitment to this site on 531. We really need more Brothers to come out and help there. If we cannot get more support for this project in the future, we may need to consider whether or not we should keep it going.

In October we came to the aid of our Star Chapter. They had their first Craft Show and several Brothers were there to help them

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set up. This nice surprise of the day was to have breakfast prepared for us when we got there.

Stay tuned!

Our Official Visit has been postponed. I will let you know as soon as it is rescheduled.

Keep the date

On December 11th we are being visited by the Scottish Rite. From all I have heard, they will have a wonderful program for us to watch. If you are interested in the Scottish Rite, I would encourage you to come out and learn more about it. This program is open to all Master Masons.

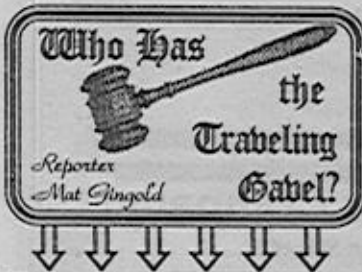
December 18th will be our Annual Christmas Party with the Eastern Star. Bring out the kids and grandchildren to enjoy the entertainment and meet with Santa. The meat will be provided, but bring a dish to pass and your own place settings. If you want Santa to give the kids gifts, please bring wrapped presents with the recipients name in large print.

Other issues

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find Brothers with the skills and time to put on all the parts of the Degrees. There has been a lot of talk about forming Degree Teams throughout the District. If we want to continue raising new Brothers in this Lodge, we need to take a serious look at finding individuals who are willing to dedicate themselves to doing this work or we will have to bring in members of other Lodges to do the work for us. I would make a plea to the Brethren and Past Masters to start working towards forming a Degree Team for our Lodge. Good Ritual work is an essential part of the Lodge system and it has always been one of the hallmarks of our Lodge.

Talk of more mergers in our District has come to my attention. Etolian has been mentioned in those talks. The future of our Lodge and of the Craft may depend on this happening. We need to start looking for opportunities to work with other strong Lodges in the District. I will keep everyone informed as more information becomes available to me.

I wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season, and may the blessing of Heaven rest upon you and your families.



Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109

W.: Michael G. Betz, Master
 (h) 820-9019
 (o) 272-8470

2nd Tuesday 7:30 P.M.

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

**875 Main Street East
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The officers of our Lodge are interested in promoting an enhanced image for the Lodge. This has become a perplexing issue, rooted in the search for new mem-

bers. Over the past five years we have lost three times as many members as we have raised. Those are going out of business numbers, my friends!

The good news is - we can fix the problem and reverse the trend. We are planning a Brother Bring-a-Friend event that will make you all proud! We have placed a high priority on supporting the activities of selected youth groups, supporting and getting involved with DeMolay and the development of other interactive youth activities.

We support Camp DeMolay financially and have run a few clean-up crews out there. We put up a new sign and will be hosting many other activities at the Camp. Senior Master of Ceremonies, Raul Fernandez, would like to hear from you with specific strategies of interest.

Lodge of Remembrance

A public Lodge of Remembrance was held on November 14th and I thought it went very well. Several ladies were in attendance and there were many compliments. Part of the Ceremony honored our veterans and the military and its patriotism. Several of our Brothers stood as veterans of the Armed Forces so we could recognize them during my tribute to Veterans Day.

After the ceremony, W.: Dick Snyder did a great presentation on the \$1.00 U.S. currency. I learned several new details about the founding of our Country and the symbols and images on the \$1 bill.

Brotherhood Fund

The Chairman of the Monroe District Brotherhood Fund, W.: Phil Hurwitz, presented our Lodge with a special Award for our exemplary efforts and enthusiasm to the Brotherhood Fund. We accepted their acknowledgment with honor.

Traveling Gavel

The Traveling Gavel is back at Valley/Simes and R.: W.: Vern Goodrich presented us with yet another check for \$25 on behalf of our Ambassador to the Scottish Rite, R.: W.: Mat Gingold. Brother Mat's efforts in promoting this special game of fellowship is legendary in the Lodge. This is the 5th time this year and we welcome other Lodges to come and get it. Thank you, Scottish Rite, for your contribution and interaction with the Blue Lodges in the District and for your support of the Brotherhood Fund.

Fellowcraft follow-up

I thank SD Mike McBride, President of our Fellowcraft Club, for his enthusiasm in the support of this fellowship activity. He consistently gets enough Brothers together to go out on a non-Lodge night to get the Gavel back. The December Fellowcraft meeting will be the Holiday Party at the Stahl's on December 19th. Please join us for Holiday cheer and fella-ship.

Reminders

The December officer's meeting will be at W.: Dick Snyder's home on December 5th. The regular Lodge meeting on December 12th will be tiled and a Public Relations Representative from the Utica Home will present a special program. I invite you all to be there. This is part of our heritage and could be of benefit to any number of you in the future. We will have a dinner before the meeting and program. Please call the Secretary or W.: Dick Giedd with your reservation. More information will be forthcoming on the Bring-a-Friend Program.

Scholarships

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mits them through you for the application of the Lodge Seal and Officer signatures, and the Secretary will forward them through the appropriate channels.

Grand Master, M.: W.: Carl J. Smith, has high praise for this Program. He wishes each and every eligible applicant could be awarded a grant and would like to see the funds become available to achieve this end.

Scottish Rite Scholarships

The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction makes scholarships available to applicants who have completed their first year of college (as well as college juniors and seniors planning to attend grad schools). The applicant must have a parent or grandparent who is a member of the Valley of Rochester to apply here. Contact the Secretary, 271-0715, to obtain forms.

Royal Arch Scholarships

Officers of Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, State of New York, take pride in the State Royal Arch Scholarship Program. Chapter Officers throughout the State, along with regional and area Chairmen of scholarship activity, hold special events to encourage contributions to the Scholarship Fund. They also schedule regional Award Banquets each year to recognize those who qualified for this financial recognition. Your high school senior could be a recipient of a grant if you are a Royal Arch Companion, and if you get the forms and submission details at the appropriate time (soon after the first of the year) from your Chapter Secretary.

These forms must be returned through the Chapter Secretary, who signs and seals them, attesting to your membership and the eligibility of the applicant. The Royal Arch Scholarships are managed and recommended by Past Grand High Priests and Grand Secretary, M.: E.: Charles J. Reilly, a retired educator in the State of New York.

Masonic Service Bureau Scholarships

For the year 2001, the Bureau has established a budget line item of \$16,000 for distribution among students who are Masonic offspring. Previous awardees are not eligible since the intent is to spread awards as far as funds permit among the youth across the Masonic groups in the region served by the Bureau. The applicants must be high school seniors who are continuing their education in the Fall or who are already in college.

Bureau Director, Erna-Jean T. Walker, a retired educator, has chaired the Scholarship Committee for several seasons. Prior to her chairmanship, R.: W.: David Clarke and his wife, Gail, both having been prior educators, handled Service Bureau Scholarship activity. Erna-Jean and Committee members, W.: Gary Burke and Mary Wright, look forward to letters they get each year from those who were helped by being able to apply their grants to their educational goals. Details and forms will be available through your Lodge or Chapter Secretary. Be sure to let them know of your interest.

Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM

Two scholarships are available annually as grants to deserving high school seniors. Chapter

Interfaith Breakfast

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Alfred Pulcino, Dean Marsaw - Commander, James A. Hard-Wayne Charter Post, Masonic War Veterans, Donald McDill, and Brad Hebner.



Don Alhart - Channel 13 News, Master of Ceremonies for the Interfaith Breakfast.

members need to contact the Secretary to alert him to their interest in receiving application forms.

Lodges

There are 30 Lodges in the Monroe and Genesee/Wyoming Districts, and as of the year 2001, 29 of them carry subscriptions to this newspaper for their members and widows. Several of them provide scholarships to students whose parent or grandparent is a member of that Lodge. If in doubt about whether your Lodge has a provision, ask the Secretary.



2nd Annual Masonic Breakfast

The Masonic Home and Acacia Village hosted their 2nd Annual Breakfast and Tour on Wednesday, October 18th. The idea originated last year from the many Masons who had contacted Acacia Village for information and were also unaware of the other services available on Campus or simply had not been here in years.

This sparked the idea to host a Breakfast and Informational Tour of the entire Campus which we continued this year. Invitations were sent to all Masons and their ladies within a 50 mile radius of Utica. This year we had 136 Brethren attending. Only a very few had attended last year's Breakfast.

The day began at 9:00 a.m. with a hot cup of coffee and a delicious buffet. After Breakfast the groups toured Acacia Village and discovered the easy, elegant lifestyle that comes with retirement living. They then boarded the Ma-

sonic Home Bus and visited various parts of the Campus which included the Chapel, Masonic Library, new Rehabilitation Center and our Adult Care Facility, Wiley Hall.

From the many wonderful comments we received, it was a successful and informative day. If you have not attended, be sure to watch for the announcement next Fall!

A Gregorian Christmas

During the Revolution observances of Christmas were still erratic and controversial. According to one Christmas historian, the change in the calendar helped define an American Christmas, a combination of practices from many cultures. The influences of French Huguenots from New Rochelle, Pennsylvania Germans, and Long Island Quakers, filtered into New York City, by mid-century the colonies' largest city after Philadelphia.

