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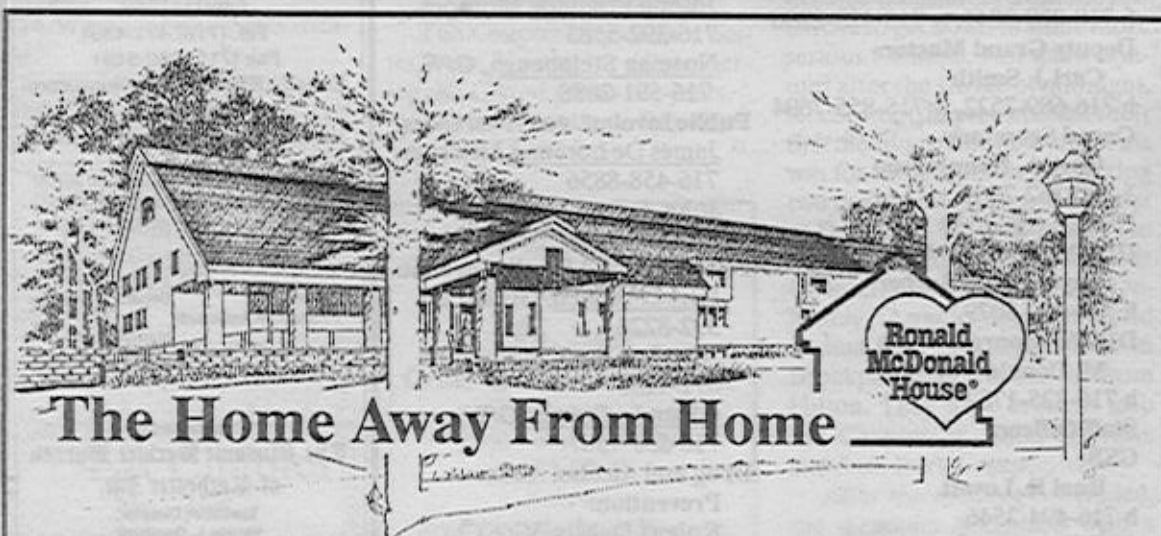
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Craftsman/Robertson Helps at "Foodlink"



Brothers of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge and their spouses help in packing boxes of food for the needy at "Foodlink".

The Home Away From Home

The 2000 Have-A-Heart Campaign will commence at 12 Noon on February 5th and continue until 6 p.m. on February 13th. We will be manning the booths at Marketplace and the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. Time slots will be approximately three hours until closing during the week and Saturdays and at 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. All Lodge members in the area are urged to contact your Lodge Secretary for their time slots. For additional information call: Phillip Hurwitz at 581-1831 (phurwitz@frontiernet.net) or Lew Perna 334-8265 (per@prhs.imanet.com). More information in the Monroe Masters & Wardens article page 4.

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By R. W. Vernon L. Goodrich
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Have-a-Heart!

By R. W. Don Darrohn
Valentine's Day is right around the corner. This time of year has special meaning for our Brethren and Sisters of the Craft. Not just for the opportunity to share a special message of affection with a loved one; but for the opportunity to again be involved in supporting the local Ronald McDonald Home.

Did you know that 100% of all funds raised through the Have-a-Heart Campaign stay in our community? They allow our local "Home Away from Home" to continue to provide facilities for families who typically have a loved one being treated at a local hospital. Today there are over 150 "Homes" throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and Australia. The local Ronald McDonald Home was the 128th when it opened in 1990. The nominal \$10.00 per night fee that families pay does not cover the day-to-day expenses of operating the House. Yearly costs for utilities, maintenance and other programs cost in excess of \$250,000. Our efforts and the contributions of many others, help to make this Home - the House that Love Built - the unique and wonderful asset that it is!

Do you know where the Home is? Have you been there? Why not stop by? The address is 333 Westmoreland Drive. It backs up to the Erie Canal and is only a few blocks from Strong Memorial Hospital. There are many individual Masons and their significant others, who regularly volunteer time at this facility. Occasionally one of our Lodges will make arrangements to cook a meal for the Home's guests, a wonderful experience.

This year our Have-a-Heart Campaign will take place at two area malls - Marketplace and The Mall at Greece Ridge Center. The Campaign begins Saturday, February 5th, and runs through Sunday, February 13th, at both malls. This is our opportunity as Freemasons to work together and show our continuing support for this community asset.

We'll see you there! □

Crossroads House



Crossroads House in Batavia, a comfort house for the terminally ill.



W. John Cooper and Ralph Marsocci presenting donation to Kathleen Panepento, Director of Crossroads House.

(The following was published in the Batavia Daily Newspaper)

John Cooper and Ralph Marsocci, members of Hesperus Masonic Lodge in Bergen, visited Crossroads House at 11 Liberty Street in Batavia to present a check for \$500, as an initial help in the operation of the house and informed them that Hesperus Lodge is taking them on as one of the charities that they would like to help.

While visiting they learned more about the operation of the House and the many services that the Comfort House provides. Each of the residents of the House has his or her room to which they bring items that are near and dear to them to make it as close to a home like setting as possible such as pictures, pets, or even a special piece of furniture. Of course, there are things in the rooms which are necessary during their stay.

There are also rooms for the members of the family to stay in if they would like to be close to their family member during their

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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Congratulations to the Monroe District and the District Deputy on having all Lodges represented in this issue.

Again!

Well, it happened again. Another author sent in a FAX that did not arrive. To reiterate my previous warnings: "just because your machine says the transmission was successful, doesn't mean that we received it". Please call the *Masonic Times* Office to see if we have your FAX or e-mail transmission. That is the only way you will know for sure. On the same subject, if your article does not appear, or if you have some question about the way your article was edited, "talk to me!". I'm at 473-4351 from 8 til Noon most weekdays.

Just for clarification, all copy that we receive for publication is logged in our Master Log. This record is archived with the originals and a new log is activated immediately after the paper goes to the printer. So, we are ready for the next issue immediately. Anyone interested in the operations of the paper or assisting in its production is welcome to visit the office. I would be happy show you around and answer any questions pertaining to the *Times* production.

Old Boys club

When a newer member of your Lodge gets up to speak at a meeting he deserves just as much attention, respect and acceptance of intelligence and credibility as an older member; even your oldest active member. So, the next time a newer member or even one who has been a Mason for only 15 or 25 years gets up to speak, remember this caution: "...that among us no contention should exist except for that noble contention or rather emulation of who can best work and best agree."

Slander

I have received a few poems and stories which are funny, but could be construed as disrespectful of our Federal Government or particular groups or individuals. It is the policy of the *Times* to avoid printing this type of potentially slanderous material. Your guide should be the Charges given in the Degrees of Masonry you received, especially the Charge in the 3rd Degree. □

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Bequests

We have just received \$5,000 from the estate of Harold Matzky for Camp DeMolay. In checking the records, your Masonic Service Bureau has received bequests from Wills in 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996. During 1997, 1998 and 1999 we did not receive any bequests.

Brethren and ladies, please consider making a specific bequest or a percent of the residual estate to the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester, Inc. Any such amount is free of any estate taxes. This is one of the methods of making the Government assist you in making a contribution to the future charitable events of your Masonic Service Bureau. □



Erna-Jean Walker with the President's Award she received for service to the Bureau.

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Adoption

Adoption does not have to be a painful and expensive process. Payment of large sums of money to adopt may be unnecessary. The process of adopting can be accomplished within a year.

The Process

As adoption is the legal proceeding where one person or persons takes another person into the relationship as a child and acquires the rights and responsibilities of parent. Adults can adopt one another. With court approval, an unmarried partner can adopt his/her partner's biological child.

An adult, unmarried person, can adopt a child. An adult, married person, who is separated from their spouse can adopt a child. If the adoption occurs, then the other separated spouse is not considered the parent of that child. An example of this is where a couple takes in a foster child, then later separates. The foster parent who retains custody of the foster child can petition the court to adopt that child.

There are four basic types of adoption. Adopting a child from

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

Equip. Type	On loan
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Bed (Acces.)	2
Canes	93
Commodore	81
Crutches	211
Walkers	163
Wheelchairs	112
Miscellaneous	8
Total	759

Money Tip\$

By Dave Larson

Principles for Building Financial Security

Over the next few months, I'll review a few core principles for building wealth that have been promoted by Harry S. Dent in his book, "The Roaring 2000s". He calls them "secrets" to building wealth, but in reality they are very simple concepts each of us can apply in our own financial lives.

Principle one: Save at least 10 percent of your pretax income.

If you can do only one thing in your financial plan, it should be to spend less than you earn. Saving at least 10 percent of your pretax income will go a long way toward building wealth and creating financial security. To do this, you should begin an automatic investment program by putting 10 percent or more of your gross income into an invest-

an institution organized to receive children for the purpose of adopting them is called an agency adoption. Adopting a child from anyone else other than an agency is referred to as a private placement adoption. A step-parent adoption is where a parent remarries and allows his/her spouse to adopt their child. An international adoption is of children born outside the United States.

The most straight forward is the step-parent adoption. If the step-parent and child have lived together for at least a year, then the step-parent can avoid having to submit to a background check by the state. Unless the other natural parent has abandoned or neglected the child, then their consent to the adoption is required. A child over 14 must also consent to her/his adoption.

A foster parent who cares for a child for over a year can apply for adoption. The application is made to the agency that placed the child in foster care.

In almost all adoptions, a prospective adoptive parent must submit to a background check by the state. This background check is required to qualify. Step-parents aren't required to undergo a background check. This only applies if the step-parent and child have lived together for 1 year or more.

In all adoptions, the parent who consents to the adoption in court, cannot later change his mind and ask for the child's return. Consent to an adoption, given in court, is irrevocable. If written consent is given outside of court, then the consenting parent has 45 days thereafter to change his mind. A change of heart does not automatically mean that the adoption is terminated. The judge will have to hold a hearing to decide whether the adoption is in the best interests of the child.

In private placement adoptions, payments for reasonable legal fees, reasonable medical and birth related expenses are allowed. Payments to place a child

may be considered illegal. Payment to a state certified adoption agency is allowed.

A common problem in adoption is the adoption of a child born out of wedlock. The child's parents having never married, eventually drift apart. The custodial parent (usually mom) eventually makes her way to family court for child support. The non-custodial parent (usually dad) may or may not make his support payments or stay in contact with the child.

Mom later finds a man she loves and can rely upon. They marry. The child comes to view her mom's husband as her/his dad. Adoption seems the right thing to do. The child's father either refuses to consent to the adoption or is nowhere to be found.

A father (or mother) who consistently makes his child support payments, must consent to the adoption. A court may allow adoption, even if consent is withheld. It must be shown to the court that the non-custodial parent, despite his payments, isn't staying in contact with the child, even though he is able to do so.

Rights of adopted

Once children are adopted, they become part of the family of the adopting parent. This means they will inherit just as if the adopting parent were a natural parent. The parent who surrendered the child no longer has any obligations to that child; they are strangers to each other in the eyes of the law.

Adoption records are sealed, and remain so unless a court orders otherwise. That means that the adopted child and the parent who gave that child up for adoption, cannot use these records to discover one another, unless both desire to do so. In all situations, the adoptive child can discover medical information from the court adoption file, with court approval.

Adoption proceedings can either be brought in Family Court or Surrogate Court. □

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ment account, and plan your expenses and budget around what's left. For example, if you have an income of \$36,000 per year, you should have \$300 per month deposited to an investment account before you get a chance to pay your bills or spend the remainder. One word of warning, however, is to pay down outstanding credit card debt before beginning your savings plan.

One of the best and easiest ways to save and invest is through your employer's 401(k) retirement plan. Many employers also match part of your savings, so not doing this would be like throwing money out of the window. You should also consider direct deposit programs to money market or mutual fund accounts, participating in your company's stock purchase plan and contributing to a Roth IRA.

To get started, it's usually a good idea to sit down with a financial advisor to review your goals and resources. All you need now is a little discipline. □



Holiday gift wrap session

This annual event took place on Tuesday, December 14th, in the Building 5 Auditorium. Its purpose was to gift wrap approximately 2300 gift packages to be distributed to all the patients in the remaining wards at the VAMC, as well as to the former patients who have been transferred to other locations.

It was a very busy and fun filled experience. The volunteer wrappers consisted of representative of various veteran, civic, fraternal and charitable groups. A large



Aerial View of the Canandaigua VA Medical Center. This picture was rerun for those who missed it in an earlier issue.



Fred Prince representing Irondequoit American Legion Post #134 and Harold Bollotin representing the Masons of Monroe District.

group participated, but the total number of people present was less than it has been in past years. This is probably the result of all the downsizing that has been occurring at the VAMC.

Masonic participation

The eight volunteers in the name of the Masonic Service Bureau were: Tom and Cora Paglia,

Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, Larry and Marge Hood, June Moon and Robertina Wahl.

During the session I was pleased to meet and greet a fellow Mason by the name of Fred Prince. He was not one of our regular volunteers, but was present representing the Irondequoit Post No. 134 of the American Legion. His Masonic connection was that he is a member of Fame Lodge No. 945, and a member of the James A. Hard Post No. 12 of the Masonic War Veterans. You will see his photo published herein.

Holiday gift distribution

This annual event follows the holiday gift wrap activity and is one of the most important and rewarding events of the VAMC volunteer year.

Ward visits

The ward visit scheduled for Sunday, January 9th, was cancelled. The wards had been quarantined due to an outbreak of the flu.

The following ward visits have been scheduled for Sundays, February 13th and March 12th. □

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Larry Hood, Tom Paglia and Harold Bollotin at Canandaigua VAMC.



Cora Paglia, Robertina Wahl, June Moon, Marge Hood and Sylvia Bollotin at "Gift Wrap Session". (Photos courtesy of Harold Bollotin)

Many hands make light work at the VAMC Auditorium Gift Wrap Session. (Photos H. Bollotin)

New York State Decorations for Veterans

In a show of appreciation by the state and the people of New York, the Division of the Military and Naval Affairs issues three awards of merit for those veterans who actively served in our military.

Conspicuous Service Cross:

(individual honor) Awarded to New York State citizens who received specific high individual decorations while in service with the armed forces (other than for training or Active/Guard/Reserve), and whose service was otherwise honorable. Also awarded to POW, KIA, and MIA service members and for certain other specific wartime service.

Conspicuous Service Star:

(unit award) Awarded to current and former members of the armed forces whose service on federal active duty was honorable and who were recipients of the unit commendations arising from combat participation.

Medal of Merit:

(individual award) Awarded to current and former members of the armed forces whose service on federal active duty was honorable and who were recipients of valor, achievement, commendations or meritorious service decorations or whose meritorious service was in direct support of combat operations.

Those applying for the Conspicuous Service Star and Medal of Merit, two new awards recently instated this year, must be current or previous New York State residents who, while serving on federal active duty in the armed forces, earned a qualifying award as a unit or as an individual, respectively.

To apply for these awards, please contact the Division of the Military and Naval Affairs at (518) 786-4520, or visit the internet at <http://www.dmn.state.ny.us> □

Mid-Day Bowling League



John Specht, Secretary
548-2694

Mid-season report

We are just over halfway through the 1999-2000 bowling season and Neil ("Sandbag-Who, me?") Laundry is leading the standings with a fine 741 series. Good ol' Jay (Not the 5 pin again!) McCullough has an equally fine 265 high game and sole possession of 2nd place. Don "Kicker" Hargrave is bringing up the rear with a 221 game. Don hasn't been kicking much lately, but I'm sure the new ball will change things.

Let's go to the State Tournament

We will be sending a delegation to the State Tournament on the May 6-7 weekend. They are having 4-man teams this year. We are hoping to send at least two, or maybe three teams this year. Any of you other Maons out there reading this are welcome to join us. I want to have March 14th as an absolute deadline for entries from our league and I will need your \$100 by that date. This covers bowling, transportation and motel. Any leftover money will be put toward our Saturday night dinner.

Why not join us?

This is an ABC sanctioned singles league whose members bowl whenever they can make it. You don't pay if you don't bowl. You are not penalized for not showing up and you have as good a chance as anyone else of winning 1st place, even if you only bowl once during the year. The lane management supplies free coffee.

League standings are determined by high series with handicap and high single with handicap. Handicap is 90% with the first week handicap being determined at the conclusion of the first match.

This is strictly a fun league with everyone getting some prize money at year's end. We bowl a 27 week season. The main purpose of this league is to provide an ABC average for senior retirees who may want to establish one without the commitment to a pay-whether-you're-there-or-not league. Bowling costs \$5.25 per week and, if you're not sanctioned in another league, a once per year sanctioning fee of \$8.00 for seniors (over 55) There is also a one time prize fee of \$10.00.

We still have almost half our season left, so come on out to Spencerport Bowl on Tuesday at 1:15 and join us. □

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R.W. Donald Darrohn
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Masonry in action!

Have you taken notice of all the activity around the District? It may be Winter and the snowbirds may have flown, but this is when we make things count! I'm not going to mention any specific Lodge, but provide an overview of some of their activities just recently:

Visit the Ronald McDonald House and prepare a meal for the guests.

Deliver poinsettias to and visit with Lodge Brethren who have not attended recently.

Staff the Salvation Army Kettles during the holidays.

Visit a senior/nursing home arranging for Santa to arrive and music for carols.

Here's an interesting one. Collect product coupons that are typically found in the Sunday newspaper, sending them to our Armed Forces. Our service personnel may use the coupon six months beyond the designated expiration date.

Visit widows and Brethren who are shut in.

Send widows a letter accompanied by check or a gift certificate.

Sponsor an inner city Pop Warner football team.

Donate money so that Camp HACCAMO, the Rotary sponsored Camp for handicapped children, can provide baseball facilities for these kids.

Collect food for community food closets.

This is by no means a complete list. Just the same, it's impressive! Perhaps the mention of some items will spur action by other Lodges.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

The Ronald McDonald House Have-a-Heart Campaign will be occurring at area malls in the next few weeks. This effort by Masonic Bodies will again demonstrate Masonry in Action. This year the malls at Marketplace and Greece Ridge Center will be the focus of our attention.

Masonry in Action, that's when I feel a special sense of pride. The act of kindness, the simple hello-can I help? That's what it's all about-KEEP UP

THE GOOD WORK, MY BROTHERS.

Education Assistance Program

Do you have a child or grandchild pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree? Perhaps a child returning to school for re-training or grandchildren entering a trade school or vocational training? Grand Lodge, through the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, is again sponsoring the Education Assistance Program. The application forms are in the hands of your Lodge Secretary. The eligibility requirements and rules are included in each. The application form MUST be signed by the Master and Secretary and affixed with the Lodge Seal. Applications must be completed, submitted and postmarked by April 30, 2000. Please take advantage of this program!

Grand Lodge Staff Officer

Monroe District



R.W. Ruel R. Lovett
Grand Sword Bearer
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God's creation

There is no better way to observe the wonders of God's creation than through the windshield of a small airplane, at low speed, and at low or intermediate altitude. One can see for endless miles on a clear day. I can see Rochester in the distance. I can see Buffalo or Syracuse in opposite directions. Each is an imposing sight, but it's the landscape that is awesome.

One can look South and see the high hills of the Southern Tier. You can see the gorge near Mount Morris. To the Southeast, you can see the Finger Lakes. To the North you can see Lake Ontario, and beyond into Canada. What magnificence! The Great Architect of the Universe has wrought all of this.

While wandering over all of this beauty one day, I decided to do some power off stalls. I turned on the carb heat, slowed the engine, and began reducing power. As I reduced power, I extended the flaps fully. I trimmed for "straight and level flight". Then I cut the power.

On this day I decided to take my hands and feet from the controls; let the airplane fly itself. The airplane slowed, then buffeted. A stall was near. The stall warning came on, then stalled fully. The airplane began to fall. I

folded my arms and watched the airplane do its job.