In 1752 England and its colonies replaced the flawed Julian calendar with the Gregorian calendar, 200 years after it was instituted by Pope Gregory. To accommodate the change, 13 days were deleted from December that year, and Christmas was moved from December 25th to exactly one week after December 6th, the date that Saint Nicholas Day had been celebrated in previous years. Everyone was confused. Some devout churchgoers wanted to move Christmas services to January 7th (December 25 plus 13 days), while other refused to move the date of Christmas Day.

To further confound the issue, the traditional New Year, which had been historically observed in England and much of Europe on March 25th (nine months before Christmas), was moved to January 1st, creating a seamless cycle of festivities that finally settled into present practice sometime before 1880. (From "A White House Christmas" by Alvin Rosenbaum)



Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Your rights when renting a vehicle

Remember the last time you had to rent a car? The rental agreement stated quite a few things, but who has the time to wade through all that language?

Fortunately, the law provides some important consumer protection. This protection applies regardless if you read the agreement before you signed it. Most importantly, it applies even if the rental company tries to take it away.

Let's say you rent a car. You crack it up. It costs \$4500 to fix. Who pays? So long as you don't rent the car for longer than 30 days, then the most you would have to pay is \$100. Your own car insurance may cover that. The only way you would be on the hook for the entire \$4500 would be if the damage were caused by: drunk driving, intentional acts to damage the car, or, after having an accident with the car, neglecting to file an accident report.

This last caveat is crucial. Some car rental companies allow customers to return the vehicle after hours. You just drop off the car, scan, and get a receipt. So let's say you accidentally damage the car. You return it after hours. Problem solved? No! The rental company is entitled to your cooperation in filing an accident report. If you don't cooperate, then the law allows the rental company to look to you to make good their loss. Before the rental company can do so, it must follow specific notice procedures to you concerning the accident report, before they can hold you liable.

No car vehicle company may require any security, deposit, or charge for damage in any form, by credit card or otherwise, during the term of the rental agreement or pending resolution of any dispute.

No car rental company shall advertise, quote or charge a rental rate that does not include all charges, except taxes and any mileage charge, which an authorized driver must pay to obtain a rental vehicle.

The most important thing to remember is whether your own auto insurance covers damage to rental vehicles; or liability coverage for you if you injure someone else while driving a rental vehicle. If it does, then there is no need to purchase additional liability insurance from the car rental agent. For example, I just moved. I rented a U-Haul truck. U-Haul wanted to charge me \$15 for liability insurance. I was able to avoid the charge because my auto insurance company covers me while driving a rental vehicle. □



It is always amazing what people do when it comes to electricity. A person called and said, "Tom, I need your help. I am trying to rewire a kitchen chandelier and every time I turn the switch on, the breaker trips. I asked him how many times he had tried it and he replied, "Three. What could be wrong?" So, off I went.

This chandelier was given to them as a wedding present and every time they moved he took it

with them. I checked the wiring and it appeared that his wiring was correct, the white to white and red and two blacks together. I went to the basement to check the breaker and found it had tripped. I returned to kitchen and checked the fixture by separating all the wires and testing them individually. The black tested live and the white tested not live, as it should have. The red, however, also was not live. I happened to notice that there were three wire nuts on the table, there should have been only two. I asked where the third wire nut came from and he said it had fallen off when he removed the old fixture. In checking I found that the red wire was actually used as a ground, but wasn't coded properly. Therefore, when the homeowner had put the red and black together he had created a short circuit.

He was very lucky he did not have a fire or suffer a shock the way he had it wired. If the red wire had been another phase of a 240 volt supply it could have resulted in a possible fatal electrocution, depending on what kind of surface the shock recipient was standing on. This experience again supports the caution, if you are at all unsure of the wiring and what you are doing, engage a professional.

Edison wiring

How many out there know what an Edison wiring system is? This system used to carry power on three wire switching for hallway lighting years ago so that the upstairs wiring on the 2nd floor would always have power. I would like to hear from those who have had experience with it.

What some of you may be thinking is that I am going back a number of years. You are right, I am now celebrating 50 years in the electrical field. Even after all that time I am still amazed at what I find. □



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

Dean Marsaw, Commander
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Vance R. Collom, Jr., Adjutant
223-3113

Attention: Our Color Guard is available for Ceremonies.

Wow! Here I am writing a message for the Christmas holidays. Where has this year gone?

It is Christmas in the Mansion, Yule-log fires and silken frocks. It is Christmas in the cottage, Mother's filling little socks.

It is Christmas on the highway, In the thronging busy mart; But the dearest truest Christmas, Is the Christmas in the heart.

Author unknown

December

There isn't really any new news to pass on at this time, except I hope everyone enjoyed the speaker at the meeting last month.

The December 16th meeting will be short, as it will be our Christmas Party and Brown Bag Auction for a man, woman, or both. The items should not cost more than \$5.00, but that is up to you if you want to exceed that.

Half of what we take in will go to the Open Door Mission to buy Christmas dinners for the less fortunate. The ladies are invited and it will be Roast Pork, with Chicken available by order only.

There will be a flyer sent with all the details and the Calling Tree will also contact you for reservations. There will be entertainment. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid, unless emergency or sickness.

Dates

The Color Guard will be taking part in the December 7th Memorial Wreath Toss at Summerville Pier. All members will be invited, and the Calling Tree will be in touch with you with more details.

The Color Guard has been asked to present the Colors for the January 20th Lalla Rookh Grotto Installation of our own, Monarch Kenneth V. Hutchinson. More information to follow.

We have Dine-a-Mate Books. Here's wishing all members and their families a Merry Christmas, a prosperous New Year and safe traveling.

Remember to check your smoke detectors, they save precious lives. □

Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



R. W. Thomas M. Paglia
VICE CHAIRMAN
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World War II Memorial Fund

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There is a call that we can respond to, a call for support for a fitting Memorial to those who served during World War II. If you had a loved one who was involved in this conflict, now is the time to put his or her name in a "Registry of Remembrance" for all time.

Your contribution toward the World War II Memorial Fund and the name of the one you wish to honor would be appreciated. Forms for this purpose are available from the Service Bureau or from Tom Paglia, Grand Lodge Veterans Committee. □



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Scottish Rite NEWS

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Charles O. Hancock Commander-in-Chief



Back in my February *Masonic Times* article I urged each of you to "lead by example". That theme was explained at the time, but perhaps I should amplify my thoughts to help you put that phrase in perspective with one practical example.

In everything you do you should be proud to be a Master Mason and let it show. You should conduct yourself always in a manner that will bring only credit and admiration to the order. Your behavior must reflect the caring and noble nature of Freemasonry at all times. You are expected to show compassion, kindness, and respect in your interaction with Brothers, family, fellow workers, friends and strangers with whom you come in contact.

Consistently demonstrating the following behaviors will help you make a favorable impression.

1. Make a positive first impression. Acknowledge other people immediately when you encounter them. Make eye contact when you say hello. Learn, remember and use their name. Introduce yourself by name. Listen, ask questions, do whatever it takes to understand their needs and concerns.

2. Present yourself appropriately. Discretely be identified as a

Mason (a ring or lapel pin is always appropriate). Dress in a neat and clean manner appropriate to the occasion. Be pleasant and approachable in demeanor.

3. Be nice to everyone - and treat all with respect. Treat others as you would have them treat you. Try to see things from their perspective before making a judgement. Never say, "That's not my concern." Go the extra mile, find creative and unexpected ways to assist people.

4. Communicate clearly. Figure out what others need to know and how to help them get it. Listen to them. Answer their questions, help them to generate questions, if necessary.

5. Communicate especially clearly before, during, and after meetings. Degrees, programs, and events.

Before: Put people at ease as much as possible. Describe what's going to happen and tell them what they may experience. Seek and answer questions.

During: Describe what you're doing in a confident and reassuring tone. Continue to seek and answer questions.

After: As soon as possible, communicate the outcome and provide follow-up information, in writing if possible.

6. Help lost people find their way. Make it a point to notice people who are lost. Give them appropriate directions, escort them to their destination, if possible, or find someone who can help them.

7. Respect people's time. Be on time yourself. Don't schedule a meeting with the intent to make others wait. If wait times can't be avoided: tell people how long their wait will be and provide frequent updates. Create positive distractions (provide activities and/or useful information sources).

8. Take special care of unhappy or distressed people. Listen, listen, listen! Let them vent. Try to understand their point of view.

Don't take it personally. Don't drop the ball, own the issue until it's resolved.

9. Be phenomenal on the phone. Always answer the phone with a pleasant voice, always state your name, particularly when calling others. Listen carefully to what the other person says and needs.

If you have to put a call on hold: Ask permission first, and wait for a response. Never leave a caller on hold longer than absolutely necessary. Give frequent updates.

Keep transfers to a minimum: check the location before you transfer a call, make sure someone is there to help. If phone mail answers, ask the caller's permission to transfer them into phone mail. Tell the caller they're being transferred, give them the number in case they're cut off. Close the call positively, thank them for calling. Return calls promptly.

10. Make a positive last impression. Smile and call people by name as you say good-bye. Make sure they have any follow-up information they may need.

This is not a definitive check list. It is an aide or tool for providing you with a reality check as to how you are doing when it comes to interacting with people. Think about it.

Our recent national elections presented a great contrast between the value concepts we as Freemasons treasure and those embraced by the pragmatic politicians of today. We saw, on the one hand, candidates falling all over themselves trying to portray themselves as men of "character" while at the same time cunningly reacting to polls being interpreted to tell them what other people think they should do or say.