The plane fell nose first, then almost as quickly, pulled out of the stall and began to fly. As it reached level flight, it stalled again, and began to fall. I crossed my feet and watched. The airplane dipped, only to recover once more. This time I took control and added power. As the airplane picked up speed, I released the flaps, 10 degrees at a time. This allowed the airplane to resume normal flight smoothly.

I enjoyed proving that this airplane is one of the safest in the air when properly used. I knew the plane would fly properly if it was properly "trimmed". I took the time to make sure this was done. My experience with this airplane and my own training has given me much confidence.

Our Masonic Ritual is taken from a widely proven source, The Holy Bible. If you learn the Ritual, and learn the source of the Ritual, you can have full confidence in the work you do. It is time tested. It will not be wrong. Conversely, it will always be right. Our forefathers saw to that by choosing the only source that can never be wrong.

That being the case, why do we still see some who stutter through the work as if they were seeing it for the first time? We've all seen the person who opens his book at practice and reads the part as if he's never seen it before. If you

have pride, you should learn the work at home. You should be ready to go through it at practice with the other players. Please don't think so little of your Brothers. They are giving you their best work. The pride of the Lodge rests on the backs of those who do the work. Why not make your Lodge the most proud Lodge in the District? Your Brothers appreciate good work. They will not abandon an organization that they have great pride in. If you want to stop losing members, stop chasing them away. Do your best work-always!

To all of our shut-ins, and all who have been ill, I extend my best wishes. Find out who is a "Knight of the North" in your Lodge. Call him at anytime you feel the need. They will be glad to visit you or call you and offer any help that is needed. If you would rather, please call me. I would like to talk to you, or visit you, as you wish. You are a strong part of our Masonic family. We are concerned, and we care. Your past service to the Lodge was both welcomed and appreciated. You are not forgotten. Please continue to be a part of our Fraternity.

To the members of our Lodges—don't forget your Brothers who have not been to Lodge lately, or the ladies of our departed Brothers. Join our Knights of the North and call or visit these important members of our "family". Your rewards will far exceed the efforts you expend.

waste of our time. Thank you and we'll see you at the next one.

Call us

As always, if you have any questions pertaining to the Ritual or need help at a Degree rehearsal, feel free to call John Zabel at 223-3228, or me at 429-6572. We are here for you. Take care and we'll see you in Lodge.

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Walker



By V.W. Dan Walker

I hope that the New Year has found you in good health and good spirits. The year 2000 should be an exciting one for Masonry in Monroe County. This year we will officially become one District. Let's pray that this goes smoothly as expected.

Degree Fest

We are planning a 3rd Degree Fest to take place on April 15th. We are looking for people to take parts in the Hiram Legend. Your Lodge will be responsible for the 1st Section of the Degree and the raising of your new Brothers. Give V.W. John Zabel or me a call with any questions.

School of Ritual

Now for the "message of the month". Please read this all the way through. This goes out to all of the Brothers that feel a School of Ritual is a waste of time. My Brother, you will never know what you are missing if you do not come. After all, we need someone to keep us on our toes and let us know when something is not right. Besides, we plan for refreshments and fellowship afterwards. John and I go through a lot to put these nights together and we would appreciate it if you would come out and be a part of it with us. If you don't attend, it is a

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



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

Greetings, Brothers

We will meet at Northfield Lodge on February 12th at 10:00 a.m.

The Road to the East Program will be held at the Downtown Temple on February 5th at 8:00 a.m.

Think Spring!

My thanks to everyone who pitched in to help the Service Bureau in December. We cleaned medical equipment. Brother Lew Perna has an excellent suggestion—the next time we clean equipment, we do it in the Spring. We can bring the equipment outside and blast it clean with a hose.

Mall dates

Our Annual Have-a-Heart Campaign will take place at the following malls on these dates:

Greece Ridge Center-February 5th - 13th.

Marketplace-February 5th-13th.

Every Lodge is needed to help out in this effort by staffing the malls. I'm asking every Lodge to assume an entire day at the mall of their choice. Segmenting the day into 3 shifts (early afternoon,

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afternoon, and evening) works best. This year we will have mall coordinators to schedule and supervise each mall. Your mall site coordinators are:

Greece Ridge Center Mall: Phil Hurwitz-581-1831; phurwitz@frontiernet.net.

Marketplace Mall: Lew Perna-334-8265; per@prhs.ima-net.com.

Masters, please volunteer your Lodge by contacting one of the coordinators listed above. With the economy doing as well as it has, this year should be one of our best solicitations yet.

May

Our Spring Dinner is on May 13th at the Mapledale. R.W. Don Vetal will present his inspiring thoughts on the future of Freemasonry. Those who have heard him speak can testify to the passion he brings to his presentations.

Grand Lodge 2000

It'll be time to go before you know it. If you haven't made your travel and lodging accommodations yet, then be sure to contact W. Gerry Spero at 334-7616 ASAP.

Looking ahead, I see that the District is having the Annual Widows Luncheon on March 18th at Logan's Party House. If you can make the time, please help your Lodge out by chauffeuring...to assist distressed worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans.

Bureau of Masonic Education

Monroe County

President:
V.W. John Zabel

By V.W. John E. Zabel

The Old Charges

George was ruffling through his stack of Masonic papers when he came across something called, "The Old Charges". Not remembering where he picked up the document, or what it was, he started to read it. He quickly discovered that the document was a listing of the Charges found in some of the very early Masonic manuscripts, those written before the 18th Century. After reading "Charge V - of the management of the craft in working" George decided to make a copy and give it to the Master and Wardens of his Lodge. This being in response to the chaos that occurred at the last meeting.

This is what George copied: "Charge V of management of the craft in working."

All Masons shall work honestly on working days, that they may live creditable on holy days; and the time appointed by the laws of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the Fellow Craftsman shall be chosen or appointed the Master, or Overseer of the Lord's work; who is to be called Master by those that work under him. The Craftsmen are to avoid all ill language and to call each other by no disobliging name, but Brother, or Fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the Lodge room.

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Both the Master and the Masons receiving their wages justly, shall be faithful to the Lord, and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a Brother, nor supplant him, or put him out of his work, if he be capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the Lord's profit; unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When a fellow craftsman is chosen a warden of the work under the Master, he shall be true both Master and fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the Master's absence and the Lord's profit; and his Brethren shall obey him.

All Masons employed, shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master till the work is finished.

A younger Brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by Grand Lodge.

No labourer shall be employed in proper work of masonry; nor shall free masons work with those that are not free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall they teach labourers and unaccepted masons, as they shall teach a brother or fellow."

Although the wording and some of the spelling was strange, George felt that there was much that could be learned from these Old Charges.

What's happening

For all who are reading this before January 29th, I hope you have your reservation in for the Day of Masonic Education presented by the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philalethes Society. I know that the day will be, or was if you are reading this after the 29th, a great day in Freemasonry in Western New York. The Bureau thanks the Finger Lakes Chapter for sponsoring and preparing this program.

The Bureau of Masonic Education will be holding a meeting on Thursday, January 27th. We encourage anyone interested in the furthering of Masonic Education in the Monroe District to attend and help in planning programs and services for the Craft. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Library in the Downtown Temple. In case you are reading this after the meeting and would like to work with the Bureau, call me at 223-3228 in the evening to offer your services.

O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759

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

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



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

By W.: Donald Tubman

Greetings from the East

Once again I have the pleasure of reporting that we have been

busy at Lodge. We awarded Sister Diane Dolce, SSJ, the DeWitt Clinton Award as detailed in "The Sentinel". The article appears as follows:

"Oakta Masons give out DeWitt Clinton Award"

By Marion Misner

Members of the Oakta Mason Lodge in Scottsville gathered on Wednesday, December 1, to bestow their DeWitt Clinton Award to Sister Diane Dolce of Hope House.

The Oakta Lodge recognized Sister Diane for her work as a teacher of learning disabled students. Students she helps at Hope House have gone on to success in college and elsewhere in life. Before intervention at Hope House, however, the students' situations were difficult. The Mason's DeWitt Clinton Award is the highest honor a non-member can attain. The Award is given to recognize a high degree of public service, and honors the memory of DeWitt Clinton, former New York Governor, who also served as Mayor of New York City, was a State Legislator and a United States Senator. He is best remembered for the construction of the Erie Canal, built during his tenure as governor.

Under Governor Clinton's leadership, the Masonic Fraternity became a power for good in civil life, and the Award seeks to honor those who also embody civic good. Each presentation of this Award...demonstrates Freemasonry's historic concern and fraternal high esteem for voluntary service, according to Masonic literature.

Sister Diane, a member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Rochester, said that although her students were "labeled unreachable, they are not unteachable". She works daily with students of different age groups, teaching strategies to those who have struggled due to a variety of learning problems.

Hope Hall, in Gates, is within the Oakta Lodge's boundaries. Members at the Scottsville organization come from all around the Rochester area. During Sr. Dolce's Award presentation, members came from Bergen, Churchville, Scottsville, and Wheatland. Lodge Brothers said other members reside in Fairport, Hilton, Webster, Rochester, Chili, North Chili and out of state, in locales within Florida, Georgia, Ohio and California."

What's happening

On January 12th, R.W.: Larry Dunn was to officiate in the East and invited V.W.: John Zabel to speak about coin collecting. (You all know the fancy word that he calls it, so I won't mention it here.)

On January 26th, Senior Warden Peter Fallone conferred the 2nd Degree on four Brothers.

On January 29th we are planning to attend the Philalethes Society meeting in the morning and have an overnight campout that night in Varysburg. (This issue might come out before then, and if you want to attend, call Kevin Fisher for reservations.)

On February 9th W.: Burt Brown, DSA, will be in the East. He has asked me to help him present a program regarding some of the old landmarks of the Craft. This should be a great meeting with visual aids.

February 23rd will have W.: Terrance Wright in the East.

On March 18th, not only are we celebrating the Widows Luncheon, we have invited our Canadian Sister Lodge, Ionic, to join

us for an afternoon 3rd Degree and our Annual St. Pat's Dinner Dance in the evening. We have asked a Concordant Body to help us and we are hoping to perform the Degree in full regalia!

As always, we are because you were, we will be because you are there!

Editor's Award for Lodge Articles

This article was selected for its concise, straight-forward style and economy of language.

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With one tick of a clock witnessed by untold millions and a drop of a ball, we have entered a new millennium. Northfield Lodge now spans into our 3rd century in our 142 years. It is from here that we shall set forth in our endeavors to span towards a fourth century. Continue with me now on this Fraternal journey. A journey we record now in the year A.L. 6000.

Our Masonic history revealed!

The City of Rochester opened their 126 year old time capsule from the original City Hall in December. The live reading of the letter from the former Mayor to the current Mayor began with the acknowledgment of the Masonic Cornerstone laying ceremonies, conducted by the Grand Master of Masons in New York, that sealed the capsule. Since the live reading, however, no other media has printed our involvement. This shows how hard it is to get any press unless it's bad.

Brother Trolley has looked into the event and obtained the newspaper articles of the day that have been reprinted as a part of the opening. We have copies of these articles available at the Lodge for members to borrow. They record, without bias, all the grandeur associated with one of the largest public Masonic events to have occurred in this community. I quote an article from the May 29, 1873 "Democrat and Chronicle". In describing the arrival of the parade of dignitaries (the majority being Masonic), the writer said, "...the head of the column at the courthouse, the military were formed in double line along Fitzhugh Street and presented arms as the City Hall commissioners and Masonic Bodies passed through. The exertions of the police were required at this time to keep the throng from blocking up the passage to the scene of the ceremonies".

What a proud moment we have uncovered from our past. Efforts have begun to see how we can be represented in the new time capsule that the City is preparing for later this year.

Our immediate past...

Our Flannel Shirt Night at our 2nd meeting in December was a hit. Everyone enjoyed the comfort of the night that was followed by refreshments sponsored by our Junior Warden, Jim Knapp.

Our first meeting of the year was followed by a very informative talk by R.W.: Bob Zahn. Bob told us of his trip to the 75th Anniversary Celebration by the Grand Lodge of Finland this past May. What a wonderful event to have attended.

Fall Food Drive

The final tally on the Fall Food Drive for the Pittsford Food Cupboard was as follows: 62 boxed goods, 111 cans and 50 jars of food. These 223 items weighed 316 pounds in total. Thanks to those attending the term events that collected \$147.00 for the event. With discounted buying, we bought over \$320.00 in food with the funds raised.

Thanks

Thank you, DSA Fred Hull and W.: John Williams, for getting Northfield's holiday greeting out to our widows. It's a big task that is always well received.

Thanks also to DSA Walt Weick, W.: John Dudley, Brother Ed Rummel, W.: Don Smith, R.W.: Bob Zahn, J.W.: Jim Knapp, Brother John Parker, V.W.: Dan Walker and W.: Randy Griswold, who have each volunteered for one week's duties of snow shoveling. 8-10 slots still remain for the Winter. Call me to schedule your week.

Dues

The response of dues payments continues to be great. Dues cards will be sent to those who have remitted with the month end issue of the "Northfield News". Look inside for yours.

Sickness

Brother Richard Kurtz is home recovering from a broken hip since November, and has several months more to go. Our thoughts of well wishes go out to him and those at his side.

Little business...

We will be having a full set of Degrees starting with the 1st on February 17th. We have a large number of parts that need to be filled and I'm asking for help. The Lodge has no Marshal and only one Master of Ceremony. All levels of talent are needed to make a lasting impression on our candidate. We really need some "old timers" to come through for each of the Degrees. Please call the Warden to volunteer the part. We're listed on the term card with the dates of the Degrees.

Volunteers will also be needed for our annual support for the Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House. We don't have a date yet (near Valentine's Day) but will call you once we know.

Before parting

Like all the terms of our recent past, this one will also record a decline in membership. Our losses to demits and deaths will far exceed new initiates. There is

still time to get someone to join with the upcoming Degrees. We'll have to go the extra mile, but it will be worth it. Fall Degrees won't be far away, either. Let's get on with our future TOGETHER!

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

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

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Brothers

Let me open this article by saying that I hope your holidays were as filled with joy as mine.

Due to independently scheduled events, we were unable to have the planned fellowship evening with Clio Lodge. This resulted in canceling the Officer's meeting of January 11th to plan the affair and also canceled the dinner planned for the January 18th Fellowship Evening. If any Brothers were inconvenienced by these schedule changes, let me apologize for the last minute revisions which were reviewed at our January 4th meeting.

We will still have the January 18th meeting and expect Brother Dan Clark, Director of Public Relations at the Masonic Home, to enlighten us on those facilities.

The School of Ritual, practice for the 1st Degree, Seekers of Light Seminar, and a Euchre Tournament at Etolian on January 31st, made for a busy January.

February

The 1st Degree for 2 candidates is planned for the February 1st meeting, with Junior Warden, Bill King, in the East. On February 8th your Officers will meet to plan the February 15th Fellowship Evening with Etolian Lodge. This will have a 6:30 p.m. meal of ham and beans and Major David Vickers will be showing a video and speaking on Marine Armor, followed by a short tiled meeting. I hope we have a big turnout. Call Bill King for reservations at 266-5676.

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge will give hearts out for the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday, February 12th at Greece Ridge Center from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (estimated time) and we need volunteers to assist in this work. Call me to select your time spot and support this community activity.

March

March 7th is the 2nd Degree. March 21st has Paul Stillman as a Samurai Warrior (open meeting). There will be a brunch at the Lodge from 10:00 a.m. to noon on March 26th. Brother Joe Privitera is looking for drivers for the Widows Luncheon on March 18th at Logan's.

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W. Paul Sobtitz, Sec.
671-8980

Music

I would first like to thank Brother Dave Walker for his many years of providing music at Webster Lodge. Brother Dave has announced to the Lodge that he has to step aside and will no longer be able to play music at meetings and Degrees. I could see that this decision was very difficult and his music will be missed greatly by all Brethren. I remember my first experience at the Lodge during the 1st Degree. The music he played set the tone for the Degree and guided me through the lessons and Ritual, making it more memorable. He has a great gift and it will be truly missed. Thank you, Brother Dave, for helping me see Masonry through your special gift.

Super Spaghetti!

The Spaghetti Dinner on February 4th is going to be a great event. The Lodge has been increasingly busy during the Spaghetti Dinners and more and more people are attending as the year progresses. Brother Doug Koenig and the Brothers and Sisters serve a super dinner each and every time.

The Lodge will need more help from any Brother who can spare some time to help in the kitchen and serve in the dining room, especially during the months of February, March and April. Please contact Doug if you are able to help out.

The next Spaghetti Dinner is February 4th. Bring your friends and keep spreading the word. You have nothing to lose except your appetite. The dinners bring great fellowship and I encourage all to attend.

Degrees

The 1st Degree for the year 2000 for Webster Lodge was lead by Brother John Merz in the East. January 21st, Brother John gave the newest Brothers of Webster Lodge a great starting foundation in Masonry. They learned that Freemasonry is a life to be lived, not a set of meaningless motions to be followed lightly. Brother John definitely set the tone, which they will take with them through the rest of the De-

grees and through the rest of their Masonic lives.

The 2nd Degree for Webster Lodge will be February 17th. I will be in the East and Brother Brad Lewis will be taking on the Middle Chamber Lecture. The Brothers have been working diligently on their Degree work and the Brothers being passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft are in for a great Degree.

Brotherhood Fund

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

Please make it a point to attend the meetings and if there is any Brother who needs help getting to Lodge, please let me know and I will help make the arrangements for travel. I can be reached at 872-1353.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Transportation Needed

A Brother of Webster Lodge, now residing in Tampa, Florida, would like to obtain transportation for his mother to the Utica Home to visit her mother. She is unable to drive except in ideal conditions. If there is a Brother out there who goes to the Utica Home on a regular or semi-regular basis and could give this lady some assistance in visiting her mother, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call: Shirley Bryant at (716) 671-6669 or Dave Bryant at (813) 977-7771.

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479

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



W. Michael
Schwartz
Master
352-4016

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

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

1999 in a nutshell

Etolian Lodge had a relatively good year. Several community service and charitable activities were well covered by a variety of the

Past Masters of Etolian Gather for Annual Dinner at "Stewie's" in Spencerport



(rear) Clarence Dinger, Ray Burroughs, Marty Michaels, Russ Holmes, Tom Michaels, Ed Gillott & Jay McCullough. (mid) Ed Means, Gene Barnes, Bill Mason, Ed Hoak, Len Perlmutter, Brian Keery and Jim Stuewe. (front) Dick Kessler, Dennis Tianello, John Mattern, Chet Carter, Mike Schwartz & Jim Powell. (Photo courtesy Jay McCullough)

Brethren. We had Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights, Blood Drives, pancakes during Village Canal Days, holiday observances at Westwood Commons for residents, continued care of our flower plots on Route 531 by a few dedicated Brethren, sent holiday greetings to all members and widows and Senior Deacon, Jim Toogood, delivered poinsettias to a number of Brethren and widows.

We had a gain of 5 members through initiation and affiliation, but we lost 6 to unaffiliations and demits. The biggest loss was a transfer of 11 members to the jurisdiction of the Great Architect. Membership in Etolian stands at 182 at year end and we have 26 widows who stay in touch with us.

There is room for improvement in several quadrants, but we hold our own. We have an average of 26 Brothers at regular communications and we are solvent so far. We can therefore count our blessings.

2000 dues

A gentle reminder to the 44 Brothers who still owe this year's dues, 9 of who also owe 1999 dues: the Secretary is ready to mail your dues cards on receipt of your checks or money orders! In the meantime, thanks to the 138 who have helped maintain our solvency.

Recent losses

We sadly have to report the passing of Brother William Leonard, a 56 year member of Etolian, and Brother Ira Witherow, who would have received his 50 Year Certificate and Pin this year. Both passed on at the end of 1999. We also learned this week of the passing of Brother Art Rudig, our perennial Tiler, who had taken up residence in Florida in the past two years. Several members of the Lodge knew Jean Spencer and we extend our heartfelt condolences to R. W. Herb Spencer on the loss of his soulmate.