Somehow, those politicians seem to have lost sight of the true meaning of values like: honesty, fidelity, and integrity. The founding fathers of our country were all men of our Masonic ethics and morals. Many were Freemasons themselves. Others conformed to the example exemplified in day to day life by the members of the Masonic Fraternity. Above everything else, those ancestors risked their fortunes, their reputations, and their lives for the ideas they embraced. They were men of character acting out of commitment to their ideals, not in response to a pollster's survey. Times have changed.

Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA
Ed Brereton - was hospitalized with pneumonia.

Al Jeerings - Had a bout with heart and kidney problem.

Glenn Ide - is up and about again after his illness.

Scottish Rite Tidbits

By Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°
Degrees anyone?

Interested in participating in any of our Degrees? Please feel free to contact Ill. John E. Zabel, 33°, Director Coordinator. There are very easy walk-on parts, small speaking parts, medium length speaking parts, and several lengthy speaking parts. To accomplish the objective of putting on all Degrees over the next several years, we need to hear from you!

Local Masonic Leaders are Honored



Local area Freemasons were among a group of 313 selected to receive the 33°, the highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The Ceremony took place recently in Pittsburgh during the Annual Meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council. The Degree is awarded for outstanding service to Freemasonry or for significant contributions to humanity that reflect credit upon the Fraternity. The 2000 recipients were chosen from 15 northeastern and midwestern states that comprise the 300,000 member Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. Those from Buffalo, Jamestown, and Rochester, NY were (left to right): Stephen R. Whittaker, Fairport; Frederick A. Stahl, Victor; Jerome E. Erickson, Jamestown; and W. Bruce Renner, Buffalo.

Class Officers

Each Scottish Rite Class has the privilege of electing a President and Secretary/Treasurer. We'll be in touch with those of you who hold those positions for your respective Classes to seek your support in attempting to contact your fellow Class members to promote further interest in participation. Stand by.

Holiday Party

Our Annual Holiday Party should prove to be quite interesting. We placed a call to Santa at the North Pole and he graciously agreed to come and pay us a visit. This event will be open to not only our Scottish Rite members, but also all of our Blue Lodge Brothers and their families. It is scheduled for December 16th. Please feel free to contact the Office for more details.

New costumes

Ill. Alex Daniels, 33°, former Director of Wardrobe for the Valley of Boston, and his wife, Nancy, stopped by on their way to Pittsburgh to drop off several new costumes. Their visit with Brother Frank Jansson, 32° MSA, Wardrobe Master, was most impressive. They keenly observed the care and attention that Frank provides for our costumes and robing paraphernalia.

Membership teams

Our teams are busy making calls to contact those who are two years in arrears in their dues. There are also two separate teams working to contact those who have dropped out of the Scottish Rite over the last five years to see if they might be interested in returning. These are part of our outreach and membership retention efforts, chaired by Brother Eldon N. White. An interesting note is that all of the Officers in the Lodge, Council and Chapter are involved in the projects!

Membership development

A special "Tip of the Hat" to Brothers Robert D. Pedersen and Joseph Oelgoetz III who serve as Co-Chairs of our Membership Development Team. They have been enthusiastically involved in training and motivating our Ambassador Team as it continues to reach out to assist Blue Lodges in their membership development efforts, as well as keeping their eyes open for potential Scottish Rite applicants.

Another Class

Keep a paper and pencil handy to write yourself a "memory jogger" for Brothers who you might wish to speak with about potential future Scottish Rite membership. There is a Spring Class coming up, it is not too early to prepare!

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Scottish Rite Holiday Party All Masons and Families Invited!

December 16, 2000
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cathedral Hall, Downtown Masonic Temple

Brothers, a fun time for the whole family: wives, children and grandchildren. An afternoon of Holiday spirit will include a performance by "The Sweet Adelines", clowns, refreshments, and gift giving to the young by a special visitor.

We need a firm count of attendees, especially the number of children, by December 8th! Please call the Office at 271-0715 with your reservations.

Remember, this Party is open to all Masons.
Invite your Blue Lodge Brothers!

Senior DeMolays

A call for Senior DeMolays: It was suggested recently that a special team of Senior DeMolays be put together to take on the responsibility of conferring a Degree. Please call the Office and tell us who you are and we'll add your name to the list. We already have seven volunteers.

Outing

Next Summer's Stag Outing will follow a different format, an event that we guarantee you will not want to miss! It's something that hasn't been done in our Valley for probably 20 plus years.

Golf

Next Summer's Golf Outing will be staged as a separate event, focused on raising funds for our 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children. Again, this will be something new and different. More information will follow.

Impact

It's important to realize the impact that one member can have on our organization. We urge each member to contact one other inactive member and suggest they attend and participate. Likewise, each member can reach out and find one eligible Blue Lodge Mason to join our Scottish Rite. It would be easy to envision a nucleus of a couple of hundred members, that's why each of you is very important in our efforts to grow and share the beauty of our beloved lessons.

Tribute

A special tribute to our Masonic War Veterans. These hard working Masons of the James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 are also Scottish Rite Masons: John D. Bennett, Harold Bollotin, Eugene Brown, Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA, Luigi Campaniello, Vance Collom, Jr., Edward Drier, Dennis Gellash, Claude Gramse, Kenneth Hall, Frand T. Jansson, 32° MSA, Cyrus Kloner, Dean Marsaw, Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA, Roger McCaughey, F. Jay McCullough, Donald J. McDill, Patrick J.S. McNenny, 33°, Roderick C. Meier, 32° MSA, E. Robertson North, Arnold Palmer, Alfred Pulcino III, Robert Scherberger, Emil Schirano, James B. Scobell, 33°, Benjamin Silver, George Simon (Honorary) James Spencer, Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., 32° MSA, Ernest Swan, Richard Topel, Floyd Vick, Raymond Wallner, Stephen R. Whittaker, 32° MSA, and Gordon Williams.

Thank you for your service to our country. We salute you! Please contact Brother Dean Marsaw if you are interested in joining that organization.

Philaethes Society

For those who belong to the Philaethes Society, their "Journal of Masonic Research and Letters" recently carried a very pointed article in the President's Column.

Nelson King, FPS President, brought several thought provoking ideas to the table: "We have forgotten just how basic Freemasonry is. Maybe we should get back to our future. Back to our roots. Back to Freemasonry. Let us for a moment be very blunt and even soul searching:

How many of us have visited a sick Brother in the last six months, or cut the grass (or raked leaves) for a sick neighbor? How many of us have invited a Brother who is lonely because his wife has died and he is by himself, out to

lunch or dinner in the last six months? How many of us have picked up a Mason who does not like to drive at night and taken him to Lodge in the last six months? How many of us have visited a Masonic widow in the last six months? How many of us in the last six months have invited a new Mason to come visit us at home so we can discuss Masonry? How many would rather just write a check...is that true Masonic Relief?" Thank you for your thoughts, Brother King!

Food for thought

Extraordinary things happen every day. How about moving a 305 ton jumbo jet single-handedly. Mr. Howard Huxley pulled one 298 feet at the Sydney Airport on September 15, 1997. This provides encouragement for us as we continue to build our branch of the Masonic family and share its beautiful lessons.

Congratulations

Special congratulations to Brother Gary Burke upon being awarded the "Wendell K. Walker Medal" by our Grand Master at the recent Town Meeting. Congratulations go to Gary for all of his hard work in our Fraternity.

Congratulations to Brother David Crawford upon being presented the Distinguished Community Service Award at the Annual Interfaith Service and Breakfast sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau.

Honorees

Aspecial "Tip of the Hat" to all honorees at the 15th Annual Symbolic Lodge Awards Night Program. What a pleasure to see the joy of recognition on the faces of so many hard working Brothers who labor so hard for our Craft. Congratulations to all of you! Aspecial feature, both Webster and Northfield Lodges (as quiet as they were) opened Lodge and recessed to be part of this Ceremony. Thanks you, Brothers, for your special support.

Get busy

Let each of us reach out and say hello to our Scottish Rite Brothers who have not been active for a while. Invite them to one of our events and help them get reacquainted.

Gung ho!

Paul W. Spillane Class Sponsor



The Fall 2000 and Spring 2001 Classes will be named in honor of Paul W. Spillane.

He was raised in Column Lodge No. 120, Trenton, NJ, and later affiliated with Union Star No. 320 in Honeoye Falls. He served that Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1985 and 1988, as a Trustee, Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Communications Chairman, and a Representative to the Masonic Service Bureau.

From 1990-1992 he served the District as DDGM.

Among his other Masonic activities he was a member of the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. and Damascus Temple Shrine.

Brother Spillane was born in Depew, N.Y. and was educated at Alden Central High School. He also attended Penn State where he majored in Electrical Engineering and Temple University where he majored in Marketing. At the time of his death he was the President of Tech-Mark, Inc. of Mendon.

In the military he served in the U.S. Navy and the New Jersey National Guard.

Ill. Horace C. Porter, 33° Passes



Ill. Horace C. Porter, 33°, passed away on November 10, 2000, at the Hilton East Nursing Home, Hilton, N.Y., where he has resided for the last few years. He was raised in Etolian Lodge No. 479.