Invitations

On February 14th, Etolian will feature a sit down dinner with Etolian Eastern Star Chapter members and spouses or guests. A choral group has been enlisted to provide musical entertainment. Contact the Master for reservations. This is our traditional "sweetheart dinner and special fellowship night".

While we're at it, W. Tom Grape of Charlotte/Corinthian has invited us to share a Brotherhood Dinner and Program at their Temple on Tuesday, February 15th. Dinner is \$9.00 and you

can contact the Junior Warden, Karl-Heinz Reich, to make reservations.

Anyone for a Degree?

Officers will be rehearsing the 1st Degree Ritual on February 24th to scrape off the rust. We hope our latest Brother Bring-a-Friend Program has resulted in petitions, investigations and positive ballots, so we can confer the Degree on candidates.

Anything missing?

If I've failed to cover some topic of interest, particular to those Brethren whose distance or life schedules don't permit regular attendance at Lodge, send me a memo or call to remind me to provide coverage in future articles. I still have 4 or 5 more to write before turning over the reins.

Our warmest fraternal greetings to our Brethren in the Craft.

Churchville Lodge No. 667

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



W. George
Pfleger,
Master
426-0603

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

W. George R. Burke,
Secretary
293-1629

By W. Garry Hutcherson

We're doing good

Well, here it is the new millennium and Masonry strikes another milestone. Churchville Lodge is now headed into the 21st Century and is doing wonderfully. We have 4 candidates this year to start with and more are on the horizon. Our 2nd Degree was held on January 12th and JW Robert Strang did his usual great job with the Middle Chamber Lecture and SW Larry Bright was awesome in the East. Darryl Bentley cooked a great Spaghetti Dinner prior to the Degree.

3rd Degree

February is getting exciting as we are conferring the 3rd Degree on Wednesday, February 23rd. The Shrine Degree Team will be helping us out. Darryl Bentley, our resident chef, is preparing a feast for everyone.

Table Lodge

Two Brothers helped attend and cook for Hesperus Lodge's

Table Lodge on January 6th. On the 5th Monday, January 31st, there is a Euchre Tournament at Hesperus. Let's turn out and see if we can take the Trophy home to Churchville Lodge.

Flown the coop

We think our farthest snowbird is Charlie Daycock in Brownsville, TX. He is there for the Winter where the weather is certain to be sunny and warm. We hope he and Doris are enjoying themselves.

I hope we are all Y2K compliant and enjoying our busy Masonic year.

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154



W. Raymond
DiJames,
Master
227-0494

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

W. Theodore J. Snyder,
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Sign up now

Brethren, this is not the U.S. Marines Recruiting Station, but Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 is "looking for a few good men" to join the ranks as an Officer in the Lodge. If you think you might be interested, would like information, a little insight into the responsibilities of an Officer, or the responsibilities of each Chair in the ranks, please feel free to talk to me or any knowledgeable person in the Lodge.

We have openings for both Stewards, as well as the Junior Master of Ceremonies. Use this opportunity to get involved and play an active role in the Lodge. You will find it to be a most rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Events

At our February 14th, Valentine's Day Meeting, we will host an Eastern Star Appreciation Dinner. All ladies of our members are invited to attend. The Senior Warden and Officers will prepare and serve dinner.

There will be an Officers Meeting and rehearsal at the Lodge on February 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

The Senior Warden will be in the East on February 28th when we confer the 1st Degree.

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By Robert Ogden

Sickness and distress

W. Jay Painton recently had the misfortune of falling and breaking his pelvis bone. Brother Beecher Jeffrey has been under the weather. We send our best wishes to you both for a speedy recovery.

Masonic Education Day

The Seekers of Truth Forum, hosted by the Finger Lakes Chapter, Philalethes Society, featuring Thomas W. Jackson, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and George Peter, Grand Historian, Grand Lodge of New York, will be on Saturday, January 29th. Call Rich Friedman for reservations at 377-6175 and further information. It runs from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and includes refreshments and lunch for \$10.00.

Have-a-Heart

The time is approaching when Craftsman/Robertson Lodge will be participating in the Have-a-Heart Campaign on Wednesday, February 9th at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. Many of our Brothers and wives will be present for the three shifts.

Brotherhood Fund

I'm pleased to announce that 85 donors have contributed to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, totaling \$3,165.00. This is approximately 47% of our membership. If you haven't already contributed, please do so soon. Thank you.

Thanks to Brother Doerr

Brother Warren Doerr recently arranged for Robin Olsen,

Youth Minister at his church, to speak on various phases of the millennium. She especially touched on the youth of today impacting on the future of tomorrow—a very enjoyable evening.

New Brothers

The month of December saw us raise the following Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: William Wimberly, Carl H. White, Rene Van DeVeire and Charles Zicari. We also have two new affiliates: Brothers Gilbert L. Blew and Carlos E. Mederos.

Birthdays

We salute the following Brothers born in the month of February: Roy Cluff, George Fanning, Ken Goodrich, Ron Hibbard, Hal Impson, Fred Seuffert, John Walker and Bob Burns.

February meetings

There will be another dinner meeting with our wives and friends invited on February 1st.

Fellowcraft Club will meet on February 8th and there will be a regular meeting on February 15th.

Flower City Lodge No. 910



W. Jerry
Spero,
Master
334-7616

2nd
Thursday
7:30 P.M.

R. W. Philip Averbach,
Secretary 458-1817

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Please communicate with us

Flower City Lodge No. 910 has many members throughout the United States. While it is impossible for us to expect all our members to show up at a Lodge meeting, it would be great to hear what you are doing. After all, you are part of our Lodge. Last January in Rochester certainly was not the warmest area of the country. Bet some of you are happy not to be out in the snow and cold winds this time of year. You can reach me at 33 Cobblestone Drive,

Rochester, NY 14623 or on line at jspero@excite.com.

February plans

This is the time of year when we work together in support of the local Ronald McDonald House. The plan at press time is for Flower City to be at Market-place Mall on Saturday, February 5th. You will be contacted for times you can help man our booth.

Dates on the trestleboard include a Fellowcraft Club meeting on Thursday, February 3rd at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is a discussion of the direction Flower City Lodge will be heading in the new millennium. It is very important that all Brethren attend this important meeting. Our regular meeting will be on Thursday night, February 10th at 7:30 p.m.

CLIO LODGE No. 779



W. Jeffery
B. Ross,
Master
392-6436

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

Charles A. Tucker, DSA
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Our future

As we pass this landmark in time it makes me wonder, will Clio Lodge be here in 2100? It sends a shiver down my spine when I hear of Lodges in our District consolidating. At one time, long before many, or all of us for that matter, can remember, we had over 400 members. Now we are down to a mere 129. Clio Lodge is viewed by many as a strong and active Lodge, but we need a better attendance at our Lodge meetings and more candidates for our Degrees. Granted, in the last five years we've raised six Brothers under the age of 35, half of which were 21. I, myself, fall into this category, but we can't do it alone, and we can't rely on the same Brethren year after year. Commitment is Clio Lodge's future, and always remember this, quality is better than quantity. I've heard many legitimate excuses why some don't come to Lodge, and I've heard twice as many lame ones.

Sickness and distress

Brother Gordie Smith is recovering very well from his knee surgery and promises me he'll be in the South for our next meeting. Our Senior Deacon, Eric Betteridge, is also still having neck problems and is unsure at this time when we'll see him back in Lodge.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Walter Garret, Gary Wahl, John Lewis, Gerald Webster, Al Bird, Bob Pedersen, Ralph Shaw, Don Gala and Scott Gresko.

Upcoming events

February 9th is our next Spaghetti Dinner, at which we continue to make approximately \$300 per night and we can always use a helping hand.

On February 1st we will have William Zufall as a guest speaker, and his topic will be "The Morgan Affair".

On February 15th we will confer the 3rd Degree.

Union Star Lodge No. 320

3 N. Main St.,
Honeoye Falls, NY

W. John H.
Williams
Master
533-1188

2nd Mon.
7:30 P.M.



W. Joseph Cotteleer, Sec.
(h) 624-1365 (w) 624-1881
64 Ontario St., Honeoye Falls,
14472-1132

Participation

Our participation in the Have-a-Heart Campaign will be on Sunday, February 6th, at Market-place Mall from 10:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The mall stores open at 11:00 a.m. and we will have about a half hour available for set-up time to assure that everything is ready. We will be having the mall visitors sign little red hearts with their names or greetings and hopefully they will make a contribution that goes directly to benefit the Ronald McDonald House on Westmoreland Drive. All of our members are encouraged to visit this facility if they have an opportunity.

Reservations needed

Our February meeting will be on the 14th and we will be having a dinner before the meeting. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. Give me a call at 533-1188 to make your reservation. If we have candidates we will be conferring the 1st Degree. All participants in the Degree work should be reviewing their parts so that they are prepared.

Fellowcraft

The Fellowcraft meeting will be on Monday the 28th at 7:00 p.m. We will be reviewing projects to improve our Lodge and participate in community service activities. Give Brother Gary Sanford a call at 425-4240 if you have suggestions or can participate in this group. We will also be having a rehearsal for the 2nd Degree this evening.

Puzzles

We have available a large quantity of recycled jig saw picture puzzles. If you know of a group or organization that can use 25 or more, give me a call and we can make arrangements for you to pick them up at the Lodge, located in the center of Honeoye Falls. Of course, we can't guarantee that all of the pieces are there, but for the most part they should be intact.

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund Committee Chairman, Brother Jim Nersinger, has been contacting all members. We hope to increase the number of participants and that most of you will return your envelopes with a generous donation to the Brotherhood Fund. So far Jim reports that the returns are slow and he is awaiting your response.

Towpath Lodge No. 163



W. Phillip R.
Hurwitz
Master
581-1831

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



R. W. Terry Wihlen, Secretary
(h) 346-4380 (w) 458-1880
152 Commercial St. West
E. Rochester, NY 14445

Harry S. Truman

At our 1st meeting on February 1st, I will tell you what I have learned about M. W. Harry S. Truman. His trials and tribulations throughout his life, and the manner in which he met those challenges, is a source of inspiration. I hope you will share this discovery with me.

A great evening

Our Lodge traveled to Craftsman/Robertson Lodge on December 7th. Those who traveled were rewarded with a program of music made beautiful by the artists who performed it, Ann Simpson on guitar and Jane Knoeck on hammered dulcimer. A hammered dulcimer is a peculiar looking instrument; it looks like a cabinet drawer with piano wire stretched across the face of it. But what a beautiful sound it makes. It sounds something like a harpsichord, but it has more "richness and depth" to its sound.

Visitation

On December 17th I had the pleasure of traveling to the home of Brother Robert Kinzel. He was raised in Yonondio No. 163 in 1940. He worked at Kodak from 1934 to 1979 in the Photo Processing Lab where he retired as Manager.

During his career he traveled and met other persons throughout the world. It was his lab that developed the prints of the space shots of the moon. I was treated to a look at these pictures of the moon, the Apollo Lander, the astronauts, the orbiting spaceship, and the Moon Buggy. Brothers, the clarity and depth of these

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The Brothers and mates taking a break from their arduous job.



A group of Craftsman/Robertson Brothers annually get together to help pack boxes of food for the needy at "Foodlink". More in the C/R article in the Monroe Section. (Photo courtesy Tom Kendig)

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photos are remarkable. You could actually make out dials and gauges.

Brother Robert was born and raised in Rochester and has an amazing photo of a trolley wreck he took in the early 1930's. I'd nominate it for a Pulitzer Prize. I hope his health will permit his traveling to the Lodge.

Cancellation

Due to circumstances beyond my control, the Lodge was unable to meet for Appreciation Night at Monroe Country Club. My apologies if I inconvenienced anyone.

Traveling again


We will not be meeting at Lodge for our meeting of February 15th. We are traveling to Charlotte/Corinthian. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please call W.: Dan Emerson (334-7730) no later than February 8th with your reservation. An after-dinner program on military weapons and the flag will be presented.

Table Lodge

Our Lodge will host a Table Lodge on March 21st at 6:30 p.m. Call W.: Dan Emerson to make your reservations.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge. Take care.

Seneca Lodge
No. 797
Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.



W.: Robert Franzen
594-4029
Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary
223-5953
30 Orchard St.,
Webster, N.Y. 14580

Masonic students

In looking back through my collection of "Short Talk Bulletins", the February 1996 issue caught my eye. Its subject was "The Value of Masonic Libraries", written by Brother Michael S. Kaulback of Charles W. Moore Lodge, MA. This was probably on my mind because I was eagerly awaiting the "Seekers of Truth" presentation. What interested me was his reasons why there should be Masonic libraries. I have summarized some of his thoughts below.

The back page contained a quote from H.L. Haywood, "A human being cannot stand immovable and uninfluenced in the midst of life as a rock stands in the wash of the tide. His life goes on every moment influencing and being influenced. Life is full and rich, happiness comes, when we so understand ourselves, and the world, and the forces of nature that we can harmoniously adjust ourselves thereto. The report of what nature, the world, life really are, that is truth: and the items of information which we need to have in order to know the truth, that is knowledge. A wise man desires truth and seeks knowledge, not in order to pose as a scholar or a learned man, but in order that he may live happily."

As Masons we seek the truth. Truth about Masonry and truth about life, for one is tied to the other. The use of the word speculative as in speculative Masons, simply stated means to think and study. As we move through the Degrees in Masonry, we think, study and learn.

The work of a Mason is to study. Freemasonry is a philosophy that teaches and brings out all that is good in man. This philosophy is a way of life and it is this very essence that sets us apart from other organizations. For this reason all Masons should be Masonic students and strive to put what we learn to use. By using Masonic libraries we can continue to seek further light in Masonry and by so doing, be able to shed further light in Masonry to those uneducated in our ways. A quote from Brother Allen E. Roberts, "There can be no dedication without education". We all must make a commitment to thoroughly understand our Craft.

Lodge

Things are well in the Lodge. Contributions to the Brotherhood Fund continue to climb. Our charitable work continues in the community and applications are coming in to take advantage of the Scholarship Fund. Work is being done to insure our 3rd Degree goes off smoothly. Watch the trestleboard for upcoming Fellowcraft events.

As always, may we keep each other in our prayers.

MONROE

Lodge No. 173



W.: Melvin
Doverspike
Master
638-6830

2nd
Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

Roy D. Gould, Secretary
637-6419
67 Main Street
Brockport, N.Y. 14420

By Roy Gould, Sec.

Dear Brothers

As I write this column we are preparing for the holidays, although you will not receive it until after the New Year begins. We trust that the holidays were happy ones and that the New Year will be a fine one for you and yours.

Faithful service

We have presented, or are about to present, Certificates and Pins to several Brothers of Monroe Lodge for their long and faithful service: 25 years-Edgar A. Coapman III; 30 years-Melvin E. Doverspike and Wilbur J. Paine; 35 years-Joseph A. Matela; 45 years-Glenn M. Browne and Paul R. Markham; 50 years-Eugene F. Hebson; 55 years-Richard W. Sweeting and Robert A. Ellis. Congratulations, Brothers!

Condolences

In December we were saddened by the passing of two of our Masonic widows: Rosalind Northrup, widow of Wilson Northrup, whose Memorial Service was held at the Baptist Church and Patricia D. Brice, widow of Lewis J. Brice. Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, OES, performed the Services. Both Roz and Pat were Past Matrons and widely known in our Masonic community.

Official Visit

We are looking forward to the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, Monroe District, R.:W.: Donald Darrohn. R.:W.: Don began his Masonic career in Monroe 173 and is our Past Junior Warden. It is always a pleasure to welcome him back and to see him on the level and in the East.

Pleasure to hear from you!

Thanks for sending your dues so promptly. If you haven't remitted for 2000, please do so as soon as you can. It is a pleasure to hear from our far flung Brothers and to hear the news. W.: Howard Bale is now living in Dade City, FL, seven months of the year and has had two knee replacements. Ralph Young reports that he is doing well at Ramblers Rest, Venice, FL. Our "roaming Colonel", George Brege, left after Thanksgiving for the warmer weather near Pensacola. Melvin Doverspike has moved to Mayport, PA, taking up residence there just after Thanksgiving. We had an informal dinner for Mel and Sandy before they left and hope to see them often. Steve Harris has also moved from Bergen to West Virginia. What is this, are our Past Masters trying to tell us something?

If you are on-line, my e-mail address is Roygcgrfa@aol.com. Drop me a line or two anytime. Support W.: Gregory D. Haight and the officers of Monroe Lodge by attending Lodge meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

GERMANIA

Lodge No. 722

4275 Culver Rd.
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14622



W.: Nelson
Bertch,
Master
671-4792

3rd Tues.
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1st Tues.
May, Jun., Oct.
7:30 P.M.

Secretary

W.: John H. Foster 467-1677

By W.: David Foster

Greetings, Brethren

The Super Bowl is history and if you are like me, you've got a raging case of cabin fever. Get out of your cabin and join us at our meeting this month on Tuesday, February 15th, which will be a regular business meeting. We will have the final arrangements for our participation at the Have-a-Heart Campaign. It is especially important for you to attend if you are planning on helping man the booth this year. Prior to Lodge, we will have our Pot Luck Dinner, starting at 6:30 p.m., as usual.

Note

If you have any concerns regarding the weather (read SNOW) and if Lodge will be held, call the Master, Senior or Junior Wardens or the Secretary to check meeting status. If you don't get through, use common sense. If you're not comfortable driving in the snow-stay home!

Brotherhood Fund

If you haven't made your donation to the Brotherhood Fund yet, please do! As Brotherhood Fund Chairman, I am hoping that everyone will make a contribution this year, even if it is only \$1.00. Let's shoot for 100% participation. The Lodge would like to thank Brothers Ed Dreier, John Newell and Anna Farnsworth (widow of Brother Jim Farnsworth). Let's make this Drive a huge success and go into our merger with style! Let's all help support the Brotherhood Fund and make the list of contributors grow!

I hope this finds you healthy and enjoying yourselves. If you (or if you hear of one of our Brothers) are under the weather or otherwise need our help or

charity, please make sure you call one of your Officers.

Happy Birthday to all our Brothers with February birthdays.

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W.: Michael
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2nd & 4th

Tuesdays

7:30 P.M.

Leon VanHuben, Secretary
647-1391

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Charley Thompson, Teddy Theodor, and some others.

Fame Lodge's 1st Annual Rusty Brother Night will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd. The dinner (all you can eat) will include hamburgers, jambalaya, gumbo, and other delicacies, accompanied by Zydeco music, and maybe a little Hank Williams. The meal is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. with attitude adjustment commencing at 6:00 p.m. Dress will be business casual, jackets and ties. I hope to see many of you there.

Calling Committee

Our Calling Committee has been reactivated and all of you should be contacted. If you are not, call me at 244-2895 to make reservations for events.

Labels

I remind you of my projects which involve collecting Ragu labels, as well as those from all Campbell and Swanson products. Also, don't forget the Armed Forces Coupon Program.

Let me know!

Call me about sick or distressed Brothers. Drive safely. Eat an apple every day. Get in bed by three...boop-boop-be-doop.

East Rochester's

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Lodge No. 943



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King, Master
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2nd & 4th

Mondays

7:30 P.M.

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By Lewis Perna, Senior Warden

Greetings, Brethren

The holiday season has passed and I truly hope that it was a great holiday for all of you. No doubt you all survived the Y2K and can get back to attending to business as usual. I hope your goals include some attention to the Craft in whatever form your cabletow allows.

Condolences

The deadline for last month's publication was missed. That article would have included notification of the passing of W.: Richard "Dick" Kechn. W.: Kechn was a mainstay of our Lodge and well

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respected by the Brethren. "Dick, we wish you the best and you are sorely missed."

Degrees

ERAC combined with Towpath and Wakan/Hubbard Lodges for the 2nd Degree on January 10th. The Degree was well attended and presented with ERAC excellence. The 3rd Degree is scheduled for March 20th. Details will be forthcoming. Please plan on attending this august event.