In the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R., he was a Past Thrice Potent Master of Rochester Lodge of Perfection and the Director of many Degrees. Many times he visited other Valleys to observe all Degrees not conferred by the Valley of Rochester. He was coroneted a 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, on September 26, 1979.

His other Masonic affiliations included membership in Hiram Chapter, Doric Council, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, and Genesee York Rite College.

There was a Masonic Service for Illustrious Brother Porter on Saturday, November 18, 2000, at Crawford Funeral Home in Rochester. He is survived by his son, George, and daughter, Shirley Snetzinger.

A Word or Two of Thanks

By John D. Brugger

On October 19th I received the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. Although I am still not sure I deserve such an Award, I

would like to thank my peers at Monroe No. 173 for nominating me for this honor. It could not have been accepted under a better core of leadership.

I was reminded of this fact November 14th, at our regular communication. In the presence of our District Grand Lodge Officers, two of our Brothers received Awards for Service to our Fraternity. R.W. Roy Gould received the Gold Honor Award from the Genesee York Rite College for Dedicated Service to his Symbolic Lodge and R.W. Gerald Werner received a beautiful Masonic ring for his efforts, often above and beyond the call of duty. It was in experiencing Brother Gerry's reaction to receiving this ring that reminded me of the pride, and the passion, they have for our Fraternity.

As I write this, three hours have passed since a knock at our door by a young woman afraid for her safety. Moments earlier, she had had a dispute with her companion and found herself at our door seeking help. I thank my God for giving me and my family the opportunity to be there for her, for leading her to us and for giving us the courage to help. I thank Him, also, for helping to bring into perspective what I need, and don't need, to worry about in my own life. I thank Him for what a wonderful family he has given me.

I'm not sure I deserved this Award. In today's world my cable-tow is such that I cannot fulfill the expectations of my Brothers, nor do I suppose I will ever be able to fill their shoes, but I thank you all for being upright and upstanding in your example of how a man and Mason should be and act.

Rochester Forest
No. 133
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of Lebanon
4th Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
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Grand Tall Cedar
Ted Snyder

Donald C. Bell, scribe

Another year is about over and I thank the following Tall Cedars for their efforts at our meetings and social events: PGT Angelo DiCataldo for being the cook for both the Sausage and Steak Roasts. He has a great source for the meats; PGT Paul Kober for his efforts in taking reservations, collecting the revenues and providing the liquid refreshments; PGT Don Bell for being Scribe, sending out notices and taking reservations; PGT Tom Hueston for writing some of these articles in my absence. Thanks to any others I've inadvertently left out.

Party time

Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 9th, with cocktails starting at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. The location is the Spring House, 3001 Monroe Ave. Reservations must be in by December 4th so call or e-mail Paul Kober, 381-1058 (muddler@rochester.rr.com) or me, 467-0165 (TED3078@AOL.COM). This will be a great dinner so bring your spouse or significant other for an enjoyable evening. Bring an expensive (\$5.00) gift for Santa to pass out.

December meeting

Our December meeting will be held on the 20th at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge starting at 7:30 p.m. This will be the Election of Officers, come out and support our Forest. We'll be meeting at the Penfield Tavern at 6:00 p.m. for cocktails and dinner. This is an enjoyable evening with your woodsmen.

Communication

We are using e-mail to increase our communications, thanks to Paul Kober. If you have an e-mail address, and are not getting our messages, contact him at the above address.

Finally

Thank you for letting me serve as your Grand Tall Cedar. The year passed rather quickly and it's hard to believe it is over. I hope this message finds you and yours in good health. Marion and I wish you all a "Happy Holiday Season".

A note from the Cedarettes

Our Holiday Party will be held at the Renaissance on East Avenue, Wednesday, December 13th. The menu is: Chicken and Veal wrapped Shrimp - \$24.00, Chicken Roma - \$24.50, Pork Chop - \$24.50, and Black and White Farfalle (pasta) - \$19.00. All prices include taxes and gratuity. Please call Hilde DiJames, 227-0494, with your reservation if you haven't been contacted yet.

We received thank you notes from the Family Rescue Center for our contribution. They were very grateful. We also contribute items to the St. Joseph House and the Battered Women's Shelter. During the year we also make a contribution to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



Scottish Rite Masonic Charities

What is the Blue Envelope Appeal?

Once a year a Blue Envelope mailing is sent to each Scottish Rite Mason in the 15-state Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, asking for donations to our Scottish Rite Masonic Charities.

Where will my dollars go?

Funds contributed to this year's Blue Envelope Appeal will be distributed to these three important efforts: the Schizophrenia Fellowship Program, which supports the search for a cure of this widespread and serious mental illness; the Abbott Scholarships, which aid students from Scottish Rite families and Masonic youth groups; and the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library, which preserves and interprets the history of our country and our Fraternity.

How much should I give to the Blue Envelope Appeal?

Every gift, whether large or small, contributes to the success of the Appeal. The Sovereign Grand Commander has said, "In the Scottish Rite, we are doers. We act on our commitments. The Blue

Envelope Appeal is a perfect example of this. By making a gift - whatever its size - you contribute to three important activities and maintain our tradition of compassion and generosity in a meaningful way." Besides our Annual Appeal, please also keep our Scottish Rite Masonic Charities in mind year-round as an appropriate and worthy destination for gifts in honor or in memory of the special people in your life.

How do I make my Blue Envelope contribution?

When you receive your Blue Envelope mailing, please read it carefully and send in your contribution and your personalized reply form in the return envelope provided. You can send a check or use your credit card to make your contribution.



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York Rite NEWS

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Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District



R.E. Stephen Licht

Companions

At the District Caucus held in Attica, V.E. Richard Anderson was nominated as the next District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 29th District. There were three names presented for the nomination of Assistant Grand Lecturer and, after due consideration, a secret ballot was taken and E. Leonard Mason was chosen as the nominee. Both Companions are members of Arcade Chapter No. 322 and are well known in Masonry for their hard work and dedication.

Discussion was held regarding a District-wide annual installation, and in conclusion, it was voiced that each Chapter should be responsible for making their own arrangements, not to discourage Chapters from joining with neighboring Royal Arch Chapters for installation, should they so desire.

Albany

The reservation forms have arrived for the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, to be held in Albany on March 2, 2001. All reservations and meal tickets must be purchased through the DDGHP by mid-January. Hotel reservations are to be made through the DDGHP, secured by a credit card. The Holiday Inn will mail each person a confirmation. I **MUST** have all reservations and payments prior to January 8, 2001.

Room rates are \$86 per night + tax, Friday luncheon (men's or ladies') is \$15 and the Grand High Priest's Banquet on Friday night is \$30.00.

Upcoming Royal Arch activities

December 11th at Arcade Chapter No. 322, is the conferral of the Most Excellent Master Degree. The Chapter will open at 7:00 p.m. R.E. Steven Wing is presiding in the East. This is also the Annual Convocation for the Election of Officers.

December 21st, at Western Star Chapter No. 35, is the conferral of the Holy Royal Arch Degree. The Chapter will open at 7:00 p.m. with R.E. Vernon Rupert presiding in the East. This is also the Annual Convocation for the Election of Officers.

Happy holidays!

3x3 Chapter

NO. 333

Royal Arch Masons

(Chartered in 1990)



2nd Tue.
7:30 p.m.

E. Edward Gillott
High Priest - 594-8247
R.E. Karl-Heinz Reich
Secretary - 426-6836
133 S. Union Street
Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

In keeping with his promise to try to visit all the Capitular Districts during his term of office, M.E. Dale Tynan, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons, State of New York, visited LeRoy Chapter No. 183 on October 24th. He was accompanied by R.E. David Stoy, Grand Captain of the Host. The convocation was well attended by the area Chapters. The Grand High Priest spoke of the programs of Chapters in his home District of Central Long Island and of his visits elsewhere around the State. He had been in Western NY for our picnic in August and it was nice to see him again. I find him to be one of the most congenial and outgoing Masons I've had the pleasure to meet. I can't imagine how he makes these trips throughout the State from LI in one day. Talk about dedication!

Three Times Three Chapter is the youngest Chapter in the 29th Capitular District, having received its Charter in March of 1990. The Chapter has room to expand and is looking for a few dedicated Masons who wish to further their knowledge of the mysteries of Freemasonry. We meet once a month for ten months a year and offer four Degrees with all the trimmings. The fees and dues are minimal. Talk to the Royal Arch Masons in your symbolic Lodge and submit your petition for membership. You already have the qualifications, so why delay?

The next meeting, scheduled for December 12th, is a Summoned Meeting at which we will Elect and Install our new officers for the coming year. Your attendance and vote are required to make it all happen. I look forward to seeing you then.

During this Thanksgiving holiday season let us...thank God, every morning when we get up that we have something to do which must be done, whether we like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best, will breed in you a hundred virtues that the idle never know. □

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No. 62



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Rochester, N.Y. 14805

Our Royal Arch Degree, which was coordinated by R.E. Gerald Jones, concluded an excellent series of Degrees. We welcome as fellow Companions: Charles Hancock, Sean Noonan, and Pedro Ugalde.

Canada

Eight Hiram Chapter Companions went to Toronto to join Orient Chapter No. 79, RAMGRC, for an afternoon of fraternal fellowship on Saturday, October 28th. This was followed by a banquet, where our significant others joined us for a dance in their honor. It was a very pleasant weekend, thanks to the members of Orient Chapter and their ladies who made us all very welcome, and to Dennis Gellash, who coordinated our visit.