February events

Other upcoming events include the Have-a-Heart Campaign. ERAC will be covering Marketplace Mall on February 12th from 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. I will be coordinating this Campaign and can be reached at 334-8265. The tentative plan is to cover 2 hour block of time beginning with the 9:45 to 12 noon time slot. Please begin planning for this event. This is the single most community wide Masonic fundraising activity.

That weekend will be followed by a Valentine's Day Dinner for the Lodge members and their ladies on Monday evening, February 14th, at the Country Party House. The dinner is on a regular Lodge night. Contact Brother Andre Smith for further information. You can leave him a message at 436-4442.

Change

There is a small program change in February. On February 28th we will have a second Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. The format will be the same as in the past. Details will follow. If you know anyone who you think might have the internal qualities of a Mason, invite him or them. Forward their names to R.:W.: Rich Friedman by phone, 377-6175, or via e-mail at richddgm@aol.com.

New Year's resolutions are often easily made. Masonic obligations are not. You have all promised and sworn to treat others well, to be upright, honest, and fair in your dealings. I wish you all a great Masonic year.

FAIRPORT

Lodge No. 476



W.: Tom
Richendorfer,
Master
377-7782

2nd & 4th

Mondays

7:30 P.M.

W.: George R. Bracht, Secretary

(h) 383-1947

37 South Main St.

Fairport, N.Y. 14450

New project!

I want to share with our Brothers an exciting project that has been started in Fairport Lodge. At our December meeting, it was reported that the Fairport Police Chief, Brian Page, was concerned about his patrol cars not being equipped with the new, automated defibrillators (cardiac shock devices). These devices take little training to use, but can save lives. Our Junior Warden, Mike Morris, agreed to head up a committee to look into whether the Lodge could help out with this need.

At our January 10th meeting, the Committee reported that they had contacted Chief Page and that he was very supportive of an effort to raise money in the community to purchase 3 or 4 of

these devices (they cost between \$3000 and \$3500). Brother Morris and his Committee are contacting the other service organizations in the Fairport area to try to put together a joint effort to raise the money needed. The plan is to raise the money between March and May of this year and do a presentation to Chief Page during Canal Days in June. I encourage all of our Brothers to join in this effort and to contact Brother Morris to volunteer.

Lodge cleanup

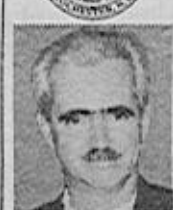
The next phase of the Lodge cleanup activity started on January 23rd when W.. Dwight Turner and I met at the Lodge, along with other volunteers, to tackle the contents of the old office. This was also the Lodge History Committee activity since we expected to find many documents and artifacts from the past in this office. If any Brothers are interested in helping to go through the documents we find, especially if you have knowledge of events in Fairport Lodge's past, I encourage you to join us. Please call me to find out when our next Committee meeting will be.

Upcoming events

At our meeting on February 14th, the Committee investigating the elder help idea will be reporting on their progress, as will Brother Morris on the Defibrillator Committee.

At our meeting on February 28th, Brother Morris will be presenting a program on some work that he did with the Treasury Department on the new designs of paper money. He will demonstrate to us some of the security features in the bills, so that we can be on the lookout for counterfeit bills.

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



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

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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

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

Greetings from the East

Please accept my apology for missing the December letter to you, but in our household things were crazy, as usual. I hope your holidays were as pleasant as ours and I would like to hear from some of you as to how the Lodge could have made your holidays more enjoyable.

Welcome

By the time you read this we will have already raised two new Brothers. I thank ERAC for their help with the 2nd Degree and the Shrine Degree Team for the job they did on raising our Brothers to the Degree of Master Mason.

Exciting new ideas

Congratulations to Brother Mike McBride for taking over as President of the Fellowcraft Club. He has some exciting new ideas and I encourage all Brothers to check their calendars and try to join us. Our meetings will now be held in our own Lodge, which will furnish a place we can gather and one familiar to us.

Ladies Night

Our February meeting will be a Ladies Night. The dinner will be

District Deputy Grand Master

Genesee/Wyoming



R..W.. Raymond G. Barber
H (716) 457-3079

Thank you for the prayers while I was in the hospital.

There was an organizational meeting of the Masonic Veteran's Association on January 25th.

History

A little more history. On November 30, 1815, Olive Branch Lodge No. 244 of Warsaw voted to approve the petition of a number of Brothers in the Northern part of the Town of Perry, and Town of Middlebury, to the Grand Lodge for the purpose of procuring a Charter in the Town of Middlebury by the name of Meridian Sun Lodge. Dr. White was named Master, David Wyle, Senior Warden, and Rufus Partridge, Junior Warden.

The Warrant for the Lodge was granted June 5, 1817. Meridian Sun Lodge met on the 3rd floor of the Middlebury Academy. The Morgan Affair would spell the end of Meridian Lodge. The last return was in 1829 and the Charter was forfeited in 1835.

I hope to see you all at the Degree work going on through the District.

"The impossible is often untried".
John Goodwin
God Bless you.

Lasagna. To make reservations, call me or Dick Geidd at 621-3045. I hope you will find the musical program enjoyable and as always, please bring the kids, grandkids, and most of all, any potential Brothers. Remember, any potential Brother is always a guest of the Lodge.

Have-a-Heart

We will be doing our Annual Have-a-Heart at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. The dates have not yet been finalized, so get to Lodge or call your officers for details.

Can you help?

The battle is still on for the Traveling Gavel and the competition is fierce! We will be trying to get it back in our Lodge, but you know that we need the support of the Brothers to make it happen.

It's getting to that time of year to start thinking about summer camp. Your Lodge has camperships available, so if one of your children or grandchildren is interested, contact either me or one of the officers for details.

Condolences

On a very sad note, Jean Spencer, wife of Herb Spencer, passed away on January 7, 2000. I can't put into words the loss everyone feels. The sympathy of our Lodge and the entire Masonic community goes out to Herb and his family.

Hope to see you all in Lodge.

Grand Steward

Genesee/Wyoming



R..W.. Dennis M. Turton, Sr.
591-1179

2000

A new millennium brings a new chapter to our Fraternity. In the last thousand years Masonry evolved from operative Masons during the Crusades to the formation of the 1st Grand Lodge in England, to the present day speculative Masons we are most familiar with. Our past is carefully recorded for all of us to read and study, to understand where our Craft started and how it got to be what it is today.

What is not so easily understood, is where Freemasonry is going. What lies ahead for us in the next thousand years? I'd like to believe that our beloved Fraternity will accelerate into the next millennium with much enthusiasm and vigor. A thousand years ago, it took a great deal of work and effort to get this Fraternity on its feet. Let's all try to devote as much work and effort to keep it going strong for the next thousand years.

RTE

Our District's Road to the East Program is well into its third session. Those interested Brothers who have sought to enlighten themselves by attending are gaining valuable knowledge to help them become leaders of our Craft. I thank these Brothers for showing interest in bettering themselves for the benefit of others. Our last session will be held on Friday, February 11th, 7:00 p.m. sharp at the Attica Masonic Temple.

NYC

Our plans for the Annual Communication in the Big Apple are complete. Thank you to all the Masters who showed interest in honoring R..W.. Carl Smith by attending this event with your own District and DDGM. More details and information will follow.

Molly who?

Many years ago, some Brothers came up with a novel idea to promote attendance by visiting Brethren. This Traveling Trophy is a handsome piece, all decorated, with its own case. I'll bet when it was introduced, it lived up to everyone's expectations and inspired Brothers to travel around the District to other Lodges for fun and fellowship. I'm not so sure that Molly is doing her job lately. She seems to reside in the same places for much too long. It would be easy to blame Molly, wood and brass, but whose fault is it really? Let's see if we can get some mileage on this Traveling Trophy and don't let the dust settle on her.

Visit a Masonic War Veteran

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837



W.. John C. Cooper
Master
494-1559

1st and 3rd
Thursday

W.. John Specht,
Secretary 548-2694

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

Sickness

R..W.. John Bater has had yet another operation to place a shunt into his neck. This is a new design that should work better.

W.. Ted Paine has had some trouble with his implants, but the worst side effects did not appear and the implants are doing what they are supposed to do.

Neil Specht (John and Nancy's son) is back home again in Bergen/Byron and is getting along good, but his hands won't be the same for about one year.

Keith Denton is having a busy Winter. His dad was in the hospital, but is out now. His son, Jeremy, broke his arm and Keith has had to work long days making it hard to get ready to donate one of his kidneys.

Crossroads House

On December 8th, Brother Ralph Marsocci and I went to Crossroads House in Batavia to learn more about the home for terminally ill people and to present them with a check for \$500. Hesperus Lodge would like to encourage the other Lodges in the Genesee/Wyoming District to help out the House either financially, by volunteering to work at the House or put together a fundraiser for the House. (There may be fundraisers in places that you can take over to allow the other volunteers to spend more time at the House). The House is located at 11 Liberty Street in Batavia and their phone number is 343-3892.

Degrees

The 1st Degree went very well. It was great to have Don Reed in town (or should I say the country) to help out on the Degree.

The 2nd Degree was January 20th. The 3rd Degree is scheduled for February 17th. The din-

ner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the Degree starting at 7:30 p.m. Please call in your reservations to Marty Krause at 494-2147.

Rewarding event

Through the guidance of the Co-Chairmen R..W.. John Bater and W.. Richard Sands, the organizations and groups of Bergen were able to provide a total of 104 Christmas boxes of fruit or food, and/or a poinsettia through our area. This is a truly rewarding event and takes the assistance of many organizations.

I would like to say a special thank you to the members of Rochester Chapter DeMolay and to their advisor, W.. Gary Burke. They traveled from Rochester on Friday night to help pack the boxes. This is the second year that they have come out to help us so I hope that everyone reads their articles in the *Masonic Times* and finds an opportunity to acquaint themselves and any 12 to 20 year old young man who they know to the Order of DeMolay.

There will be some more Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights coming up. If you have some names, please pass them on to W.. Joe Chimino or myself.

You missed it!

Table Lodge has come and gone for another year. There were 26 Brothers from Hesperus Lodge, John Hennessy, Jr., from Churchville Lodge and Jerold Brade from Attica Lodge. I was

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I late getting to the "meeting" so I want to say a special thank you to W.: Joe Chimino for filling in for me as Venerable Master. I also thank Brother John Hennessy, Jr., from Churchville and W.: Garry Hutcherson, for cooking and serving the meal. I thank Brother Norm Austin, W.: John Specht, and Brother Marty Krause for preparing their dining room and for the work that had to take place before the dinner.

Scholarships

Grand Lodge Scholarships are now available for any children or grandchildren of Masons in New York. Please see me or W.: John Specht for a form They are due by April 31st.

George Walker Scholarship forms are also available from John and me and are for the sons and daughters of Hesperus Lodge Masons, as well as for the Mason and his wife. These are due back to the Lodge by May 1st.

Future events

January 29th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. will be the Seekers of Light Masonic Education Day, hosted by the Finger Lakes Chapter, Philalethes Society at the Downtown Rochester Masonic Temple.

January 31st at 7:30 p.m. is Euchre at Etolian Lodge. Registration to start at 7:00 p.m.

Batavia VA Bingo is February 15th. We will leave the Lodge at 6:00 p.m. This is one of our opportunities to show our veterans that we appreciate that they served in the Armed Forces. □

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Secretary 237-5990

Table Lodge

It would appear that there is a lot of emotion involving Y2K-2000. Table Lodge has been postponed until Saturday, March 18th, 6:00 p.m., according to our Brothers at Oakland and Triluminar Lodges who are planning this event. We invite everyone to join us for an interesting and fun-filled evening.

Euchre anyone?

The Euchre Tournament is scheduled for February 15th at Warsaw Lodge. The first leg of the Tournament took place at Triluminar and was reported to have been very successful. The last two legs will not be until March 7th (Triluminar) and March 16th (Constellation).

Modernization and repairs

Our building modernization projects are slowly moving to completion. Almost complete: basement floor repair, closing up the wall opened to repair the plumbing, repainting, re-plastering, and a number of smaller repairs. As you might expect, new projects keep appearing and the list never seems to diminish. Our latest one is ground water seeping into the basement. □

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By Robert Dagen, Secretary

Greetings, my Brothers

Well, having survived the great day of the turning of the century-Y2K and all-I wonder how many of us have given serious thought to the remark we have heard so many times, "As we enter the 21st Century"-what exactly does this mean to each of us? How, or will, it have any impact on what we may undertake in the future? Think about it, if you will!

To bring you up to date as relates to the Lodge building-sometime during the next few weeks the third floor will be undergoing a complete renovation. The contractor who refurbished the exterior of the building will be performing the work. Based on that, we are anxiously contemplating the work that is contracted to be done on the interior.

We have purchased a TV and VCR for the use of the Lodge for education and entertainment and we will be rearranging the furnishings so that the area will be more accommodating for our use. I will attempt to keep each of you informed on the progress and we are looking forward to having you come to the Lodge and see for yourself.

For those of you who have access to a computer and like to spend some time on the internet during these cold Winter days (or hot for those of you residing in the more temperate areas), I pass along a couple of web sites that you may find interesting: Grand Lodge of New York-http://www.nymasons.org and Grand Lodges discussion on various topics-nymasons@listbot.com.

Both of these sites I find of great interest. The first is your Grand Lodge and the second allows for you to get involved in many topics of discussion relating to Masonry-check them out. I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

The year 2000 Education Assistance Program (Grand Lodge Scholarship Program) applications are now available. Contact me for the applications. These Scholarship grants are available to all children, grandchildren and of Masons who are members within the jurisdiction of New York or widows of Masons in good standing at their death.

Kind words

We have had the opportunity to visit with a few widows of our most recently deceased Brothers during the past holiday season. It is such a pleasure to be received by these ladies and hear the kind words they have to share is just such a delight. I wish it were possible for all of you to share time with them and experience their gracious attitudes. We wish them well and extend to them any assistance we can provide.

Good news!

At the present time I have no reports of anyone who is ill or in need of our aid or assistance. If

you know of someone in need, let me know so that we can publish the same in future editions of this publication.

Stay well

One final suggestion, for those of you who reside in the cold this Winter-stay warm and for those who reside in the more temperate areas-don't get too much sun-burn and suffer from the other problems associated with the heat.

For all Brethren and their respective families-may God bless and keep us all! □

Triluminar Lodge No. 543 F. & A.M.Main Street
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A. Granger
Master
493-2908

2nd and 4th
Wednesdays

W.: Richard Anderson, Sec.
493-2203

Good health

I hope this finds all in good health.

Last issue

Brothers, I faxed in an article for the January issue. I believe it was misplaced in the *Masonic Times* office. (Note Editor's column).

Table Lodge

We are sorry that we had to cancel the Table Lodge for January 15th. It has been changed to March 18th. We believe this will be a much better time to have it.

We are having ham as the main course and R.:W.: Steven Wing is going to be Master. We hope to see many Brothers there. Every Mason is welcome. The cost is \$10 per person and if there is any money left it will be donated to the Brotherhood Fund. The dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. at Oakland Lodge No. 379 in Castile. Call me at 493-2908 for reservations.

Euchre Tournament

The Euchre Tournament has started and we will be hosting it on February 23rd. Please come, it is a great time to meet everyone.

4th Annual Masons Tip-Off Tournament

This Tournament was a great success, thanks to the donations made by the following: Triluminar Lodge, Pike, Eagle Valley Lodge, Bliss, Oakland Lodge, Castile and Arcade Chapter, Pike.

There were four schools in the Tournament and they are Letchworth Indians, Lima Christian Saints, Bolivar-Richburg Wolverines and Belfast Bulldogs. This Tournament was a Varsity and Junior Varsity Tournament. Approximately 100 athletes participated and every athlete received a t-shirt donated by us.

Tim McMullen is the coach for Letchworth and he was in charge of the Tournament. He said that the athletes always look forward to the event because they always receive a t-shirt. He also stated that the traveling teams always ask if the t-shirts are going to be given away. I believe all the athletes go away feeling that they won something. Maybe it was not the Tournament, but the t-shirt that they can keep for memories.

By the way, Letchworth won the Tournament for both games.

Thank you again, sponsors, and I hope we can do this again next year. Coach Tim McMullen says thank you for the great donations made and for making athletes smile. □

Mount Vernon Lodge No. 263

W.: James
Allan
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457-3079

2nd & 4th
Mondays

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

Hello, Brothers

As we come into this February, I don't think that we can complain too much about the weather thus far. As I begin this brief article, it's about 30°, with a real light snowfall.

Welcome!

Mt. Vernon had a 1st Degree on January 24th and we welcome our new Brother into the Brotherhood of Masonry!

Activities

This is a reminder for our Brothers to see Brother Bernard Whaley for a time that you would be able to help with our Pancake Breakfasts.

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

Brotherhood Fund

The response from the Brothers in December was terrific! January was a little slower, but we are well on our way to our goal. Every dollar counts, and I don't need to tell you how much these gifts mean to our Brothers and the Fraternity in general.

Sickness and distress

Our Brother R.:W.: Ray Barber's operation went well and he is recuperating at home. As a matter of fact, I have to pick him up at the hospital in Amherst after I mail this! His spirits are good and he can't wait to get home. □

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

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344-1808

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Wednesday
(Jan-Feb-Mar
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W.: Norman Steinbaugh,
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Condolences

Attica Lodge was saddened on December 28th by the death of Brother Harold L. Darling in a motor vehicle accident. He was a 34 year member of Attica Lodge. A Masonic Service was held at the Marley Funeral Home on January 2nd. Our condolences to his family and friends.

Temple update

The work that was reported underway in November has just about been completed. New rear exit doors, insulation and siding have been installed, along with

several of the new energy efficient front windows. The rest of the work should be finished soon. The Temple is looking first-class. Please come to Lodge and take a look.

Pancake Breakfast

There was no breakfast in January due to the holiday. The next one is on February 6th. Volunteers are needed or just come and eat pancakes. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Scholarships

Scholarship applications are available for the Education Assistance Program for the 2000-2001 school year. Please be sure to contact the Secretary for the details and requirements. Children, grandchildren and widows of Master Masons are eligible. Do not delay as April 30th is the deadline. □

Rochester Forest No. 133 Tall Cedars of Lebanon

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Penfield, New York 14526

Ted Snyder
Grand Tall Cedar



Donald C. Bell, Scribe

By Tom Hueston

New Officers

As we move ahead into the new millennium, I would like to introduce you to the Officers for the year 2000. Ted Snyder is the Grand Tall Cedar; John Zabel is the SDGTC; Paul Woodley is the JDGTC, Don Bell will be the Scribe, and Paul Kober will be the Treasurer.

Interesting gifts!

The Christmas Party was a nice time and the weather cooperated this year. Many thanks to Karen and Ange DiCataldo for all the beautiful Christmas favors and their work on the Christmas Party. There were some interesting gifts exchanged. Bob Nichols, the Forest wants to know, "Have you let go of the calendar yet? Where have you hung it?" A very interesting likeness of Carl Busak was presented to him as a door hanger. Everyone had a good laugh about it. Too bad we didn't have a camera.

Have-a-Heart


We have been asked to once again assist Wakan/Hubbard at this year's Have-a-Heart Campaign. The place and time to be announced.

At the January meeting there was a short discussion by Gerry Glaser on the status and the results of our Putnam Fund investments.

The next meeting will be February 23rd. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., at the Penfield Tavern.

Being that February has Valentine's Day, be sure to give that special someone in your life a Valentine. I hope to see everybody at the meeting. □





Masonic Home
2150 Bleecker Street
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Brother Daniel L. Clark
Public Relations Coordinator
315-798-4800

Holiday Season is very festive

The holiday season is always a very exciting time of the year for the residents and staff at the Masonic Home. Starting with Thanksgiving, family members and friends make that special effort to be with their loved ones. This increase in visitors brought many smiles and much joy to our residents.

In December the Campus became a Winter Wonderland. The holiday decorations were abundant throughout the Campus. There was Santa's sleigh, the manger scene, the Menorah and hundreds of lights on the buildings, trees and bushes.

The religious activities included the Hanukkah Luncheon, Christian services and the Resident Christmas parties in the Health Facility and Wiley Hall. On Christmas Eve, a Candlelight Service was held in the Master Mason Activity Room with many residents, their family members and friends in attendance.

The residents also looked forward to the many visitors who came during December. Many Lodges and Districts made time in their busy holiday schedules to bring holiday greetings to the residents. Special thanks to Wantagh Morton Lodge No. 63, as well as the Dutchess and Oneida Districts. The Grand Matron, with the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star Line Officers, also sponsored a party for those residents with an Eastern Star affiliation. The Salvation Army selected the residents of the Masonic Home for one of their nursing home visits this year.

It was very rewarding to witness the joy on the faces of the residents as they received their gifts and shared time with new friends. Their smiles were priceless.

With the holidays as the theme, the Activities Department led the residents in reminiscing about family traditions. A special intergenerational program was held with the children from the Masonic Campus Child Care Center and the residents attended the concert of the Frankfort Schuyler High School Show and Select Choirs. The residents and the children also sang Christmas songs with the students. The Utica Community, through various groups, provided the residents with holiday cheer and song. St. Mary's Episcopal Church Choir, Robin Roof Music Program "Revelation" and the Sauquoit Elementary Second Grade Choir performed in the Master Mason Activity Room. At Men's Clubs, a program about the myths of Christmas was presented. The program followed their special meal of venison stew.

Ring in the New Millennium gave the New Year's Eve celebration a special meaning. The residents enjoyed the music of the No Name Band playing for their party held in the Master Mason Activity Room.

While fun, fellowship, fraternalism, and excitement were the

bywords during this time of the year, everyone spent some time reflecting on how thankful we are for the beautiful Masonic Campus, appreciative residents, and supportive Masonic members, Lodges and Districts. The residents and staff at the Masonic Home trust that this holiday season was safe and joyous for you and yours. It is our sincere hope that the year 2000 will bring good health and prosperity to all of you.

To schedule a Masonic Campus visit or program, contact W. Daniel L. Clark, Public Relations Coordinator at Masonic Home, 2150 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY 13501-1788 or call 800-322-8826 or 315-798-4923 or e-mail clarkd@masonichomeny.org.

(Courtesy Masonic News Network) □



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Holidays at Acacia

The holidays were bustling with activity at Acacia Village. The excitement started right after Thanksgiving when several residents gathered in the sunroom to decorate the tree with ornaments they had accumulated throughout the years.

Music 'moved' the rafters during December, from bands and choruses representing local colleges to church choirs, community choruses, and individuals leading sing-a-longs. A very interesting program was a local historian presenting about the symbols of Christmas.

In quieter moments, residents participated in poetry readings, or made bird treats for a Christmas tree on the verandah, attended Bible study or busied themselves in their apartments, wrapping presents or addressing Christmas cards.

The holidays came to an end, along with the millennium, on New Year's Eve when residents and guests, "dressed to the nines", danced until the "magic" moment when the band led all to sing "Auld Lang Syne", and exchanged wishes for health, happiness, prosperity and peace in the New Year. Happy New Year, everyone!

If you would like to arrange for a tour of our Masonic Retirement Community or if you would like some information, please call Cindy, our Retirement Counselor, at 315-798-4775 or 800-593-3353. □



Who Has the Traveling Gavel?
Reporter
Mat Jingold

At the time of this writing the Traveling Gavel is in the possession of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge and has been since December 14, 1999. For whatever the reason(s) may be, the enthusiasm has cooled down to match the local temperatures. Regardless, it is a good guess that the Gavel will be relocated by the time the next *Masonic Times* is published and the acclamation of whom the proud displayer is and where it is located in our District. They too, should claim the \$25.00 reward from the Valley of Rochester, AASR, to be presented to that Lodge's Master in honor of

Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York

Constitutions, Chapter II-B

The Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York is a unit of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, governed by a Board of Directors, five of whom are nominated by the Grand Master and elected at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication each May. Four directors are elected on the floor at the Annual Convention of Grand Post, by the voting representatives from the Posts.

The State Directors elect from their membership, a Commander General, a First and Second Lieutenant Commanders General, a Treasurer General and an Adjutant General for one year terms. Each of these State Directors must have served as a Commander and Area Representative of his local Post and active in its service to the Craft.

All State Directors keep in constant touch with the activities and needs of the local Posts and attend as many of their functions as possible.

Grand Lodge has expressed the desirability of having at least one Post in every Masonic District in the State, each Post chartered by the State Board of Directors. The Post members then elect their own Post Commander and officers and proceed to function as a service group.

Is there a Post in your District? If not, the District is missing the services of one of the most active committees of Grand Lodge. Contact your District Deputy Grand Master and ask him to sponsor the institution of a Masonic War Veterans Post in your District.

Membership eligibility

1. Candidate must be a member in good standing in a Blue Lodge in this State or a Lodge of a sister jurisdiction which has fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New York.

2. Candidate was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned in the Navy, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Air Force, Merchant Marine, or any other Federal Armed Force that, by federal law or regulation or by the laws of the State of New York may be accorded veteran status.

3. The eligibility status shall apply whether the service was active or reserve, and shall also apply to nationals of any other country who, in alliance with the United States, participated in military or naval activity against a common enemy.

4. Eligibility is in accordance with the Grand Lodge of the State of New York Constitution pertaining to the Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York. □

its Ambassador to the Scottish Rite for the Brotherhood Fund. As it has been said, "This is a win/win situation."

GO FOR IT, BRETHREN! □



Poetry Niche
Contributions welcome

Composed in Spring

*Sung to the tune of
Johnny's Grey Brecks*

["Menie is the common abbreviation of Marianne. The chorus is part of a song composed by a gentleman in Edinburgh, a particular friend of the author's." - R.B.] c'e-eye, wauks-wake, ghaist-ghost, steeks his faulding slap-herds sheep through the fence with staff.

I.

Again rejoicing Nature sees
Her robe assume its vernal hues;
Her leafy locks wave in the breeze,
All freshly steep'd in morning dews.

Chorus

And Maun I still on Menie doat,
And bear the scorn that's in her e'e?
For it's jet, jet-black, an' it's like a hawk,
An' it winna let a body be.

II.

In vain to me the cowslips blaw,
In vain to me the v'lets spring;
In vain to me in glen or shaw,
The mavis and the lintwhite sing.

III.

The merry ploughboy cheers his team,
Wi' joy the tentie seedsman stalks;
But life to me's a weary dream,
A dream on ane that never wauks.

IV.

The wanton coot the water skims,
Among the reeds the ducklings cry,
The stately swan majestic swims,
And ev'ry thing is blest but I.

V.

The sheep-herd steeks his faulding slap,
And o'er the moorlands whistles shill;
Wi' wild, unequal, wand'ring step,
I meet him on the dewy hill.

VI.
And when the lark, 'tween light and dark,
Blythe waukens by the daisy's side,
And mounts and sings on fluttering wings,
A woe-worn ghaist I hameward glide.

VII.

Come winter, with thine angry howl,
And raging, bend the naked tree;
Thy gloom will soothe my cheerless soul,
When nature all is sad like me!

Chorus

And maun I still on Menie doat,
And bear the scorn that's in her e'e?
For it's jet, jet-black, an' it's like a hawk,
An' it winna let a body be. □

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Editor's Award for Non-Lodge Articles

The following article has been selected as an outstanding and well written contribution from a local author.

A challenge

Today, as never before, Freemasonry faces a very significant challenge. We are challenged to respond to critics attempting to impugn our reputation. There are those who would undermine the pride with which so many of our members value being identified as "Masons". There are those among us who advocate caution and advise keeping a low profile so as to present the smallest possible target. We may thereby easily fall into the trap of confirming the beliefs of those who see us as a "secret society". But there are also among us those who believe that we must stand tall and be accountable for our actions. The course of action that we must take is clearly laid out for us if only we will look to the lessons taught in the Degrees of the Scottish Rite.

I call your attention to the Charge of Zadok, the High Priest, in the 4th Degree, when he admonishes us with the words of

Moses to not "go up and down as a talebearer among the people". If we accept that as our duty and privilege we have taken a step to putting our beliefs in action and leading by example. A modern interpretation of Zadok's Charge might be "If you can't say something good, say nothing". Lead by example.

Our Masonic Fraternity has a good and powerful message to deliver. It is true that today we are confronted with another silent challenge. That comes from the indifference of those younger men in a generation of men who are not joiners. They fail to see how Masons relate to the world of today. They fail to see how we relate to the world of the internet, of e-commerce, of re-engineering, of individual initiative and personal financial responsibility. They view us as relics of the past when and if they think of us at all. Our challenge and the opportunity that accompanies such a challenge is to convey the relevance of Freemasonry today to personal integrity, honor and repute in a world that seriously lacks role models demonstrating the principles and tenets that we conserved through the years.

In using the word "conserved", I do so intentionally. Many years ago a friend shared with me the difference between "preservation" and "conservation". If at the harvest I find a particularly desirable apple and decide to preserve it, I polish the apple and place it in a position of honor on the mantle for all to see. The apple will, in time, rot and serve no useful purpose. If, on the other hand, I wish to conserve the apple's attributes, I will eat the apple for its nourishment then take the seeds and plant them so that future generations may likewise enjoy the fruit of the tree.

Today we are the custodians of the fruit of Masonry. It is our duty to act and to demonstrate the

applicability of the many lessons of character and integrity that we have learned so that we may pass them on to this and future generations. As Scottish Rite Masons we are particularly well trained and prepared for this undertaking. If you feel a little uncertain and need a refresher, we have a great opportunity for you to get all the lessons in an interesting, timely and convenient manner.

The Supreme Council has provided you with a Millennium Passport which will allow you to keep your own score as you renew and refresh your understanding and knowledge of the lessons of the Degrees of the Scottish Rite. Furthermore, the Valley of Rochester has been challenged by the Supreme Council and encouraged by the Deputy for the State of New York to present all Degrees within a six year time frame starting January 1, 2000. We will do it!

We won't do it alone. We need you to do your share in making it happen. What is your share, you ask? Well, you can volunteer to take an active role, speaking or non-speaking, in a Degree cast. Or, you can assist the stage crew. Or, you can assist with the wardrobe. Or, you can be in the audience lending moral support to both candidates and cast, but, most of all you can bring a candidate, a Brother Master Mason, and accompany him through the Degrees and see that he learns and benefits from membership in the Scottish Rite. If you can do that for just one candidate this Spring Reunion we are assured of success. You can make it happen. Pick up a petition at the Scottish Rite Office or call and have one (or more) mailed to you. Do it today!

Membership Tidbits for February

By Stephen Whittaker, 32° MSA
The new January Scottish Rite 2000 Calendar proudly displays a painting of Brother John Philip Sousa, a world renown musician. Let's try to carry some of his music and spirit forward into our endeavors.

Scottish Rite Membership Development Assistance in the Blue Lodge

Every Consistory Membership Development Ambassador has delivered to every Lodge a new generic Membership Information pamphlet that greatly simplifies the explanation of who we are and what we do in the Blue Lodge. We urge each Lodge to pass these on to Brothers seeking new members. If you would like a five minute program about the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry to be done in your Lodge, please contact the Office.

Remember, every Blue Lodge Mason who is also a 32° Scottish Rite Mason is eligible for the New York Council of Deliberation's "ReMember the Blue Lodge Special Recognition Pin" for obtaining one, three or five new Third Degree Masons. Contact the Scottish Rite Office for details. The Valley of Rochester presents a \$25.00 donation to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund in the name of the Lodge's Ambassador when the Traveling Gavel moves among Blue Lodges. Yes, the Scottish Rite is active and assisting in Blue Lodge Programs!

Membership Development

The team of Scottish Rite Ambassadors and Officers will soon be taking a mini-training course and will be canvassing for new members. Our goal for the special April 29, 2000, M.W. and Ill. Bruce W. Widger, 33°, Class, is 60 candidates. Each Scottish Rite Mason who secures a petition for a new member will be the recipient of the special "Valley of Rochester Pin".

For three or more candidates, this special Pin and a Reunion Banquet ticket will be provided. For five or more candidates, this special Pin and a Banquet ticket for both you and your lady will be provided. For seven or more candidates, the Pin, Banquet tickets for two, and remission of a year's dues will be provided. For 10 or more candidates, please call the Office. There is a special incentive for 10!

Ambassadors, Officers and Sublime Princes, remember "The big won't beat the small...the fast will beat the slow". Stay tuned for details on the March 31st "Brother Bring-a-Brother Information Night", a program sponsored jointly by the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R., and Damascus Temple, Shrine Masons.

For those Master Masons that desire to become 32° Scottish Rite Masons, one of the many benefits is eligibility to apply for membership as a Shrine Mason. Rochester's Damascus Temple has been a very visible and supportive branch of the Masonic Family. Their assistance in the Hospitals for Crippled Children and Burns Institute is unparalleled by any other private organization.

"You miss 100% of the shots that you never take." Do you know a man who would make a good Mason? Do you know a Mason who would make a good Scottish Rite Mason? Do you know a Scottish Rite Mason who would make a good Shriner? Don't be afraid to ask. "Dig where the gold is unless you need some exercise."

Membership

By Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA
Here we are in the new millennium. Who knows what will happen in the years to follow, it looks like nothing will be the same.

One thing we do know is that we will have the same struggle with membership in the Masonic Fraternity. It is of utmost importance that we continue to fight to get new members in the Symbolic Lodges and then introduce them to the Concordant Bodies.

I know it sounds easy, but if everyone gets one member per year we will be in great shape. Membership must be on everyone's mind and should be number one on your list of things to do. We need everyone's support. Let's all pull our oars together.

The Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center

By Vernon Goodrich

Brethren, the Learning Centers have been doing a great job in assisting dyslexic children in learning to read. We are proud to have the first such school in New York State, right here on the 3rd floor of the Downtown Masonic Temple. Here is a way you can help finance the costs of these schools.

If you will make out a check for \$100.00 or more to "The 32° Learning Center", Rochester Consistory will purchase for you from the Learning Center either a red or blue silk tie or a red lady's silk scarf, which have the little bears on them, the symbol of the Learning Centers.

If you cannot, at this time, make a tax deductible contribution to the 32° Masonic Learning Center, you can still purchase one of these ties or scarfs from the Rochester Consistory. Either the distinguished looking red or blue "Little Bears" silk ties can be purchased for \$25.00 and the red silk scarf can be purchased for \$35.00. If you wish to purchase the ties or scarfs, make your check payable to the Rochester Consistory.

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SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM

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

Crossroads House

Continued from page 1

final days. The whirlpool tub is a favorite spot for the residents and for members of their family (it also helps to relieve the tension).

Crossroads House has staff of eight including Kathleen Panepento RN, the Director and nurses. There are about 70 volunteers and Kathy would like to see that increase to about 100 to allow even more flexibility in the volunteers' schedules. Volunteers usually help out about 2 - 4 hours per week. Some volunteers can only help out at one of the many fundraisers a year, and this is OK because every bit helps.

If you feel that you can help out in any way please call Kathleen Panepento at 343-3892. You can also send a letter to PO Box 403, 11 Liberty Street, Batavia, NY 14021 or you can e-mail at HYPERLINK mail to: wecare4u@hfent.com.

Crossroads House is the only comfort home for individuals with three months or less to live in the Genesee/Wyoming area. They currently find that they have to do about 20 fundraisers per year to meet the expenses, which are \$280 per day.

The members of Hesperus Masonic Lodge look forward to helping Crossroads House and encourage other Organizations (especially the 12 Masonic Lodges in Genesee/Wyoming District) to contact Crossroads House to see what they can do to help out.

Let our Patrons know
you saw their Ad in the
Masonic Times

Wills and Wishing Wells

By Wayne A. Lobley, 32°

Toss a coin in a fountain and make a wish. If you're thinking about your future and what would happen should you die, you might say: "I wish that my brother, Tom, would handle my estate." Or perhaps, "I wish Aunt Etta would take care of my daughter." Or maybe, "I wish that any estate taxes would be kept to a minimum." You might also say, "I wish to give a portion of my estate to the Scottish Rite Masonic Charities and other charities I care about."

Wishes, wishes, wishes--that's all they are. And tossing coins into a wishing well won't help. The only way you can be sure of these things-to change them from wishes to certainties-is to prepare a will or other appropriate estate-planning document.

A will is a way to make your wishes come true. In it, you list what you want to happen: Who will represent you through the process of probate? Who will care for any minor children? Who will look after any trusts? Who will receive your estate? What charities will benefit from your estate?

A will, properly prepared, lets you sleep better at night. It makes your family rest better, too.

Wishing wells may be fun for some things, but not when it comes to estate planning. When you're dealing with your estate assets and various responsibilities it's far better to "toss a coin" toward a qualified attorney who can help you do things right. Granted it will take more than a penny or two, but the certainty and satisfaction you receive will far outweigh any cost.

As the Director of Development for the Scottish Rite Mason-

ic Charities, I wish to have a will that is valid and consistent with your wishes. In fact, I have an excellent brochure on wills and I would be happy to send it to you free. Please call me at 1-800-814-1432.

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York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
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High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District



R.E. Stephen Licht

Companions

Greetings to our District's newest Excellent Companions, the High Priests of Three Times Three No. 333, and Western Star No. 35.

At a District meeting, the consensus was to hold a Joint Installation at Wyoming No. 181 which was on January 11th.

January 26th was the final meeting of the Past High Priest's Association of WNY prior to the Annual Scholarship Dinner. Dinner will be at Cambria's on Transit Road at 6:00 p.m. Please give the Secretary, R.E. Ken Kohlhaugen, a call for details.

February 12th is the Anointing Ceremony in the Downtown Rochester Masonic Temple at 1:00 p.m. All Excellent Companions are invited and encouraged to attend the Ceremony of Anointing the newly elected High Priests. There will be a lunch at noon and reservations may be made by calling Barb at the Service Bureau office at 473-4351 between 9:00 a.m. and noon before Tuesday, February 8th.

The Ceremony will be repeated at Grand Chapter on March 3rd in Albany for those unable to attend.

February 17th will be the Royal Arch Degree at Western Star No. 35. R.E. Vernon Rupert has been asked to call together the Degree Team and coordinate this impressive Degree. The Chapter will be opening by 7:30 p.m. and I have been advised that several candidates from throughout the District are expected.

March 2nd-4th is the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter in Albany. The reservations have been mailed to the Holiday Inn and your confirmations should be in hand soon. I wonder what surprises the weather has planned for us this year?

Correction!

Cyrene/Monroe Commandery #12

Please note!

Your Dues Statement read:

"as of Jan. 1, 1998"

It should have read:

"as of Jan. 1, 2000"

L.W. Dunn, Recorder

3x3 Chapter NO. 333 Royal Arch Masons (Chartered in 1990)



E. Edward Gillott
High Priest - 594-8247
E. Karl-Heinz Reich,
Secretary - 426-6836

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

2nd Tue.
7:30 p.m.

Companions

On December 14th, Three Times Three Chapter met for the last time in 1999. E. David Goodrich opened the meeting, highlighted by the Election and Installation of Officers for the ensuing year. Our Installing Officer was R.E. F. Jay McCullough, Past Grand Master of the First Veil, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York. I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to R.E. McCullough for his fine work on that snowy evening. Companion George Springett was elected King and E. David Goodrich will remain in the East as Scribe. R.E. Ruel Lovett will be Treasurer and R.E. Karl-Heinz Reich will continue serving in the office of Secretary. Companion Arthur McMichael was elected Trustee of the Chapter. We have a good group of interested officers installed and I look forward to working with them for the growth of the Chapter.

W. Richard Kessler is in waiting for the Holy Royal Arch Degree. W. Kessler is a Past Master of Etolian Lodge and we are looking forward to his being in Chapter with us.

Best wishes

It was reported that Companion George Simon is ailing and our wishes for a speedy recovery go out to him.