Tom Paglia and I attended the Yellow Dog Degree in Skaneateles on Wednesday, November 8th, as our own Bruce Horncastle and Pedro Ugalde received their Yellow Dog, along with the Grand High Priest, M.E. Dale Tynan, and others. The evening began with an excellent dinner and a fun time was had by all.

Table Chapter

Our Grand King, R.E. Donald Lounsberry, his wife, Barbara, and our ladies, joined us for a RAM Table Chapter meeting on November 9th. An excellent meal was prepared by Hilde and Joy. V.E. William Zufall created the Table Chapter Program which honors our history, founders of the Craft, and our ladies. R.E. Thomas Paglia and Companion Dennis Gellash also honored all veterans.

Members of the Grand Line, E. John Dudley, and R.E. Tom Paglia in Skaneateles getting a tour of their 19th Century Lodge Room on the top floor of the Temple by Paul Fritche.

New "Pups" M.E. Dale Tynan - Grand High Priest, R.E. Bruce Widger - High Priest, Charles H. Platt Chapter, Skaneateles, R.E. Walter Hilsenbeck, and R.E. James Hemstrought, Jr.

R.E. Bruce Widger opening the Yellow Dog House.



R.E. Paul Josephson - DDGHP, 27th Capitular District, Glenn Ide - Recipient of the Distinguished Companion Award, and R.E. Donald Lounsberry - Grand King, Grand Chapter RAM, State of New York.
(Digital Photos, John Dudley)



Hiram's three new members: Companions Pedro M. Ugalde, Charles O. Hancock, and Sean R. Noonan.
(Digital Photos John Dudley)

Looking ahead

Our final meeting for this year will be the Election of Officers on Thursday, December 14th.

Please mark you calendars for Saturday, February 10, 2001, at

1:30 p.m., when the Order of the High Priesthood will be held at Hiram Chapter.

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

"Yellow Dog" at Skaneateles



The new "Pups" during the Initiation.

(Photos, John Dudley)

Orient Chapter - Toronto Visit



The nine "Jimmies" (those Companions who have travelled to Scotland). Our own M.E. Comp. Arnold Palmer (3rd from the rt.) and Comp. Bruce Horncastle (2nd from the rt.) have attained that appellation.



E. James Doherty - 1st Prin., Orient Chap., receiving Travelling Exchange Plaque from E. John Dudley - HP, Hiram Chap.



E. Stephen Boyko - 2nd Princl. (Haggai), E. Allan Corbett - 1st Princl. (Zerubbabel), and E. Andrew McLelland - 3rd Princl. (Jeshua).

District Deputy Grand Master 8th Cryptic District



R.I. Daniel N. Evans, Sr.
492-2807 ddcrypt8


I do not have much to report to the 8th Cryptic District at this time. I am quite proud of the Councils that were visited to date, for each one was able to open, and sometimes it was a District effort. By this I mean Companions of other Councils of the District assisted, but there was always the required number to open.

At this time I again thank all the Companions for the many courtesies that they have shown to me on my visits to their Councils.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention, hosted by Bath Council No. 40, was held on October 25th. The Grand Lecturer's Convention was well attended and ran rather smoothly with only one Council not in attendance. The work showed us our strong, as

well as our weak, points of the Ritual. It showed that more time should be spent in learning our work. Good Ritual is the backbone of all Masonic Bodies, without it we are but just another social group.

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Unity Night

After a few fits and starts this year's York Rite Unity Night finally got off the ground. Planning of this night began many months ago before my installation and was culminated in the last few desperate hours before the event. Although a barbershop quartet was the advertised entertainment, we were well entertained by a great magician, Jerry Argetsinter. Therein lies a long story, which I will spare you at this time. Suffice it to say that the evening went well with over 50 in attendance. It was unfortunate, however, that more of the Companions from the outlying York Rite organizations could not have attended.

Masonic Icon passes

It is my sad duty to report the passing on November 10th, of R. Ill. Companion Horace Porter, who had been a resident of the Hilton East Adult Home for the past few years. He had been a member of Doric Council since 1966. R. Ill. Companion Porter was a Past Illustrious Master of Doric Council and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th Cryptic District. He was a premier ritualist and an indefatigable worker, a trait he carried into all his Masonic endeavors. In addition to being Past Master of Corinthian Temple and Etolian Lodges, and more recently a member of Fairport Lodge, Companion Porter's Masonic career spanned the gamut of Concordant Bodies of both the York and Scottish Rites. He was a member Knight York Cross of Honor and a recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross.

Degree

The Select Master Degree rescheduled from the original November date, will be the work for

our December 20th meeting. At that time we hope to welcome our two new members to Doric Council. There will be a Turkey Dinner before hand, which will be served by the Ladies of the Lalla Rookh Caldron. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

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Cannibal Night was a success, and we managed to consume all the delicious offerings sans utensils. Many different "characters" attended in costume, and a good time was had by all.

On November 18th, a Western Regional Seminar was held at Attica. Unfortunately, due to a prior commitment, I was unable to attend.

On December 14th we will have our Christmas Toast. Light refreshments will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Toast will commence at 8:00 p.m. Sir Knights will give various Toasts and the Special Birth of the Savior will be celebrated with none other than traditional cake and ice cream. The New York School of the Blind will, as last year, be the charity of this evening, with a Christmas tree of envelopes available for those who wish to make contributions.

Our next meeting on January 25th will be a regular conclave. Commencing with our 2nd meeting that month, we will begin practices for our Annual Inspection on March 8th.


In closing, I wish for each of you and your families a most joyous and festive holiday season, and leave you with this sage ad-

vice from Benjamin Franklin: "Speak kind words, and you will hear kind echoes."

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The Grand Commandery Judicial Committee is reviewing the changes to our By-Laws and we will publish them when they have been approved.

Special evening

SK Bruce Horncastle will let us know when he will be presenting the video of his visit to Scotland and Roslin Chapel. He will enlighten us on its connection with the Templars. This special evening will be during one of our dinner meetings so our ladies can attend and enjoy the presentation as well.

Inspection

Remember, our Inspection, the most important activity of our year, will be on March 17th. Please put it on your calendars.

Christmas Toast

Plan to attend and bring your family and friends to our Christmas Toast on December 18th.

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Leon VanHuben

Monarch's Message

I thank all who attended my Monarch's Ball on October 28th, and a special thank you to the Chief Justice, Ken Hutchinson, and his Lady, Edna. Thanks to the Master of Ceremonies, Al Pulcino III, and his Lady, Shirley.

Officers and Prophets, you made me proud of Lalla Rookh Grotto on your fine appearance at the Caldron Installation on Friday, November 3rd. Thank you all.

Your Chief Justice, Master of Ceremonies, myself and our ladies traveled to Zuleika Grotto's Monarch's Ball in Blasdell, NY, and to the Fall Fling at Sharif Grotto in Dunkirk, NY. A good time was had by all.

To Doric Council, thank you for your invitation to attend your entertainment after our meeting on November 15th.

Our December Grotto meeting will be a free Turkey Dinner for all with their 2000 dues cards, followed by Election of Officers for 2001.

Lady Bev and I wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season. ☐

Grotto Clowns

By Uncle Al

All is the same, I'm still the boss clown. No new members. I'm having all the fun and once more no one to argue with, doing it my way-my way that's the way! Don't even think about calling me to join this fun group (me) because I will be helping out old St. Nick all the rest of the year!

Great holidays to all! ☐

Chief Justice

By Kenneth Hutchinson

We will soon be drawing the curtains on another year in Lalla Rookh, but there will be many pleasant memories of the events of the year and activities we have shared.

On November 4th we traveled to Dunkirk for Sharif's Ladies Night. On October 28th it was our turn. Lalla Rookh's Monarch's Ball, honoring Monarch, Leon VanHuben. You can never appreciate the Monarch's Ball until you have put one on and realize all the work by a few, but enjoyed by so many.

Orak's Monarch, Kristofer Goll, was with us and made a point of saying he saved \$3.00 on a late reservation for a single hotel room. Of course, there weren't the amenities the rest enjoyed, like a color TV, and bath towels! I guess he was the one to call for deep discount hotel prices at Orak's Monarch's Ball on November 18th.

This will be our last out of town event for now. I hope more will join us next year in our travels and in that way really know good fellowship.

"More fun in 2001". ☐

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Attention all Lalla Rookh Grotto Prophets. Petitions are available for Master Masons with a current dues card. Please talk with your fellow Lodge Brothers about Lalla Rookh Grotto and what it has to offer.

We feature different activities that promote good times and brotherhood, which we are sure every Brother would enjoy. Only one meeting a month, good fellowship, good food, (for those who like to eat), three free dinners per year and snacks after every meeting, a June picnic, golf and Euchre tournaments, State Convention, Master Mason Night, as well as, visitations to other Grottoes in Western New York. What more could you ask for?

Contact Bill Fredenburg at 334-4753 or Ron Morthorst at 334-4196 for more information or to answer any questions that you may have. ☐

Gold Honor Awards

Gold Honor Awards approved by the Sovereign College for this year have been presented, including one hold over from 1999. Our new Chairman, CK Cyril White, has sent out the letter to the Lodges in Genesee/Wyoming District, and Orleans County. Returns should be coming in soon. If you are a member of a Lodge in any of these areas, please encourage your Master to make his selection A.S.A.P. and submit them to our Recorder, CK Charles Roberts.