Future events

Some coming events for Royal Arch Masons are: February 12th, the Order of the High Priesthood Ceremony in Rochester; February 17th, Western Star Chapter will confer the Holy Royal Arch Degree in Attica and the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter will take place in Albany, March 3rd and 4th.

If you feel like you are a stone that the builders rejected, join us in the Royal Arch quarries. We have a place of prominence for you.

Dues

Dues for the current year are now due, and while you are making out that check, please give some thought to the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund.

A thought to ponder

I cannot change the way I am, I need not even try. We each are different and unique, no need to question why. Should I appear peculiar, then there's nothing I can do. Please, just accept me as I am, as I've accepted you. (Courtesy Scottish Sunday Post).

Please notice that I was able to write this article without using the words: 21st Century, millennium, or Y2K---until now!

Hiram Chapter



No. 62



2nd &
4th
Thursdays

E. John A. Dudley, High Priest
586-6426

Richard J. Oliver, Secretary

594-2380

875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

Come on out

As we start a new millennium many of us will have New Year's resolutions. I hope yours is to attend as many Chapter meetings within the length of your cable-tow. If you need a ride, please contact me and I will try to arrange one for you.

The Y2K bug was very tame, let's hope the flu bug is the same.

Thank you

Many thanks to the Installing Team of R.E. Raymond Beardsley, R.E. Thomas Paglia, and R.E. Vern Goodrich for their excellent job. I am sure they got us off in the right direction for the year.

Meetings

Our 2nd meeting in January was under the guidance of V.E. William Zufall, AGL, who assisted us with the Opening and Closing and in understanding the finer points of the little red book. This will have hopefully put us in fine order for R.E. Hobert Cook's Grand Lecturer's Convention on February 24th, which will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please contact me prior to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 20th, if you plan to attend the dinner.

Our 1st meeting in February will cover the upcoming Grand Chapter Session on March 3rd and 4th in Albany at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road. The Zahn's will host the Hospitality Room from Thursday through Saturday with a breakfast on Saturday morning. Upon checking in, locate the Hospitality Room where there will be information to help you get acclimated. Events not to miss are the Companion Luncheon and the Ladies Luncheon at noon on Friday and the Banquet that evening. District Deputy R.E. David Whiteman will have tickets for the events. He can be reached at 335-6709 for further details.

Masonic Education Day

If you have not filled up your schedule for Saturday morning, January 29th, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., I remind you about the Masonic Education Day, "Truth Seekers Forum" with its many finespeakers. It will be held at the Downtown Temple. This \$10 event includes refreshments and lunch. Don't miss this event. Contact Richard Friedman at 377-6175 for further details.

Please contribute

We are looking for contributions to the Scholarship Fund. Hiram Chapter presents two scholarships every year to worthy students. If you know of a deserving student, please contact R.E. Vern Goodrich or me for an application.

Newly Installed Officers of Hiram Chapter



(front) Raymond Beardsley-Inst. Officer, L. Edward Walker-Captain of the Host, John Dudley-High Priest, Vernon Goodrich-Inst. Chaplain, William Zufall-Asst. Inst. Marshal. (mid) Dennis Gellaseh-Scribe, Joe Oelgoetz-M1stV, Ed Brereton-M3rdV, Robert Pettit-Treasurer, Larry Dunn-Asst. Sec., John Walker-Organist. (back) Dick Horton-M2ndV, Ernie Stelianou-Chaplain, Bill Fraser-Sentinel, Doug Koenig-Royal Arch Capt., Richard Oliver-Sec., Mike Adamus-Chaplain, Tom Paglia-Installing Marshal.



High Priest of Hiram Chapter No. 62, E. John A. Dudley (center) with Installing Team: R.E. Raymond Beardsley-Inst. Officer, R.E. Vernon Goodrich-Grand Treasurer, Inst. Chaplain., (back) V.E. William Zufall-AGL, Asst. Inst. Marshal, Tom Paglia-Grand Sentinel, Inst. Marshal.

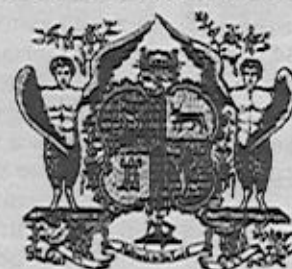
E-mail addresses needed

If you have an e-mail address where Hiram Chapter can reach you, please send it to: John-AlanDudley@aol.com.

I leave you with a George Carlinism: "Why is the 3rd hand of a clock called the second hand?"

Western New York Past High Priests' Association

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24th Annual Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner

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Companions

Well, I thought this year would escape without an excessive amount of snow in Western New York. That was not the case. As I sit here writing this article, it is coming down at the rate of about 1" per hour. We already have about 6" on the ground. This just shows you what thoughts can do. It is better, however, than tornadoes and floods. Let us leave the Winter and begin planning, looking forward Spring, and our work in the Secret Vault.

Visitation

Rt. Ill.: Douglas Poole, District Deputy, will be having his Official Visit at Nundawaga Council. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the LeRoy Temple. He will be bringing us some insight of what to expect for the year 2000.

Membership

Not wanting to spend too much time on this subject, only to say that this is a problem that all of us must do something about. We need to swell the memberships of our Blue Lodges. The Brothers must be made aware of Chapters. By doing this, we will swell the memberships of our Councils and Commanderies. Companions, let us make this the number one priority in the new millennium.

Communicate

Companions, it is very important to keep abreast of things happening in our Masonic Bodies. It is therefore important that we communicate within our various Bodies, if for no other reason than to be able to help with any problems that might arise. Let us all make a special effort to improve our communications within all the Masonic Bodies of which we are members.

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons (Chartered in 1861)



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Wednesdays

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

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Charity Fund

All Companions should have, by this time, received a letter requesting a financial donation for the Charity Fund which supports research to treat Parkinson's Disease. Having observed the tremendous treatment gains made over the past 20 years, one can feel proud to be a part of this vital effort. Less than five years ago the prognosis was frightening; with the advent of new medicines, the disease is now becoming man-

ageable. Every donation is a building block towards an eventual cure.

Y2K

As I write this article, the papers and news broadcasts are becoming saturated with the naysayers who are quick to complain that far too much money was spent on Y2K remediation efforts. If media history is a valid guide, we can look forward to an onslaught of harumphing and second guessing, until such time as the topic is displaced by a juicier headline which pundits can wring their hands about and publicly contort their angst. After all, this is how they make a living (sort of professional "I told you so...ers").

Not having experienced any of the dire predicaments of Y2K personally (I do have one computer program that refuses to follow '99 with '00-alas!) it is compelling to side with the naysayers. But that goes against every dictum of prudent good sense in my body. This nations and world are linked together in a global computer network. We cannot afford to have this network malfunction. The consequences could be wide ranging and potentially disastrous. Imagine if we could not safely coordinate air traffic in and around New York City. Imagine tracking loss of major food supplies meant for marginally developed countries. Imagine power supply gridlock. Remember the ice storm? Imagine how long that would take to straighten out on a continental or world wide basis. Ask your friends in Northern New York who are still suffering from their '96 ice storm what it could be like.

Wearing a seat belt is a precaution we take every day. Not because we plan to have an accident, nor do we think we're going to. The question is "If we have an accident, have we done what we could to survive the impact?" Day after day we get no immediate reward for our precautionary behavior. Yet many people do. Despite the resistance (38% still do not choose to wear their seat belts) the car death rate declines annually as it has done since the introduction of seat belts. Y2K precautions are like seat belt precautions; when they work, no one gives them credit; without them, the consequences could be devastating.

It is entirely possible that our 3 Grand Masters had to convince the workmen of the efficacy of using 9 arches. Some thought 3 were enough, others undoubtedly felt that the whole project was unnecessary. Ultimately you have to judge by the results. So here we are.

Reservations, please

Dinner reservations to Ed Walker at 647-2382 for each meeting: February-Royal Master Degree; March-Select Master Degree. Don't forget the Have-a-Heart Campaign.

Zone 11 News

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

Welcome to the new millennium. The year 2000 is well upon us and after all the hype about the Y2K bug, it appears everything seems to be OK.

The Christmas Observances are over. I had the opportunity to

attend those at Cyrene/Monroe and Sagoyewatha Commanderies. They were very well done. Cyrene/Monroe had a brass quintet that was very enjoyable. Very inspiring messages were heard at these Toasts.

Inspections

The Inspection for Cyrene/Monroe will be Monday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m. The Inspecting Officer will be SK George J. Knorr, Grand Junior Warden.

Sagoyewatha's Inspection will be March 18th, Saturday, in the morning. They meet in Phelps. The Inspection will be done by SK Paul Berreno, Jr., Grand Senior Warden.

Support needed

It is a known fact that both Commanderies of Zone 11 will be having rehearsals for the Inspections. You could be a large asset by being at your Commandery meetings to show support for the Officers doing the work. Let's have people on the side-lines in support of the Sir Knights doing the work. Look at it this way, being there gives that support and maybe you can learn something.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

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1st & 3rd
Mondays



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

Attendance important!

I can't believe that we only have one month until Inspection! That gives us just two more meetings to get ready. Needless to say, attendance is very important; not just the officers, but sideliners, too! I also request that all the Line Officers study their tactics and duties for the Opening so that we can concentrate on putting it together as a whole rather than spend a lot of time on the details. Even though you do not have a part in directing the action you should still know the sequence of the floor work (what comes next!)

Important change!

Due to scheduling conflicts and the cancellation of our January Order of the Red Cross, we will be holding a Spring Festival on Saturday, May 13th. Registration, coffee and donuts at 8:00 a.m. The Order of the Red Cross and full form Order of Malta will be conferred in the morning. The Order of the Temple will be conferred after lunch.

Study the past

Now for something completely different! I had a Brother Mason ask me the other day how Knights Templar developed from Masonry. He was very surprised when I answered him it is probably the other way around!

There are some interesting books around about when the Templars were chased out of France and several settled in Scotland. Some authors feel that these Sir Knights developed our modern Freemasonry. It does make you think. The best way to become a better Mason is to study its past.

See you in Commandery.

Dateline May 29, 1873

(The following account of the laying of the cornerstone for the City Hall in Rochester was printed in the Democrat and Chronicle on Thursday May 29, 1873.)

Today ceremonies were held at the site of the new Rochester City Hall for the purpose of laying the cornerstone. "The day was bright, clear and not too warm. There was little or no dust to annoy those who partook in the procession by individual discomfort or sully the bright colors of their uniforms and regalia for the spectators. Delegations from Masonic Commanderies in Buffalo and Batavia [also from Rochester] arrived during the forenoon and were escorted to Masonic Hall. Owing to the large number of organizations which were to take part in the events of the day, the time of setting the procession in motion was put back to 2 1/2 o'clock. Before this time the military, distinguished guests, civil officers and Masonic Bodies had collected about Washington Square at Court Street and South Clinton Avenue. The streets were already filled with people showing the interest taken in the occasion. The procession moved from the square down Court Street in the following order:

Platoon of Police in command of Capt. Sullivan.
Acting Brigadier General Brinker and Staff.
Hadley's Brigade Band.
Lieut. Col. Wescott with the Colonel's Staff.
Fifty-Fourth Regiment, Companies E. F. G. H. I. D. C. B. and A Artillery Band.
Battalion of Artillery, Major Erbeling commanding.
House of Refuge Band in charge of Superintendent Fulton.
Carriage with City Hall Commissioners.
Carriage containing Hon. Freeman Clarke E. Darwin Smith and Seth Green.
Carriage of other guests and officials as follows:
Mayor Wilder, and Ex-Mayors Briggs, Smith, and Bradstreet.
Common Council.
Board of Public Works.
Board of Water Commissioners.
Commissioners of Mt. Hope.
Sheriff Campbell and Deputies.
Chief of Police Sherman.
Board of Supervisors.
Newman's Band
Hugh DePayn Commandery of Buffalo,
Hugh DePayn Commandery of Buffalo,
Batavia Commandery of Batavia.
Cyrene and Monroe Commanderies Knights Templar.

Germania Lodge 722.
Rochester Lodge 660.
Genesee Falls Lodge 507.
Yonondio Lodge.
Valley Lodge 109.
Ancient and Accepted Rite.
Grand Lodge of the State of New York as follows:
Most Worshipful Christopher G. Fox.
Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.
R.W. William A. Brodie, Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.S.M. Benjamin, Grand Senior Warden.
R.W. A. G. Wheeler, Grand Junior Warden.
R.W. Daniel T. Hunt, Grand Secretary.
R.W. and Rev. D.H. Muller, Grand Chaplain.
R.W. William Shelp, Grand Marshal.

W. George W. Aldridge, Grand Sword Bearer.
W. John Alexander, E.C.
Bradstreet, Jacob G. Maurer, T.F. Stebbins, Grand Stewards.
W. James T. Southard, Grand Senior Deacon.
W. F.F. Boorman, Grand Junior Deacon.
W. George F. Merz, Grand Pursuivant.
W. A.M. Ostrander, Grand Tiler.
W. Clifton C. Clifford, Grand Historian.
W. A.I. Warner, Grand Architect.
Miller's Band of Buffalo.
Carriage containing the Box in charge of Sir Knight Abelard Reynolds, Gen. Lathrop, R.W. and Rev. M. St. John
Dillon Lee, Grand Chaplain, and R.W. and Rev. Asa Saxe, Grand Orator.
Carriage containing Sir Knight John Lutes, Grand Treasurer, and Sir Knights Wasdworth and Bostwick."

Doesn't it seem strange that when the Box from the Cornerstone was opened a short time ago, that there was practically no mention by the Mayor of the Masons who originally attended the Ceremonies or the Grand Lodge Line Officers who consecrated and laid, symbolically, the cornerstone in the year A.L. 5873, A.D. 1873. The only place any mention was made was in the "Living" Section of the D&C, and then only in the reprints of the original article, a portion of which is duplicated here.

There were, of course, many members of the Craft who figured prominently in the early history of this city. More of these reprints will be published as space permits. If you would like to see these documents they will be at the Masonic Times Office.

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Leon VanHuben

Monarch's Message

My thanks to all who attended the Installation of Officers on January 22, 2000, especially the Empire State Grotto Association Officers for doing the Installation. A job well done! I thank the

James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 for presenting the colors; PM Michael Bell and Lady Doris for heading up the dinner and entertainment; and my Lady, Bev, for the preparations behind the scenes. Thanks to all.

Now to get down to Grotto business. The February meeting will be dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Doric Hall, all on the 3rd floor. Dinner reservations are to be made to Prophet Al Pulcino at 225-8471. A full schedule of events for the year will be available. Please keep in mind that you selected the Grotto officers, so come out to meetings and events to support them, because THIS IS YOUR GROTTO.

Master of Ceremonies

By Al Pulcino

Our February 16th meeting will include a Meat Loaf Dinner

at 6:30 p.m. It is free with a current Dues Card.

Reservations must be made by February 10th to me at 225-8471. See you all there!

Membership

By William Fredenburg

Attention Prophets!!

Class 2000 gives each one of you the opportunity to bring a Brother Mason into Grotto.

Our Master Mason Night Program is being developed now. Please seek candidates to bring to this outing. More details will follow in future *Masonic Times* publications. Let's make Class 2000 a major success!

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to Prophet Herbert Spencer and his family on the passing of his wife, Jean, on January 7, 2000.

Dates to Remember

Mon., Feb. 7th-Board of Governor's Meeting
Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 10th-Caldron Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 16th-Grotto Meeting Meat Loaf Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 17th-Caldron Executive Council Home of Helen Rose

Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship

Caldron News

There are busy times ahead as we enter into the new millennium. I hope everybody had happy holidays.

The Caldron Birthday Banquet will be Saturday, February 12th, at the Dutch Mill.

We will be doing the Grotto dinner on Wednesday, February 16th.

Best wishes

Happy birthday to Audrey Curtis, Mildred Heck, Rose Hartwig, and Jean Thompson.

Daughter Merline Bueg is having a back problem. We hope she feels better soon.

The next Caldron meeting is Thursday, February 10th. The Executive Council is Thursday, February 17th at the home of Helen Rose.

Farewell.

Masonic Series No. VII

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

The Decline of Fellowship

Question 7: Do we pay enough attention to the Festive Board?

Pisgah Lodge at Corydon was less than a month old when the time came for celebrating the Feast of St. John the Baptist in 1817. There was every reason for dispensing with an observance-the Lodge was small, little or no money was to be had, and no doubt it was a busy time for the Brethren, for there were forests to be cleared.

But the minutes tell us that a tiny handful of Freemasons assembled and marched to the Court House to hear an oration, "after which in proper order the members and visiting Brethren marched in procession to Mr. Boon's and partook a dinner prepared according to arrangement."

Yellowed records of any Lodge a century old and more will describe similar events at which the fine old tradition of the Masonic Feast was kept alive in spite of hardships on the Hoosier frontier. If the faithful Secretary went on to record the amount spent for a jug of whisky with which to gladden the occasion, we chuckle indulgently and explain to ourselves rather weakly that times were different then.

Times certainly were different. And I am not at all convinced that in the area of Masonic fellowship the change has been for the better.

Back in February, when I first questioned whether we pay enough attention to the Festive Board, I went on to observe: "Should any reader have to ask what the Festive Board is, that in itself will serve to show how far we have strayed from the traditional path of Freemasonry."

Yes, of course, every Lodge has "eats" now and then-and too often that is just the word to describe it: eats. But how often are the Brethren permitted to meet

around the Festive Board for the genuine, heart-warming fellowship of the traditional Masonic Feast-the same kind of close-knit community of interest that a family experiences when it gathers for the Thanksgiving dinner?

By and large, Lodges have just about abandoned that happy camaraderie which for generations was extolled by Masonic orator and poet, H.L. Haywood, pre-eminent Masonic author and scholar of our age, who writes in his book, "More About Masonry": "In the Eighteenth Century Lodges the Feast bulked so large in the life of the Lodge that in many of them the members were seated at the table when the Lodges were opened and remained at it throughout the Communication, even when Degrees were conferred. The result was that Masonic fellowship was good fellowship, as in a warm and fruitful soil, acquaintanceship, friendship, and affection could flourish-there was no grim and silent sitting on a bench, staring across at a wall. Out of this festal spirit flowered the love which Masons had for their Lodge. They brought gifts to it, and only by reading of old inventories can any present day Mason measure the extent of that love; there were gifts of chairs, tables, altars, pedestals, silver, candlesticks, oil paintings, libraries, Bibles, mementos, curios, regalias, and portraits. The Lodge was a home, warm, comfortable, luxurious, full of memories, and tokens, and affection, and even if a member died his presence was never wholly absent; to such a Lodge no member went grudgingly, nor had to be coaxed, nor was moved by that ghastly, cold thing called a sense of duty, but went as if drawn by a magnet, and counted the days until he could go.

What business has any Lodge to be nothing but a machine for grinding out the work! It was not called into existence in order to have the minutes read! Even a mystic tie will snap under the strain of cheerlessness, repetition, monotony, dullness. A Lodge needs a fire lighted in it, and the only way to have that warmth is to restore the Lodge Feast, because when it is restored good fellowship and brotherly love will follow, and where good fellowship is, members will fill up

an empty room not only with themselves, but also with their gifts."

Then let's proceed to the question I keep asking so persistently. What has happened?

1. First of all, we must not underestimate the Puritan influence on American Freemasonry. It is that influence which, almost without our knowing it, attaches some sort of holier-than-thou stigma to the Hour of Refreshment, frowns upon anything cheerful and festive, and gives us that grim and silent staring at a wall of which Haywood speaks. How many times have you heard a pious Brother refer sneeringly to the "Knife and Fork Mason" and to the "Six-thirty Degree", as if there might be something reprehensible in the enjoyment of fellowship? How silly can we become? The Brethren are not going to fill the benches until the walls bulge just to see the pious Brother clown his part in the Master Mason Degree, and why should they?

For some reason, Freemasonry overseas was able to escape the more dour effects of Puritanism, but on almost every facet of American life we still suffer from it. The ramifications of its influence on Freemasonry in United States are far too numerous and controversial to discuss here, and I must not elaborate on the subject except to say that a great many of our problems today can be traced back to the period when it was deemed almost a mortal sin to eat, drink and be merry.

2. We must remember that this is the day of the service club. Like it or not, our beloved Fraternity has members by the thousand who think Freemasonry should be made over to fit the Babbitt pattern; the glad-handing and first-naming, the perfunctory Pledge of Allegiance, the raucous laughter, the ribald stories, the movie showing how corn plasters are manufactured. That kind of thing carried into Freemasonry becomes a travesty on Masonic fellowship, but it has crept into our Lodges, and we might as well face up to it.

3. The casual living of our day. By this I mean the dress of the cookout supper, the manners of the truck stop cafe. No Lodge can experience the true joys of the

Festive Board unless the Brethren are willing to adopt some of the ways of civilization. Hard words, perhaps, but they need to be spoken.

4. The over-emphasis on "togetherness". (I approach the subject with fear and trembling.) "Togetherness" is to be encouraged, but it can be carried too far, and has been carried too far in Freemasonry. In characteristic Mid-western style, we have gone overboard. Instead of inviting the ladies' auxiliaries and the junior divisions to meet in our quarters and pursuing our own ways with dignity and restraint, we have literally abdicated in favor of the "family" idea. Masonic fellowship has been one of the casualties.

II

Then where do we go from here?

1. Well, first of all, we need to regain a sense of balance. For many Masons, fellowship is the most precious jewel in the Masonic diadem. It is necessary to the very existence of our Fraternity. If Brethren can not find it in their Ancient Craft Lodge, they will find it elsewhere, and the officers and workers who howl to high heaven when new members desert their Lodge in favor of appendant organizations might reflect on the fact that the Brethren simply may be in search of that which the Lodge denies them. We need to cultivate Masonic fellowship with all our zeal-not to choke it out with trivialities, nor speak of it with supercilious scorn. We need the Hour of Refreshment in all its beauty and dignity; we need to revive those noble old traditions of our Craft. We haven't outgrown them; we haven't found anything better; we have lost something and haven't discovered what is wrong!

2. But if the Festive Board is to serve its purpose, it must be dignified. I have said it before and I repeat. A Masonic gathering is neither the proper time nor place for dirty language or suggestive stories. And just as lacking in propriety is the sectarian preaching, and the rabble-rousing, and the political speech disguised as "Americanism".

3. The Festive Board must be appropriate. It is not an occasion

for comedians, nor variety shows, nor vaudeville troupes, nor trap dancers, nor magicians, nor barbershop, nor homegrown movies, nor cute little child entertainers. They have their place, but their place is at the Family Night party, not at the Festive Board of Freemasonry. We can not realize the by-products of Masonic fellowship when the stage setting is so inappropriate as to be ridiculous.

4. Finally, the Festive Board must be Masonic. Repeatedly I am invited to Lodge banquets to deliver an address. "Give us one of those straight-from-the-shoulder Masonic speeches", they tell me in advance. "We want you to lay it right on the line." And then, lo and behold, when I arrive to deliver that so-called Masonic speech and "lay it on the line" to the Brethren, I find the room half filled with ladies and children! Bless 'em-I love them, too. But let's acknowledge the most basic of all basic fundamentals: *Freemasonry is for Freemasons*. Surely a few occasions can be set aside in the annual program of a Lodge when Master Masons can enjoy the fellowship to which they are entitled in a manner consistent with the traditions and practices of our ancient Craft.

I hope to see the day when the Table Lodge is authorized in Indiana, as it has been in the older Jurisdictions for two centuries and more. I hope to see the day when every Lodge takes pride in an appropriate observance of the Feasts of the Sts. John-something more imaginative than the tedious routine of the Master Mason Degree with doughnuts and coffee afterwards! Yes, and I hope to see the day when a Master Mason in the United States will have occasion to sing of his Lodge with the same depth of feeling that Robert Burns felt when he sang of his:

"Oft have I met your social band,
And spent the cheerful festive night;
Oft, honor'd with supreme command,
Presided o'er the sons of light;
And, by that hieroglyphic bright,
Which none but Craftsmen ever saw!
Strong Mem'ry on my heart shall write
Those happy scenes, when far
awa!"

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Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

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FROM THE POTENTATE



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January 5th was a very moving evening for my re-election as Potentate of Damascus Shrine for the year 2000. It was very exciting to see over 150 Nobles in attendance for both the dinner and the very long meeting. Although Damascus is not a large Temple, I believe that our spirit and support makes me feel that we have thousands of members. That, my friends, makes me want to thank you for re-electing me as Potentate. With the help of you, the Nobility and my Divan for 2000, I will try to do my very best to promote fun, friendship, membership and our philanthropy. As you all know, due to my recent illness, I will have to limit my activities for a while. If I cannot make all the Club and Unit meetings, I hope that you will understand. Rest assured, I WILL RETURN!

A special thank you to Erwin Newell for Chairing the business portion of the meeting and Ill. Rodney Rittenhouse for Chairing the election portion of the meeting and installing the Officers. To your Steward Staff-you guys are something special (Delish). Our keyboard tickler, Bill Kuchne, Chanters, and Rev. Charles Roberts, helped make this a memorable evening for everyone.

Our theme for the year 2000 is "Sailing Together Through Unity". Nobles, we must join together with our Masonic Brothers to devise a strategy to bring new blood into our Fraternity. We need your help. The time for talking about this has come to an end. Now we must act or we, my Brothers, will slowly be going down the tubes. Our membership Team, consisting of Bruce

Chilton, Ken Buckland, Erwin Newell, and myself, is working with the Masonic family and the Scottish Rite to implement a program that will benefit all of us. We need your help to make it become a reality. It is time for "all" of us to stop complaining and do something about it. Remember, we must not fail.

Mark your calendars for Noble Bring a Brother Night on March 31st. We will be joining the Scottish Rite in this endeavor.

On Thursday, April 27th, the Scottish Rite will have the start of their Reunion. The Grand Finale of the Reunion will be on Saturday, April 29th, for the Millennium Link Up with all the Northern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite Bodies. The Valley of Rochester will be joined by a number of other Valleys for this event. A special Ladies Program sponsored by Damascus will be held during the day. Nobles, this will be a very exciting day for our Scottish Rite Brethren and I would hope that you will be there in support of this endeavor, along with your Lady. There will be more information concerning this special day in the March issue of this publication.

Thank you to all our Calendar salesmen and saleswomen. It is too early to report how well we have done, as calendars are still on sale until the end of January. It appears that we have a successful fundraiser.

Speaking about fundraisers, do not forget the granddaddy of fundraisers,

THE SHRINE CIRCUS

Chairman, Erwin Newell and his committee, are working very hard on the final arrangements. Remember the Circus dates-March 23, 24, 25 and 26th. Nobles, the Chairman and his committee can only make the arrangements to rent the arena, hire the circus, place the advertising, set up the Circus Daddy Program, and arrange for the purchase of novelties and food. You, the Nobility, must help with the Circus Daddy Program by sending in your donations, sell ads for the Ad Book, and then, most important, show up at the Circus and help in selling the novelties, food, program books or work behind the scenes. There is a job for everyone, including the ladies. Chief Rabban, Don Rose, is once again in charge of manpower and he will be looking for your help. We cannot do this alone. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Discovery

Today I smiled and all at once
Things didn't look so bad.
Today I shared with someone
else,
A bit of hope I had.
Today I sang a little song,
And felt my heart grow light.
And walked a happy little mile,
With not a cloud in sight.

Today I worked with what I had,
Nor longed for any more.
And what seemed like only weeds,
Were flowers at my door.
Today, I loved a little more,
Complained a little less,
And in the giving of myself,
Forgot my weariness.

(Grace E. Easley) □

**Our special thanks
to every one
for their kind words and
prayers.
Ill. George and Lula
Simon**

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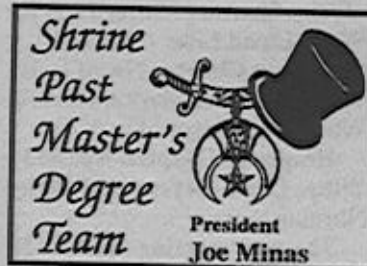
By Joe Minas

The weather is unbelievable for this time of year. There was just enough snow on the ground to satisfy the children at Christmas.

January has gone by without a mishap and the 1st meeting was a success. I was glad to see Potentate George Simon up and around.

I hope you will give your support to the new Officers when they need a hand. Don't forget the Shrine Circus is coming in March and we will need your support to make it a success.

Our next meeting will be February 23rd and I hope to see you all there. Bring a friend to join. □



I thank the Nobles who are Past Masters and the Nobles that participated in portraying the 3rd Degree at Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 on December 21st and in Flower City Lodge No. 910 on January 13th. The Lodges appreciated it very much.

Future Degrees

The up-coming Degrees are as follows:

February 19th - Lima Union Lodge No. 45 will be host for Mt. Morris Lodge No. 122, Genesee Lodge No. 214, Eunice Lodge No. 830 and Phoenix Lodge No. 115. There may be 10 candidates. The Degree will start at 2:00 p.m. and a dinner will follow about 5:30 p.m.

February 23rd - Churchville Lodge No. 667, dinner at 6:30 p.m., Degree at 7:30 p.m.

As you can see, we have a full schedule. We will need all your help. If you know a Past Master that is willing to join the Degree Team, give us a call. I can be reached at 671-1917 and Bill Kuchne at 671-8774. □

**February 2nd
Installation of
Club and Unit Officers**

The Badge of a Shriner

By the scimitar and crescent you wear upon your coat
You proclaim that you're a Shriner.

It's a sign for men to note,
It's a symbol that your fellows have abiding faith in you.
They believe that you are worthy
And they trust in all you do.
But I wonder, fellow Nobles, as I meet you here and there
Of the little badge you wear.
Are you mindful of its splendor
Are you watchful of its fame
Are careful as you travel not to bring it into shame?

You proclaim that you're a Shriner,
Every passerby can see
That you've pledged to do the right thing wherever you may be,

But worldwide your Brothers suffer loss and injury from you.
If you do a wrong act
Which a Shriner wouldn't do.
By the token you are wearing
You are expected to be fine.
We have taught the world it's something to be chosen by the Shrine,
And the man who wears this emblem
Has its fellows guarantee
That a gentleman of honor is known and pledged to be,
And if he shall fail that standard

By some thoughtless word or whim
All Shriners worldwide over shall be put to shame by him.

By the scimitar and crescent,
Which so proudly you display
You are bound to live and travel in a bigger, better way.
You must dignify the emblem
So none whom you may meet,
Be he friend or foe may whisper that the Shrine is but a cheat.
You must play the man at all time
You must keep your conduct fair
And be worthy of the crescent and scimitar you wear!

(Author unknown) □



By Jean R. Friedrich, PQ
Working together

May you greet this new year and new century with hope for peace on Earth and good will toward all God's creatures. The future looks bright for Zama Temple. By working together we will have a year of fun, fellowship and successful projects.

Get acquainted!

Ladies, as our snowbirds fly South, our Units and Clubs could sure use you. The remaining ranks are pretty thin! Call any member (see your Roster for names and telephone numbers). They will be most happy to invite you to their meetings. What a good way to get acquainted!

Ceremonial

We will have our Winter Ceremonial on Saturday, February 12th at 1:00 p.m., preceded by a luncheon at the Green Lantern Inn, right around the corner. We look forward to seeing you all there to support our officers and enjoy a mid-Winter party with all your Nile friends. See your February newsletter for particulars. □

February 2nd Dinner

**Roast Beef and Gravy
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Rolls, Coffee, Dessert
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Reservations by
January 31st**

Masonic Series No. VIII

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

Bread or a Stone?

Question 8: What has become of that "course of mortal instruction, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," that Freemasonry is supposed to be?

A young man in his late twenties had just been elected Master of his Lodge. Determined to take the admonition to give "good and

wholesome instruction" seriously, he ordered a copy of Carl H. Claudy's *The Master's Book*. It became his "volume of sacred law"; he literally slept with it under his pillow. These three sentences in the little book impressed him so much he underlined them in red ink.

"One thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its members which they can get nowhere else in the world. That one thing is Masonry...The Master whose instruction program is strictly Masonic has to send to the basement for extra chairs for most of his meetings."

The young fellow tried it, and it worked. It was a thrilling experience for him to see Masons who hadn't been in Lodge for years

coming back regularly for Light and more Light, and further Light. Nothing in 25 years has changed his conviction that the Claudy formula will fill the benches with regularity. He is still around, by the way, though not quite so youthful. I see him every morning in the mirror when I shave.

Now, no one could have known less about adult education. All the equipment I had was a little imagination and a resolute purpose to avoid school-room methods. Remembering the impact of teaching by means of symbols, parables, allegories and legends, we ruled out long-winded lectures; we did not take advantage of a captive audience because the audience was not cap-

tive-the Brethren came because they wanted to. We had to send out for extra chairs, just as Claudy said we would.

Come to think about it, has not the Master of every Lodge an obligation to give the Craft good and wholesome instruction?

Let us proceed on the assumption that every candidate for the Degrees sincerely desires the Light Freemasonry has to offer him, and expects to receive it. What happens?

Well, first, we recite, recite, recite until there is nothing left to recite. Then we try to persuade the new Brother to recite also, and if memorizing and reciting do not appeal to him, we have nothing further to offer. We wash

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our hands of him. Disappointed, he hears that other organizations elaborate on the three Degrees, and he turns to them to obtain a substitute for that which his Lodge should have provided.

He asks for bread; we give him a stone.

Admittedly there is a weakness somewhere. But where?

Respectfully I suggest we are weak: (1) in Form, and (2) in Substance.

Just as respectfully I submit that we fall short (1) at the Grand Lodge level where the designs are placed on the trestleboard, and (2) at the Lodge level where the designs are executed.

Obviously, the ramifications of the subject are too great to discuss at length. I can only plant the seed.

I. In The Sanctum Sanctorum

Let's face it, then:

1. **The Word.** The very term Masonic Education is a liability—a frightening word suggestive of impractical theories and dull abstractions. What a blessing it would be if some creative soul could coin another: Masonic Light, or Advancement, or Instruction would be an improvement.

2. **Our designs.** There are too many systems too hastily conceived, too much running wildly hither and yon in search of bright ideas. We pursue Masonic educational systems in much the same manner that teen-agers pursue fads. Let a bright idea be advanced in one Jurisdiction and a score of Grand Masters will cry, "Lo, it is here!" Like sheep they rush to follow the bellwether. And why? If Freemasonry is universal, do we need "57 Varieties" of instruction programs? After all, Master Masons respond in much the same manner the nation over.

3. **Our Architects.** They are too amateurish. An effective program for further Light can not be designed by whoever happen to be officers of a Grand Lodge in a given year. It is a job for men with special talents. Always there should be one or two men with down-to-earth experience in adult education; a public relations man to interpret human likes and dislikes; a newspaper man to tell the story in everyday English. *And all should be thoroughly grounded in the fundamentals of Freemasonry.*

4. **Our working tools.** One of the marks of an amateur writer or speaker is that he attempts to tell everything he knows each time he writes or speaks. With rare exceptions, the printed materials for Masonic education programs are like that. They insist on telling everything. Forbidding in length and appalling in scope, they are too ponderous, too dull, too windy. Ever hear of the Tractatians? We could well emulate their example.

II. In The Quarries

Again, let's face it:

1. **Our unfinished labors.** By and large, instruction is not a part of the program in the average Lodge. Such efforts as may be made are sporadic, conceived as an afterthought, treated as a step-child. We have not caught fire with the possibilities, for we are so obsessed with question and answer memory work that we think all instruction begins and ends in a catechism. Nothing could be further from the truth.

2. **Many are exceedingly anxious.** We know not the meaning of patience. When we do attempt to provide good and wholesome instruction, we try to do too much too rapidly. A first-grader is not handed a set of books which will tell him all he needs to know to qualify for a high school diploma. Rarely is a young Mason a Ninety-Day Wonder, yet when we instruct at all, we give him huge doses, without regard to his needs, likes or dislikes, and we expect them to do the work of a Vitamin B-12 shot. It isn't that simple.

3. **Rubbish in the Temple.** Regrettably, too many of our programs are tied to stunts and cheap entertainment used as bait. Masonic teaching must be Masonic or it is of no avail. We defeat the purpose when we insult the intelligence of the man who seeks.

III. Winding Stairs

Then where do we start?

1. **Most important of all, Masonic Light must come from the East.** Instruction provided by a teacher who knows less than his pupil is neither good nor wholesome. "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall in the ditch."

It has long been my contention that the place to insist upon proficiency is in the man who wears the hat and holds the gavel. If that means minimum standards, training courses, written and oral examinations, then let's have them. I would have made a much better Master if I had had that kind of preparation.

2. **Our approach must be an intelligent one.** The program must have diversity, the doses must be small, and it must avoid dullness as a plague. Men of high intellectual attainments should have study clubs; those of limited academic training should have "capsules", and for those in the wide range in between, the possibilities are unlimited.

3. **Instruction must be lifted to a place of honor and respectability in Lodge affairs.** Above all, it should be geared to the Hour of Refreshment—not to the lecture room not the graduate seminar. Let self-improvement become a privilege to be enjoyed, and not a chore to be endured.

4. **We need to discard about nine-tenths of our curriculum materials.** Masonic authors whose works are authoritative and have human interest appeal could be numbered almost on the fingers of one hand. With profound apologies to local writers and compilers in every State, I maintain we would do better to stick to the classics.

5. **Any program of further Light must be pursued continuously and with infinite patience.** The parable of the Sower always should be the theme. Even though great quantities of seed will be wasted, some will take root and bear fruit—and that some is worth all the effort.

6. **And then, humbly begging pardon of the Sacred Cows, if Plans and Programs and Systems there must be, there is only one which has stood the test of time.** It is that which is carried on within the framework of the Lodge, inside its four walls, by its authority, under its control and responsible to it. Nothing should be left to whim or fancy of individuals who may be ill prepared, inaccurate or irresponsible. Textbooks, manuals, short courses, schools, forums—these should not operate as substitutes for the work of a Lodge. We can only

hope that such tools may assist and inspire. But the stones must be hewn and squared in the quarries where they are raised.

Visionary? Impossible of attainment? Of course it is. The Temple within the hearts of men is never finished. No one has suggested that the building of human character is a quick and easy job.

Who among us has faith to lay his course by a star which he has never seen, to dig by the divining rod for springs which he may never reach?" (Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes) □

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Rt. Wthy TIMOTHY L. BUCKNAM

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We in Genesee/Wyoming OES hope that all will have a safe and prosperous year.

January was installation month for our Chapters and Tim and I congratulate the Matrons and Patrons elected to be their Chapter's leaders. They are:

Batavia Chapter No. 267 - Rt. Wthy. June R. Lee and Wthy. Horace Wilder

Centennial Chapter No. 299 - Wthy. Jane Heubusch and Wthy. Ted LaWall

Arcade Chapter No. 337 - Rt. Wthy. Shirley Lewis and Wthy. Ronald Jaguich

Thorpe Chapter No. 462 - Rt. Wthy. Esther Kohlhaugen and Rt. Wthy. Kenneth Kohlhaugen

Perry Chapter No. 497 - Wthy. Shirley Church and Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss

Stebbins Chapter No. 503 - Rt. Wthy. Sally Wing and Rt. Wthy. Steven Wing

Olive Branch Chapter No. 509 - Wthy. Sharon L. Stokes and Rt. Wthy. David Liles

Vernon Chapter No. 611 - Rt. Wthy. Elizabeth Maynard and Rt. Wthy. Otis Maynard

Hesperus Chapter No. 823 - Wthy. Linda Bryant and Wthy. Norman Austin

The next meeting of the Y2K Study Club will be February 19th at Batavia Chapter No. 267 at 10:00 a.m. The members of the host Chapter will serve lunch after the meeting for a small fee.