Next meeting

If all things go according to plan we will be conferring the order of Knight of York at our March meeting which will be held at the Rochester Masonic Temple. Please have any recommendations for membership all ready at the December meeting so that they can be processed for our March meeting.

I hope to be seeing you at our December meeting. Your notices

Attend Grotto Meetings

Mon., Dec. 4th-Board of Governor's meeting Grotto Office

Wed., Dec. 20th-Grotto Turkey Dinner and Election of Officers

Thurs., Dec. 14th-Lalla Rookh Caldron

Enjoy the Fellowship

Legion of Honor

By Al Pulcino III

November 11th was Veterans Day in this free country of the USA. Oh, well.

The next Legion meeting is December 18th at the Dutch Mill. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. This will be the Annual Election of Officers. I hope you all can make it. We need reservations, so do it right now by calling Ernie Swan at 621-7162 before December 14th.

Installation

Our Installation of new Officers has been changed to February 10, 2001. This is also an Open Ceremony, family and friends are welcome. We'll have it at the Dutch Mill with dinner, entertainment and a lot of fun and good fellowship. More to come.

Looking ahead

Sunday, November 11, 2001, will be Veterans Day again. Hopefully, we will all be here to participate. ☐

Master of Ceremonies

By Al Pulcino III

A "Free" Turkey Dinner, with all the trimmings, will be served on Wednesday, December 20th. It is free to all Prophets with a paid up 2000 dues card. Again I'm working on getting some entertainment that will make ya wish you were 10, 20, 30, 40 years younger. That's why we have that thing called imagination. Round

are being mailed as I write and you should have already responded.

The Officers of Genesee York Rite College wish all of you a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year. ☐

New Chapter

By R. W. William R. Lindsay
In ceremonies held at Eureka Lodge on Brown Street, Haggai Chapter, RAM (PHA) received its Charter on November 11th. The Illustrious Master, James Ghent, expressed his appreciation to all Royal Arch Masons in the Rochester area who have given support to the formation of the new Chapter.

Haggai Chapter will hold its regular meetings at the Brown Street Lodge location. ☐



Lalla Rookh Grotto

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up your nitro and call me by December 16th for your reservation at 225-8471.

Oh yah! Don't forget that January 20, 2001 is our Open Installation of our new Officers. Mark the date in your book and make your reservation. ☐

Caldron News

By Doris Bell, MCO

Here it is December already. Where has the time gone? We have passed through the season of the Turkey, parades and football games, into the season of toy commercials, Christmas Carols, and parties, parties, parties.

On November 12th, we entertained Daughter Susan Wilson, Supreme Canadian Flag Bearer, at a luncheon at Bosdyk's. There were 25 in attendance, and we enjoyed a super meal while again recognizing Sue's accomplishment.

It was good to have Daughter Mildred Painton out again after her knee surgery. Keep up the good work. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Daughter Jean Thompson, who has entered the Bridges Hospice Program in Penfield.

Good fellowship

Six Daughters traveled to Binghamton for Aahmes Cald-

ron's Installation of Officers on Saturday, November 18th. A good time, and good fellowship, was enjoyed by all. Best wishes to Aahmes for a great year.

Christmas festivities

The Past Mighty Chosen Ones will gather on Sunday, December 3rd, at Cartwright's for our annual Christmas festivities. The gentlemen are invited, and if you would like to attend, please contact PMCO, Kristen De-Ordio, with your reservation. Dinner choices are Beef, Chicken and Fish, and the cost is \$15.00 per person. We will have a \$5.00 grab bag at that time.

Executive Council

The Executive Council will meet at the home of MCO, Doris Bell, on December 7th. At that time we will organize the group for 2001 and have a Christmas celebration. Don't forget your grab bag gift if you wish to participate.

Everyone at Lalla Rookh Caldron joins me in asking you to remember those less fortunate, to count your many blessings, and enjoy a healthy, happy, holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! ☐

Cyrene/Monroe

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E-mail

If you have an e-mail address where we can contact you, please send it to: JohnAlanDudley@aol.com. Thank you. ☐

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Our December meeting will be held at Hesperus Lodge in LeRoy on Saturday the 9th; 3:00 p.m. Our ladies will be occupied with "Angels" during our meeting. The meeting will be followed by a dinner at the Rose Garden (Valhalla) Restaurant in Bergen.

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FROM THE POTENTATE



GEORGE SIMON
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671-7701

As the day's get shorter and the leaves have shown their vibrant colors and begin their journey to the ground, it is also time for some of our Brothers, Nobles, and friends, to start their migration to their warmer Winter places. We will miss them, but we also wish them a safe and healthy trip, and we count the days 'til they return. This also means that with their leaving it is a sign that the holiday season is about to arrive, that white stuff is about to start falling and for some of us with medical problems, it means to be careful about what we do, like shoveling snow and being exposed to cold without the proper protection. Slipping and falling cause us injuries. Remember, we are not kids anymore, even if we are in our hearts and minds!

Lula and I extend to all in our Masonic family a very happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Dues are due

We do not want to lose you. It may be that your letter was misplaced or lost in the mail, but you are very important and special to us and we would like to hear from you. Some are in arrears for one and two year's and about to be dropped from the Membership Rolls. If you have any problems or concerns, please give us a call and let's talk about it. I am sure we can work things out.

Ceremonies

On the other side of the coin, we are having our Ceremonies on December 6th and are looking to have a good turnout of new candidates. Talk to your Lodge Brothers and ask them if they would like to become a Shriner and have some fun for themselves and their family.

Christmas Parties

I have received calls concerning a Damascus Christmas Party. Well, your Divan and I had a meeting and reviewed our December calendars and discovered

that we already have 7 Club and Unit parties to attend. This may not mean much to you because you may only attend one, but we decided that we will encourage everyone to attend one or more of these parties and dispense with the Damascus Party. This will give our people who work at these parties a long awaited rest. For party dates, check the calendar on the back page of the "Damascus News".

Octoberfest

My thanks to Ed Bastian and his crew for another great Octoberfest Party, and to Bill Hook, Don Rose, Jim Pray, Joe Minas, and all who were involved to make it all possible, but most of all, I thank all of you who attended to make it a success. Although I could not physically attend, I was there with you in spirit, because as you know, I do love a good polka!

Calendars

Remember to get and sell your Calendars for 2001. This is a fundraiser to benefit you, my friends. It helps pay for your monthly \$6.00 dinners, which would cost you at least \$10.00 at any eatery, a \$1.00 Steak Dinner in January, not to mention subsidizing some of our bus trips. So let's make an effort to sell at least one and we will meet our goal. Think Circus, it is only 5 months away.

Today

We know nothing of tomorrow
Of its pleasures, joys, or pain,
Yesterday is gone forever
Never to be lived again.
We live today, only today
And should live it carefully
That all we do, and all we say
Should kind and loving be.
Have a smile for each sad mortal
Today you chance to meet
And always have a cheerful word,
For each distressed soul to greet.
Don't let today forever end
Without some good you've done
Today ask our Heavenly Father
To bless us, everyone.

Mary Eleanor Pitney

Past Master's Degree Team

By Joseph Minas

We thank all the Nobles and Past Masters who will participate in the 3rd Degree at Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 on December 5th.

Nobles, if you know of any Lodge that wants us to portray the 3rd Degree, let us know. The Degree Team portrays both Ceremonial Dramatic Sections of the Degree. At present we do not have any other Degree work scheduled.

We wish you all a very happy holiday.

By F. Jay McCullough

The season began at Spencerport Bowl for the Senior League. We then agreed, in an unanimous vote, no recounts necessary, to relocate to the Viking Valhalla in Bergen, which is owned by Brother Tom Sardou.

We are getting used to the facility, even enduring flickering lights and equipment one afternoon caused by a downed tree that affected power in Bergen and

Director's Staff

By Joseph Minas, Director

The Fall season is about to come to an end. Halloween and its ghosts and goblins will be back next year. It is surprising how fast the time flies by. The Elections are over, everyone had, at one time or another, Turkey for a meal in the month of November. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving Day. Also in November, we paid tribute to our friends and Brothers who were killed in the past wars.

Our meeting in November was held at the Phelps Hotel. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Nobles, as you all have noticed, I sent out the dues notices for the year 2001. I think it is a good idea to keep our dues up to date.

Nobles, your officers need your help to turn the Director Staff into a Unit that other Nobles are willing to join. Do not forget the Director's Staff is an International Association of the Shrine. Some of the responsibilities of the Director's Staff are serving the Illustrious Potentate in a manner as directed, set up and tear down the tables and chairs at all Shrine meetings, participate as a Unit of the circus, ushering the school children, guiding and assisting the underprivileged and the handicapped, also working in the food and novelty stands, taking part in all Shrine parades and appearing in other parades to publicize the free treatment available at the Shriner's Hospitals. At different times we participate in the Ceremonial by putting on a skit to entertain the Nobles by involving the candidates.

Remember Nobles, there are at least one hundred newly made Nobles from the last couple classes who do not belong to any Club or Unit. Take them and encourage them to join the Director's Staff. Nobles, we need candidates. Come out and give us a hand to sign up new members.

We have Calendars to sell. For everyone every one we sell, we receive one dollar. The Calendars sold help supplement the different events that are happening at the Temple.