Rt. Wthy. Tim and I have chosen "Footprints in the Sand" as our District Symbol and "In the Garden" as our Hymn. This year's colors are light blue and white and the flowers are light blue and white carnations.

Remember that each new day is a gift from God and how you live it is your gift to Him. □

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I surmise that it is National Cabin Fever Month, at least for those who live in the frozen North. I assure you that we will be busy with our Eastern Star activities, so hopefully, you will look forward to Spring instead of dwelling on the gloomy Winter weather.

The 2000 officers are now safely installed in their new positions. Rt. Wthy. Michael and I were able to attend several of the Chapter Installations and were impressed by the loveliness of the Ceremonies. There are many people in our District who care deeply about one another, and their Chapters...and it shows.

The first Line Officers meeting on the 15th of January went well. I am confident that we are somewhat organized for the year ahead. Many of the Officers have done this before. Hopefully, with the new millennium, we can give the District activities some added sparkle and life.

As Michael mentions below, the coupon program is going quite well. I am including the text of another thank you note we have received. This one comes from Camp Courtney: "On behalf of all our families and service members who use the coupon program, the Navy-Marine Corps Personal Services Center would like to thank you for your continued support. Patrons constantly ask the question, 'Who takes the time to send all of these coupons?' I am always happy to tell them that it's wonderful people like you. Because of your generosity, we now have plenty of coupons for everyone!"

Thank you again from our Operations Readiness Support Program Staff at the Navy-Marine Corps, Personal Service Center."

Keep up the great work!

Our other projects involving service personnel are evolving. We are in contact with the staff at the Veteran's Outreach Center, and are waiting for a wish list for the new residence program. Anyone wanting to continue making lap robes, trachea bibs and the other items for the VA hospitals, is welcome to do so. We will see that everything gets to its appropriate destination.

Remember, our next Line Officers meeting will be February 12th at the Masonic Temple on East Main Street. Please come at the time agreed upon at the January meeting. Also, place February 19th on your calendar for the Annual School of Instruction. It promises to be an informative day.

From the District Grand Lecturer

My Brothers and Sisters—your response to the coupons for Service Personnel Program has been outstanding. Rt. Wthy. Doris and I have sent out about 10 pounds of coupons to different bases. Let's keep up the good work.

Also, I want to remind you about the Campbell's products, and postage stamp collection programs. I will speak about these at the Official Visits...but for starters, I am looking for labels from all Campbell's products and all postage stamps.

This issue sees the start of the "Dearie, do you recall?" Contest. Below are questions to which most of you know, or knew, the answers. Read them. Think about them. You might have some fun.

If you want to take part in the contest, send or hand your answers (or your guesses) to me by the fifth of next month. The winner's name, and all the correct answers, will be given in the next issue. The winner will get a lovely prize. This contest is open to all Eastern Star and Masonic members.

1. Who drove Black Beauty?
2. Who ran The Breakfast Club?
3. Who owned the Fresh Air Taxi Company?
4. What was Baby Snook's brother's name?
5. Who was "The All American Boy"?
6. Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men?
7. Who was Madison High's Principal in "Our Miss Brooks"?
8. Who was Sid Stone?
9. Who lived on Melody Ranch?

All Aboard for "The Cabin Fever Reliever!"

We're headed for Turning Stone Casino!

The Trailways Coach leaves
Midtown Bus Terminal at 7:30 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 5, 2000



Cost \$22 per person
Light refreshments and a movie included

Reservations before Jan. 15th to:
Debbie Leopold 647-3550 or Joy Woodley 671-6152
Let me know if you want a Bingo or Slots Package.

Proceeds help fund our Project for the Year.
St. Joseph House of Hospitality
We will be serving Lunch in March.

10. Who were the denizens of Allen's Alley?
11. What was Chester A. Riley's wife's name?
12. Who was Jack Benny's tenor before Dennis Day?
13. What was the name of Guy Lombardo's band?
14. What was Mr. Kean's vocation?
15. Who was Nila Mack?
16. Who sang, "When the moon comes over the mountains"?
17. What is the rest of "k-k-k-Katy, B-B-Beautiful Katy"?
18. Who played the Fat Man?
19. What kind of car did Rochester drive?
20. What position does I Don't Know play?

NOLA Chapter No. 368

Order of the Eastern Star

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

Wthy. Antoinette Jeerings
Matron
Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings
Secretary

20 South Main Street
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Sister Alice Hassett

Special thanks

Nola Chapter offers heartfelt appreciation to Wthy. Avis Theis who has faithfully submitted monthly articles on behalf of Nola Chapter to the *Masonic Times* since March 1985. Comprehensive, thoughtful, quality writeups...Avis set the highest of standards in her writing. Well done, Avis.

Installation

At the Installation of Wthy. Antoinette and Wthy. Alan Jeerings on January 4th, music was the theme of the evening. Linda Neely joined Wthy. Antoinette in a duet, and later, Sister Dawn Ireland-Monsees sang the moving "My Heart Will Go On, Forever" from the musical, Titanic.

Eight girls from Fidelity Triangle No. 4 presented a Degree at the Installation, as well as a unique Motion Choir selection. Triangle girls attending were: Erika R. Hansen, State Representative, Organization of Triangles, Inc.; Krystle Alley, Beloved Queen of Fidelity Triangle No. 4; Jennifer Jeerings, Guardian; Jennifer Bundoc, Chaplain; Christina Pittman, Crystal Brown, Cicily Noble and Jennika Czudak. Nola Chapter thanks you for adding to this special evening.

Meetings

On February 1st, Nola Chapter will open the meeting in Ample Form. All are encouraged to attend. On February 15th we will celebrate Past Matrons and Past Patrons Night. The Committee for February: Wthy. Kim Morici, Wthy. Santo Morici, and Sister Alice Hassett.

Our March 7th meeting will consist of a full rehearsal for the Official Visit to be on March 21st. The Refreshment Committee for March: Rt. Wthy. Wilda Robinson, Wthy. Avis Theis, and Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff.

Remember to pay your dues.

Concerns

Wthy. Bernice Riley is back in the hospital. Our thoughts are with those who are not feeling up to par. May the new year bring

you improved health and peace of mind.

Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in February are: Wthy. Kim Morici and Sister Cathy Thompson, one of our Florida Sisters.

Appreciation

The Chapter appreciates Sister Irene Maurer for remembering the Chapter over the years.

Happy Valentine's Day to all from Nola Chapter.

Rochester Chapter

No. 314

Order of the Eastern Star

Matron

Wthy. Evelyn Heller
621-5757

Secretary

Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS
482-0994

First Saturday 7:30 P.M.

875 East Main Street
Rochester, N. Y. 14605

My new year has begun. Installation was wonderful. I look forward to the year ahead. Light-houses are my theme this time. My motto is "Let your light so shine". I thank everyone who helped to make Installation so memorable. I won't name names, but you know who you are.

The plans for the year ahead will be completed at the Ways and Means Committee meetings. It has not taken place at the time of this writing, but will be have taken place by the time you receive this. Just a few things to keep in mind. Our Official Visit is coming up fast on March 4th. We are the very first one. Start studying now.

We will be selling Gertrude Hawks Candy again for Easter. The brochures should arrive any day now. Our "100 Years of Hats" hat show will be June 17th. Also, we will be having a garage sale on April 27th, 28th and 29th. Any and all donations are welcome.

Sickness and distress

Please keep Sister Georgia Coates in your thoughts and prayers. Since the last column, Wthy. Susan Duff's sister died. Please extend your sympathy to her. Other than my own bout of flu, I know of no other sickness or distress. Please let me know if there is any that you hear about. I hope the rest of the Winter finds us all feeling well.

Remember, to let your light so shine.

Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay



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

By Gary Burke

Brings in the New Year with style!

On December 31, 1999, the members of Rochester Chapter DeMolay hosted their first ever New Year's Eve Dance. Members from the Chapter, Fidelity Triangle No. 4, as well as several friends of members, enjoyed an evening of food, dancing and pure fun. At the stroke of midnight,

when the millennium bug was supposed to wreak all kinds of havoc upon the modern world, everyone watched the ball drop in Times Square, and toasted the New Year with bottles of sparkling grape juice.

The Chapter members then excused themselves from the festivities to get down to some more serious business. Just a few minutes after the stroke of midnight, Rochester Chapter opened their first meeting of the new year. This was for the purpose of inducting two new members into the Order of DeMolay. We welcome as the newest member of Rochester Chapter, and of New York DeMolay, Angelo Gingello and Joshua Sattora. Angelo lives in Brockport and Joshua is from Hilton. They were brought into the Chapter by Jason Burrows and Josh Burke, respectively.

After the meeting concluded, the members continued with a night of movies, more food and fun! As you might guess, this turned into an all-niter for many of the youth. It was certainly an all-niter for the Advisors! After watching several hair raising movies in a row, some folks began to wither away and sack out around the Lodge room in sleeping bags. Others continued their efforts to make it through the night. As the wee hours of the morning approached, it became much quieter. But as sunrise approached, a brave few ventured out to see the first sunrise of the new year in Rochester.

With clean-up of Charlotte Temple the only remaining item to be done, all pitched in and put everything back in order and all were returned to their respective homes safe and sound. With the rides home VERY quiet...as most "finally" felt the need for sleep!

Activities

The Chapter never seemed to slow down this term. During the month of January they participated in another set of induction ceremonies in Syracuse. This was

the first such ceremony for a brand new Chapter in Solway. The following weekend they assisted with yet another set of induction ceremonies for Lackawana Chapter, Lackawana, NY. Then to finish off the month, they attended the New York Masonic Youth Coalition Winterfest in Glens Falls, NY. This was a weekend of fun for all Masonic youth from DeMolay, Triangle, Rainbow and Constellation. Youth from all over the state enjoyed skiing, snowboarding, snowtubing or just "chillin" in the lodge with friends.

During February the Chapter will find itself with yet another dance, for Valentine's Day. As well as the observance of Patriots Day, one of the DeMolay's several obligatory days.

March brings a day of special recognition for several of the Advisors and a member of the Chapter. March 11th, at 2:00 p.m., in Ionic Hall of the Downtown Temple. You are cordially invited to witness the conferral of the Degree of Chevalier upon David Gorall, Cross of Honor upon Dads, John Cooper and Robert Crystal, and the Legion of Honor upon Dad, Michael Staub.

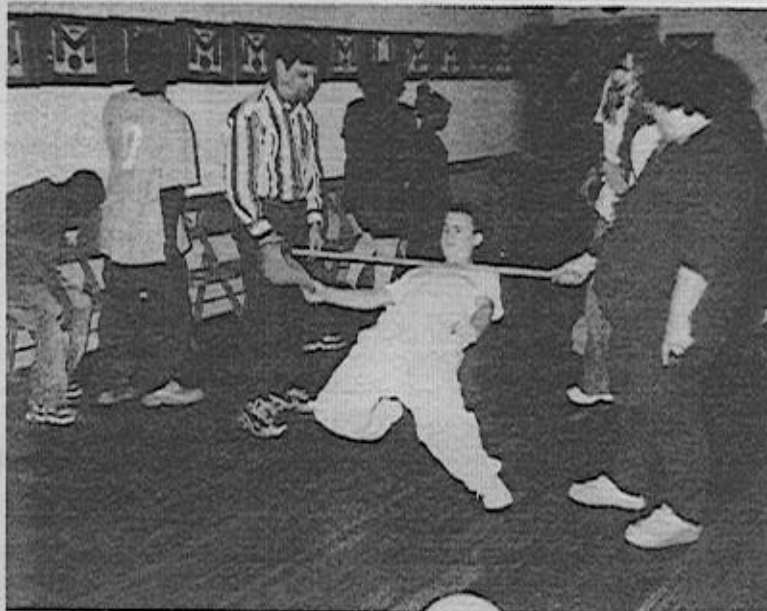
The Degree of Chevalier is the highest honor that an active DeMolay can receive. It is a citation for outstanding and marked activity and labor.

An Advisor who wears the Cross of Honor has received the highest honor that can be given by DeMolay International to a member of an Advisory Council. It denotes three or more years of conspicuous meritorious service to a Chapter and exceptional outstanding efforts on behalf of DeMolay.

The Legion of Honor is the highest honor conferred by DeMolay International for outstanding leadership in some field of endeavor, or for success in fraternal life, including adult service to DeMolay. We congratulate these four individuals for their contributions to DeMolay and Rochester Chapter.



A Midnight Toast to the New Year (Sparkling Grape Juice, of course).



How low can you go? Fun at the DeMolay New Year's Eve Bash.

In Memoriam

December

Becks, Herbert D.

Herbert entered Eternal Rest suddenly on December 13th. He was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 and is survived by his wife, Kathleen, children and 6 grandchildren.

Scarlet, Bert R.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 and Rochester Consistory lost another member with the passing of Bert on December 14th. Bert leaves his wife, Mary, 1 son and 5 grandchildren.

Leonard, William F.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed William on December 21st. He was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479, and leaves his 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Williams, Stephen C.

Death claimed Steve after a long illness on December 21st at the age of 76. A member of Seneca Lodge No. 797, he is survived by his wife, Imogene, 2 daughters and 1 granddaughter.

Ware, Samuel W.

December 31st was the date that Samuel was called Home at the age of 91. He was a member of Flower City Lodge No. 910 and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include his wife, Lucille, 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

January, 2000

Pillen, James M.

A member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and Rochester Consistory, James died at his home in Connecticut on January 4th at the age of 80. He is survived by his 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Jaeger, Carl E.

Carl went to be with the Lord on January 7th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and Rochester Consistory. Carl's family consists of 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Rudig, Arthur F.

Arthur had been Tiler for Etolian Lodge No. 479 for many years until he moved to Florida in 1997, where he died on January 7th. He was also a member of Rochester Consistory.

The following deaths were reported to us with no specific information.

MacDonald, Cornelius J.

Cornelius was a member of East Rochester's Ancient Craft when he died at his home in California on December 8th.

Witherow, Ira L.

A resident of Reno, Nevada and a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479, Ira passed away on December 14th.

Darling, Harold

An automobile accident took the life of Harold on December 28th. He was a member of Attica Lodge No. 462 and resided in West Virginia.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

To make additions, call the Service Bureau at 473-4351
2000

Mar. 18	Widows Luncheon, Logans Party House
Mar 23-26	Shrine Circus, Blue Cross Arena
Apr. 6	Scottish Rite Feast of the Paschal Lamb
Apr. 27, 29	Scottish Rite Reunion, Downtown Temple
May 1, 2	Grand Lodge, NYC
May 13	District Spring Party, Mapledale Party House
May 20	PHP Annual Scholarship Dinner, Fredrick's Manor Rte. 20 & Bowen Road
Oct. 22	Interfaith Service and Breakfast, Logans

Lodge Rentals Available

Etolian Lodge, Union St., Spencerport - Cap. 250 Tom Michielsen - 352-483, 1st Floor Commercial Space also available.
Fairport Lodge, 87 North Main St., Fairport Tom Richenderfer 377-7782, Greg Ludwig-388-1241, David Taber-388-0629
Fame Lodge, 4275 Culver Rd., Rochester John Rehback 338-7918
Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St., Pittsford - Cap. 80 Dan Walker - 429-6572, Bill Spillane - 436-0264, John Dudley - 586-6426
Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St., Webster - Cap. 200 Frederick Cornell, Sr. 671-3102

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



Free! - Tie or Lady's Scarf

A donation of \$100 to the Scottish Rite Masonic Children's Learning Center entitles you to a free \$25 tie or \$35 lady's scarf as a gift. For details see the article in the Scottish Rite Section, page 12.

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Classifieds

Music Lessons-Beginners welcome. Piano, keyboard, organ and accordion. Call Martin Ippolito at 266-6337.

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



Feb. 4- Spaghetti Dinner, Webster Ldg, 5-7 p.m. See Calendar.
Feb. 6 - Pancake Breakfast, Attica Lodge, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Feb. 9- Spaghetti Dinner, Clio Lodge. See Calendar.
Feb. 13 - Pancake Breakfast, Mt. Vernon Lodge, Java Village. \$5 per person-all you can eat, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., 2nd Sun. every month.

Auditorium CENTER
875 E. Main St. Rochester, NY
(716)271-3250, FAX(716)423-9539

Tues. Feb. 15-Sun. Feb. 27
Beauty and the Beast
Tues. 8:00 p.m.
Wed. 8:00 p.m.
Thur. 8:00 p.m.
Fri. 8:00 p.m.
Sat. 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.
Sun. 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Mon. 8:00 p.m.
(Doors open at 7:00 p.m.)

Old Computers Needed

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

If you have any of the following, working or parts only, after you have upgraded, we would welcome the donation. You will get a receipt for tax purposes.

Wanted

VGA Monitors
Mouse(s)
Keyboards
Inkjet/Laser printers
Surge strips
Spare hard drives
Spare floppy drives
CD-ROM drives
Modems (9600 and up)
Mouse pads
Computer desks
Please contact
George Bracht at 383-1947;
e-mail:
makewaves@juno.com.

Program Speakers

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

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"The Masonic Times, A Short History and Profile"
(w) 473-4351, (h) 458-6125
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"The Masonic Service Bureau"
"Financial Planning"
(h) 377-0367, (w) 473-4351
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NY State Trial Lawyer's Assoc.
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"The Morgan Affair"
271-0795

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Olive Branch
West Star
Etolian 1/13
"x" = months missed.

If you see your Lodge name here, call your Master; whatever you like!
**The Deadline for the March issue is:
February 11, 2000**

Calendar February 2000

February Flower - Violet
February Gem - Amethyst

Deadline for the March Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2000 JANUARY 2000</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p> <p>6 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Feb. 9th East Ave. Hilton</p> <p>Pancake Breakfast Attica Lodge Attica</p> <p>13 Pancake Breakfast Java Village</p> <p>20</p> <p>27</p>	<p>2000 MARCH 2000</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p> <p>7 West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>KT - Cyrene/Monroe</p> <p>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p> <p>ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Hon. Falls-1* Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p> <p>20 West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>KT - Cyrene/Monroe</p> <p>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p> <p>President's Day</p> <p>27 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Mt. Vernon Wakan/Hubbard - Penf. - 1*</p> <p>RSM - Nundawaga</p> <p>OES - Charlotte</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>Charlotte/Corinthian - 1* Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Germania Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster</p> <p>8 Batavia Craftsman/Robertson-Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport - OV Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes</p> <p>RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming</p> <p>OES - Leah</p> <p>15 Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton - 3* Germania Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw - Euchre Tourney</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Nola, Perry, Webster</p> <p>22 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit</p> <p>Washington's Birthday</p> <p>29 Sadie Hawkin's Day!</p>	<p>Attica</p> <p>Damascus Shrine</p> <p>It's Ground Hog Day</p> <p>9 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Service Bureau Luncheon</p> <p>Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship</p> <p>16 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy</p> <p>Grotto</p> <p>RSM - Doric Council</p> <p>23 Churchville - 3* Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Euchre Tall Cedars of Lebanon</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Corinthian/Fellowship</p>	<p>Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p> <p>Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p> <p>KT - Batavia Commandery</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Caldron</p> <p>10 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen - 3* Northfield - Pittsford - 1* Webster - 2*</p> <p>Scottish Rite Meeting and Program - Men only</p> <p>RAM - Western Star</p> <p>OES - Lea Court, Oatka</p> <p>24 Eagle Valley - Bliss</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p>	<p>4 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5 - 7 p.m. 30 Orchard Street, Webster Adults - \$6, Child \$3</p> <p>11 Thomas A. Edison's Birthday "The Wizard of Menlo Park"</p> <p>18 Some will do anything for a Fish Fry!</p>	<p>5 "Road to the East" Rochester Chapter O.E.S.</p> <p>12 O.E.S. Grand Officers Anointing of the High Priests</p> <p>Lincoln's Birthday</p> <p>19</p> <p>26 Winter's all Downhill From Here!</p>

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