Charlie Walker is at the Kirkhaven Nursing Home and hopes to be out by Christmas. Ben Silver is resting at home. Nobles, if you know of any Shriner who is in poor health, let us know.

There are quite a few Christmas Parties to attend in December: Lunch Club on the 4th; the Greeters and Wayne County on the 8th at different places; Geneva, Director's Staff, Penn Yan and Auburn on the 16th; and Perry and Canandaigua.

Churchville. It's strange getting ready to make your approach, wondering if the rack will come down in mid-stride!

All was good fun in any case, and we look for those, seniors or not, who might like to bowl from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons. The Valhalla is an 8 lane house and we are usually the only ones there. The coffee pot is always on, so if you just want to investigate, come out for a cup or two.

When going to and from these parties, please drive carefully. We wish you all a very happy holiday.

Zama Temple



By Jean R. Friedrich, PQ

The Next-to-New Sale is over, and, according to all reports, was a resounding success. Chairman, Queen Corrine Routley, and her hard working Committees, had everything so well organized that all ran smoothly. A special thanks to all the workers. Remember that the merchandise you brought in was what really made this Sale so profitable. As you clear your home for the up-coming holidays, start to put aside items for next year's Sale.

At our Ceremonial on October 15th, we welcomed our new member, Virginia Gramse. Be sure to greet her when you see her at our Sessions. We were pleased to see so many of you on the sidelines for this special event. Keep it up!

Holiday Tea

Now comes that special time of year filled with excitement, festive parties and Santa with his bag of gifts. This year we will celebrate on Sunday, December 3rd, with our Annual Holiday Tea. We are changing the location to the

Shrine Mosque so there will be plenty of room for all our members and Shrine guests. Be sure to come and join with us to enjoy this holiday party with your Nile friends, Shriners and their ladies.

Luncheon

Before the December 9th Session, we will have a Christmas Luncheon and Party provided by those culinary experts, the Past Queens of Zama Temple. Mark your calendars now. Don't miss it!

Remember, too, that this is the time we contribute to the Special Convalescent Relief Fund for the patients at the Shriners' Hospitals. Please come prepared to give whatever you can.

Our Queen, Corinne Routley, and her officers, wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season. May you extend your bounty and friendship to our shut-ins and those alone-your special gift to others.

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R.W. Joseph Privitera checking in R.W. Paul Gleason.



Grand Master Smith perusing the displays at the Town Meeting at Downtown Masonic Temple, Rochester.



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The Grand Master with Dan Clarke, Director of Public Relations, Masonic Home, Utica.



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"When you smell an odorless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide."

"Nitrogen is not found in Ireland because it is not found in a free state."

"Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes, and caterpillars."

"Blood flows down one leg and up the other."

"Respiration is composed of two acts, first inspiration, and then expectionation."

"The moon is a planet just like the earth, only it is even deader."

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Holiday Hello

By Rt. Wthy. Charlene Stankey
Our year has started out fast and furious. Neil and I have been invited to and attended many Homecomings and Receptions. Our Monroe District Grand Officer's Reception was held in Doric Hall at the Downtown Temple on November 11th at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments followed the wonderful program. We greatly enjoyed meeting and chatting with people from our own and other Districts. We thank the members of Monroe District and hope everyone had as memorable an afternoon as we did.

On Saturday, November 4th, the 2000 Matrons entertained the Associate Matrons and the Grand Officers for 2001 with a luncheon at the Humphrey House. We had an enjoyable time and it gave the Grand Officers time to get to know our 2001 Matrons.

We are tweaking the Official Visits list. Next month we will publish the entire list, so you will be able to visit one of the Chapters and see our Ritualistic work

first hand. Our Degrees are very beautiful and worth seeing and sharing.

Our Special Project this year is Breast Cancer. We plan to host a "Bingo for Breast Cancer Prevention" event on the afternoon of April 28th. The location will be the Fairport Chapter Hall. Details will be forthcoming, keep the date available. Better still, mark it on your calendar. We are looking forward to seeing you there. The proceeds of this event will benefit local groups working for the prevention of Breast Cancer and the support of its victims.

We wish you a happy Holiday Season and best wishes for the beginning of the Millennium.

Neil's notes

These first few weeks in office have been very busy, but have generated a lot of fun as well. Let me list several recent events and extend a broad thank you to all who were in any way responsible for making them so enjoyable. Thanks for the Monroe District Banquet, the Grands' Association Dinner and Initiation, the East-West Luncheon, and the District Grand Officer's Reception. They were terrific.

I have several important pieces of information to pass along, so please forgive me if this turns into more of a list than a chat.

First, a lot of this year's continuing projects involve moving things from one point to another. These would include contributions for the Veterans Hospitals, Open Door Mission, Ronald McDonald House, and the Coupon Program. I can't stop by and pick all of these items up from each person. If, however, each Chapter could collect these materials in one location, I could easily arrange to pick up your contributions (perhaps on a Chapter night). There will also

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be District events when you could get items to me. The Line Officers groups will, of course, be meeting Downtown once a month next year. (The Matrons begin on January 6th, and all others on February 3rd). Small items could be passed along at those get-togethers. Whatever you do, do not let the items linger. Contact me and we'll figure something out.

Speaking of the Coupon Project, we need them as soon as possible after they are clipped and trimmed. The turn around time has been shortened to two months for one project and one month for another. We think that this project is important enough to make the extra effort. Check with your current Associate Matron for things that you can do to really help us with preparation and shipping.

I'll leave my comments on leadership, membership, Ritual and protocol for later columns, as I wish very much to address those items. They deserve much more attention than I can give them in the present article.

M. Wthy. Wanda strongly encourages everyone's participation in one additional holiday project. This will take very little time, but will make a huge difference to the service person who receives its benefit. Please read the accompanying article, "What's in a Name?", and send a card, holiday note, or several cards and notes to a service member. Be sure to mention that you're a member of the Order.

In keeping with the Yule time spirit... "A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of his office and offered them free meals and accommodations throughout their stay. "But why?", they asked in amazement. "Because," he said, "I just love chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

In closing, I heard this at a recent dinner. I think I'll steal it and use it for the upcoming year: "A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it to you when you've forgotten the words."

Peace!

"No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes." □

Annual Monroe District

Christmas Party

December 10th
3rd Floor Dining Room
Downtown Temple
1:00 p.m. Gather
3:30 p.m. Eat
Cost \$4.00

What's in a Name?

By Susie Broadhead

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was the last stop for my 11 year old daughter's class on its tour of Washington, DC. As we filed past the wall of somber black marble, Jaime pointed to one of the engraved names. "Look, Mama," she said, "that soldier's name was Faith, Walter Faith. I wonder who he was?" We looked up his name in a book at the end of the wall and learned he was an Army Private First Class, from Sayreville, New Jersey. Before we left, we made a rubbing of his name.

Back home in Mississippi, Jaime couldn't stop wondering about Walter Faith and what he was like. We eventually located Walter's mother, Dorothy Faith, and wrote her a letter.

Mrs. Faith soon responded, "I last saw my son in December, 1967," she wrote. "He had just turned twenty." She described how Walter shared letters from his family with homesick friends. He died after pulling three wounded comrades from a river, earning the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action and a Purple Heart. "It means so much to me that you have taken the time to remember my son," Mrs. Faith concluded, "but please remember that America still has many soldiers overseas who need your letters, too."

Those words inspired Jaime to start a letter-writing drive at school, which spread throughout Mississippi and other states. She called it Seeds of Faith. To the hundreds of men and women overseas who have received those letters, that's exactly what they are.

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This past year has gone very quickly. It seems like it was just January. Now, here I am, writing my final column as Worthy Matron for 2000. It has been a nice year and I thank all the members of Rochester Chapter for their hard work and dedication. I hope you all feel we had a successful year. I wish one and all a happy holiday season.

Condolences

I am sad to report the loss of one of our sisters, Rt. Wthy. I. Ann Gagon. I know she will be missed by many beyond the members of Rochester Chapter. I thank all those who participated in her Eastern Star Service. I know she would have greatly appreciated it.

Best wishes

As many of you know, Sister Peggy Roller fell and broke her hip. She however, is now back hard at work. Nothing slows her down. Sister Susan Soricone had a heart attack and was hospitalized. She is now home recovering. Please remember her with cards and prayers.

If you know of any other sickness or distress, please let the Secretary or me know.

Annual Meeting

Saturday, December 2nd, is our Annual Meeting. It starts at 7:00 p.m., so don't be late. There is a show that night and I understand the doors open at 6:00 p.m., so you might want to get there early. Brown bag it!

There is not much more for me to say. I can only hope that you will give Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano the same support, and more, than you gave me during this past year. As the year comes to a close, let us look to a bright new beginning in 2001.

As always, remember to let your light so shine. Let it be a beacon unto the world. □

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By Sister Alice Hassett

Greetings to all from Durango, Colorado, where I'm visiting my daughter, en route home from California. Since I retired last January, you may recall one report sent from Key Largo last Spring. Another report will be forthcoming from Florida in February. It's great to be retired, and I'm fully enjoying the opportunities for travel, as well as the opportunities to spend more time with children, grandchildren and friends.

Meetings

Tuesday, December 7th, is the Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and Yearly Reports.

Tuesday, December 12th, is the Christmas Party honoring the Matrons and Patrons for the past year. This will be held at the Cartwright Inn, 5691 West Henrietta Road. Social time is 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are to be made through Wthy. Mary Anne Sovocool at 716-768-6642 with your choice of Prime Rib, Chicken French, or Broiled Haddock.

Committee

The Committee for December: Wthy. Vickie Gross, Wthy. Dean Hiler, and Sister Anne Mollon.

Message from Wthy. Antoinette and Wthy. Alan Jeerings

"As you listen to the music this holiday season, may it fill your heart with warmth and happiness, as we remember the love God sent to us by giving us his son, Jesus." □

Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay



1st & 3rd Fridays
Charlotte/Corinthian Temple
4550 Lake Ave.
Master Councilor
David Gorall
458-5255
Chapter Dad
Mike Gorall
458-5255

What is DeMolay?

By Josh Burke, Niagara Frontier Division Councilor

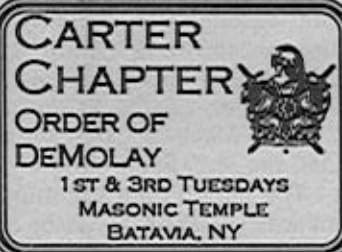
DeMolay is an organization dedicated to helping young men to become leaders in their community. We are not only helping them to become leaders, but outstanding citizens. DeMolay is designed to provide a good moral environment for young men. The Order of DeMolay is in no way related to the Christian Church or any other church, for that matter. We only require that those

interested believe in a Supreme Being, be of good moral character, and be between the ages of 12 and 21.

DeMolay currently exists in all 50 States, District of Columbia, and 9 foreign countries. In the United States there are over 25,000 current members participating in over 800 Chapters. DeMolay members learn leadership skills through a process of executing increasing responsibilities. A member may rise through the ranks where each position increases his responsibility. For example, the Master Councilor or President, has the highest responsibility, he has the job of running the Chapter and making sure everything runs smoothly in the Chapter room.

Some of the most famous DeMolay Alumni include Walt Disney, actor John Wayne, Dan Rather, Willard Scott, Walter Cronkite, David Goodnow and many others. Each of these men have said that this great Fraternity played a big part in their lives and careers.

If you, or someone you know, would like to be involved with this organization, please feel free to call New York DeMolay for information at 1-888-4-DEMOLAY or visit the official website at www.NYDE-MOLAY.org. □



By Ralph S. Goodberlet, Advisory Counsel Chairman

New DeMolays

We are very pleased to report that the very first Induction Ceremony of the Charles L. Carter Chapter of DeMolay was held on October 22nd at the Masonic Temple in Batavia. This represents the relighting of our Chapter that originally was Chartered in 1941. Eight young men passed to the Degree of DeMolay and they were welcomed to the Order by 35 Brothers and D.A.D.s from across the States of New York and Ohio. Four of the eight lads are the Charter Members of our new Chapter and we are proud and delighted to have them as the new life of our DeMolay. Our new DeMolays are Josh Willworth, Pat McGlashan, Ryan Einhiple and Ralph M. Goodberlet. Our next member induction will be this coming March for March Member Madness.

We thank State D.A.D., Gary Burke, for advising the young men prior to their Degree work and Josh Burke, District Master Counselor, for coordinating the Induction, as well as serving as Master Counselor of the Ceremony. Thanks to John Pience, Western York Region Representative from NY DeMolay, who has guided us to this day as well as serving as the Marshal for the Induction. Finally, thank you to everyone who has participated in or with our group, even if only in thought. This is truly a long-time dream come true.

Many have asked the question, "Just who is Charles L. Carter?" Well, we have asked many of our Brethren who may know this intriguing answer. Unfortunately, none asked are confident of the answer. If you have further knowledge of the name, please feel free to contact us. What we

believe at this time is that Charles L. Carter as a young man petitioned and completed the Degree of Entered Apprentice at the Batavia Lodge No. 475, at the beginning of WWII. Shortly after completion of the 1st Degree, he was called to serve our country and subsequently passed to the Eternal East without ever returning to his earthly home.

Our Brothers at the time felt it only fitting to name their new DeMolay Chapter after a fallen Brother who exemplified the Degree precepts. After reviewing the history of our Lodge and Chapter, we felt continuing the name was not only appropriate, but would be a further testament to our belief and work in DeMolay.

Our stated meetings will be from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Our first meeting was November 7th, when we elected Chapter Officers and Advisory Committee Sub-Chairs. Further activities will be announced as the new officers finalize their term plan. Advisory Counsel Meetings will be from 6:30 p.m. 'til the start of the regular meetings, so as to limit the amount of travel, especially during the Winter months. Changes to this schedule will be announced as appropriate.

Until next month, we wish to bid you peace and optimism. □

In Memoriam

September

Leenhouts, Robert C.

Robert was called Home on September 28th at the age of 83. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and leaves by his wife, Helen, children, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

October

Peck, Gerald M.

Gerald entered Eternal Rest on October 22nd. He was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479. Survivors include his wife, Suzanne, and one son.

Johnson, Jessie B.

Nolatka Chapter No. 320 (formerly Nola Chapter) lost a 75 year member with the passing of Jessie on October 24th at the age of 96. She is survived by her daughter, 4 grandsons and 3 great-grandsons.

Crandell, Edward H.

Death claimed Edward on October 29th. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 and Damascus Temple Shrine. He leaves his 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Standish, George T.

A member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine, George died on October 29th at the age of 81. He is survived by 4 sons, 9 grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

November

Cowell, Wayne F.

The Supreme Architect claimed Wayne on November 5th. He was a member of Germania Lodge No. 722, received the MSA in Scottish Rite, and belonged to Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. □

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

To make additions, call the Service Bureau at 473-4351
2001

- Jan 29 School of Ritual, Northfield, 2°
- Feb 3-14 Have -A- Heart Campaign
- Feb 10 Order of High Priesthood, Cathedral Hall, DTT
- Mar 1-3 Grand Chapter, RAM, Albany
- Mar 30 School Ritual, Etolian, 3°

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Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

Chris Masi is the Masonic Gothic Bowling League's latest Award winner. His 279 game was 103 pins over his average and earned him a Century Award Watch.

I forgot to mention last month that in addition to a 700 Award Patch, Don Weis' 708 series also earned him a Senior Award Patch for a series 125 pins over his average.

In the last four weeks, league bowlers have rolled 11-600 series and 61-200 games. 600 series were rolled by Don Weis-652 (225, 246,) and 630 (242), Rick Flanagan-649 (233) and 629 (220), Rex Edwards Jr.-647 (256) and 629 (221), Chris Masi-637 (279), Jason Dale-628 (258), Bill Rubert-614 (242), John Flynn-607 (220), and Mike Matheny (248, 225).

Other notable series were rolled by Gary Bonisteel-224, Bob Eckman-244, Mike Trafficante-242, Mark Dinitto-234, 223 and 221, Jeremy Fromm-230, John Flynn-224, Jack Thibaut-224, Len Mack-217, Derek Masi-203, and Jerry Spero-201.

This month I call attention to an achievement by a Mason and former Masonic League bowler, Richard A. Ehrne. Rich bowled a

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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

ERAC Lodge, 152 W. Commercial Street, East Rochester - Cap. 75, 1st Floor Dining Rm. and Rest Rooms - Richard Schmanke 477-8191 (w) or 271-4473 (h).

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

803 series that included two 300 games. His series was 203, 300, 300. According to "The Greater Rochester Bowler", he is only the 13th area bowler to bowl two 300 games in the same series.

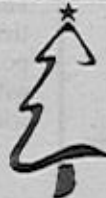
The league bowls at Maiden Lanes on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. The league is open to both Masons and non-Masons. We usually have a need for substitute bowlers. If interested, stop by some Wednesday.

Classified

Wanted: Toy Trains, (O and O27), accessories, any condition. Fair price based on Greenberg Book and condition. D. Brugger 473-4351, 458-6125.

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Oakland	
Olive Branch	
Northfield	
Triluminar	
Valley/Simes	11/15
West Star	4x

"x" = months missed.
If you see your Lodge name here, call your Master; whatever you like!
The *Deadline* for the January issue is:
December 8, 2000

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December Gem - Turquoise
December - Flower - Narcissus

Calendar December 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 First Sunday Breakfast Attica Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Dec. 13 & 27th 4:30-7:00 p.m. Clio Lodge East Ave., Hilton	4 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe Christmas Toast OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	5 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson, 3° Germania Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nolotka, Perry, Webster	6 Olive Branch - LeRoy Attica Damascus Shrine OES - Henrietta	7 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster, 2°	8 This the day! Today is the Deadline for the January issue of the Masonic Times!	9
10 Pancake Breakfast Mt. Vernon Lodge Java Village	11 ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Hon. Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	12 Batavia Craftsman/Robertson - F Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3x3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah	13 Churchville Oak - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Service Bureau Luncheon OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship	14 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City Lalla Rookh Caldron RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Christmas Toast	15	16 Scottish Rite Holiday Program 1 - 3 p.m. DTT
17	18 West Star - Varysburg Union Star - Hon. Falls KT Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	19 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Germania Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nolotka, Perry, Webster	20 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Lalla Rookh Grotto RSM - Doric Council OES - Batavia, Corinthian Fellowship	21 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite Program RAM - Western Star Happy Hannukkah	22 	23
24/31	25  Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30