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Soloist



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Prayer

By R. W. F. Jay McCullough
The 1999 Interfaith Service and Breakfast is in the record books as a major "event" of the year. It was the 58th time the Masons of Monroe and other local Masonic Districts have gotten together to share some time in religious contemplation, followed by a Sunday breakfast with good fellowship all around.

It was the 40th time we recognized an exemplar of community service and acted on that basic tenet of Masonry-charity.

Community invited

For many of those same years, members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic youth groups and others in the community have shared the time with us. For this past event, we encouraged invitations to family members and friends as well.

We expect to extend the usual invitations in the year 2000, when the 59th Interfaith Service and Breakfast will be held at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Road on Sunday, October 22nd. The Service will be at 9:00 a.m. and the Breakfast at 10:00 a.m., as has become customary. A quartet has already volunteered to do the musical portions of the Service. Form your Lodge groups early! Plan to come in car pools, as Lodges did in days of old. Plan your tables early. Masters, insert this on your trestleboards.

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Highlights

Details about our Distinguished Community Service Award recipient for 1999, Don Alhart, who anchors ABC TV 13 News, were outlined in past issues of the *Masonic Times*. Don's charity, Rotary International, received the \$500 gift in his name. He has been a member of the Rochester Club since 1976. Vern Goodrich represented the Bureau for presentation of the check at a Rotary meeting.

Gabe Dalmath, anchor of NBCTV 10 News, and our perennial Award presenter, was the 1987 recipient of the Award. He continued in the capacity of presenter at the 1999 event. Jerry Flynn, a 1988 DCSA recipient, was masterful as our 1999 MC, a service he has rendered throughout our region for a wide variety of charity events. Jerry's performance has been lauded in every gathering of those who were in attendance and we are very honored he was willing to be our primary "front man".

Paul Gleason, a DCSA recipient himself, introduced a "layman's service" for the first time, which featured Rich Friedman in a sermon on love, for which he was roundly lauded. The Service was an ecumenical one with participation by Dr. Padmanabh Kamath (1988 DCSA recipient), Barbara Spano, Tom Paglia and Charles Spiegel. Musical accompaniment was professionally rendered by Beverly Murray.

Attendance grows

There were 251 tickets sold for an increase of more than 10% over 1998. We hope that this trend continues into the next millennium.

It only takes a few volunteers

The Service Bureau Council again formed the basic committee that created, followed up on and completed the various aspects of the Interfaith Service and Breakfast. Council members selling tickets, developing program parts and acting as hosts and hostesses, ushers and doing whatever else was necessary during the morning of the event are: Harold Bollotin, Eugene Brendel, Fred Cornell, Ramona Dimino, Mat Gindgold, Bill Hook, Dave Larson, Tom Paglia, Jim Scobell, Ken Skidmore, Jack Thibaut, and Leon VanHuben. Ramona had

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Bosnia Part II

By William Lindsay

Thanks to those who have already sent a card to one of our soldiers serving in Europe, and "not home for the holidays". Mail is always welcome when you're a long ways from home. I'd like to share a couple of updates.

School children who have sent letters are getting replies to their letters from soldiers. My contact over there tells me that the mail has been generating a lot of discussion and sharing in the camps and is a definite esprit builder. Put simply, the unit is in better shape because of the letters and cards which get shared and discussed at meal times.

One little kid wrote in his letter, "Have you ever fallen out of your Humvee?" and got a very direct and serious reply, "No, but sometimes you have to hold on real tight!"

Another soldier wrote about how careful the military had been to keep soldiers separate from the civilian population, but how there had been some easing of that restriction. He wrote about how awkward it felt to go into a market in the village carrying a submachine and trying to act nonchalant as he ordered a cup of coffee and a pastry.

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Gavel confiscated!!

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 confiscated the Traveling Gavel from Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 on Tuesday night, December 14th. At the same time, they witnessed R. W. Vernon Goodrich, Secretary of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, present a check for \$25.00 from the Valley. As you may recall, it was announced in the November issue of the *Masonic Times* that each time the Traveling Gavel is obtained by a Lodge, a check will be presented to the Lodge Master in honor of the Lodge Ambassador to Scottish Rite for the Brotherhood Fund.

A pattern seems to be redeveloping between Charlotte/Corinthian and Valley/Simes that existed about two years ago between Clio Lodge and Etolian Lodge and it is fun and good fellowship.

This writer wonders if the other 15 Lodges in this District may feel that \$25.00 isn't enough to make a similar effort to lay claim to this prize? Or, do some feel that this Trophy doesn't lend enough prestige to be displayed in their Lodge? Or, is the leadership in some Lodges incapable of igniting sufficient enthusiasm to attempt this an invasion upon a Lodge in possessing it? Or, is it a fact no readers pay any attention to these articles and therefore are not aware of what is happening in their District regarding the Traveling Gavel?

What are your answers to these questions, Brethren?

Masonic Series VI

This is the sixth 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.

Sounding Brass and Tinkling Cymbal?

Question 6: Has the American passion for bigness and efficiency dulled the spirit of Masonic charity?

Ask the average Hoosier Mason what has happened to genuine Masonic charity and he will expostulate all over the place while rattling off an impressive list of organized, institutional projects of a benevolent nature. He will tell you there is a Masonic Home in Franklin, hospitals for crippled children, research programs for mental illnesses, prevention of blindness, and muscular dystrophy. If he is well informed he will tell you about a visitation program in veterans' hospitals.

Pin him down and ask him what his Lodge does in the way of benevolence. If he knows where and when his Lodge meets, he may tell you that a portion of each member's dues goes to help operate the Masonic Home; that sometimes a goodly sum is collected in voluntary contributions for the Home; and besides, the dues of a hard-pressed Brother were remitted several years ago.

Press him still further and ask him what he is doing, as a Mason, to carry out his individual obligation. He will show you his collection of cards and enumerate the checks written to a dozen projects, and the income tax deductions claimed during the last year.

Then nail him to the mast and ask him, "Is that all? How long has it been since you went on foot and out of your way to aid and succor a needy Brother?" Chances are his look will be first one of astonishment; then of pity; then he will mark you down as well meaning, perhaps, but slightly off your rocker.

What has happened to true Masonic charity? Time was when it was one of the sweetest by-products of the teachings of our gentle Craft. I recall reading in the minutes of my Mother Lodge how the Brethren got together and built a modest house for the widow of a member, and on another occasion, donated a cord of wood to the widow of a man who was no: a Mason. Such acts were common. They were not accompanied by any fanfare of trumpets, but the community knew all about them just the same, and the prestige of Freemasonry reflected that knowledge.

Only occasionally do we hear of an example of genuine Masonic charity at its best, but when we do, the impact upon both individual and community is tremendous. Why, then, do we neglect that phase of our Masonic life that can have the most gratifying results? What has happened? Two things, I should say:

One: We are Americans, you know, and we don't want our be-

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Oatka Masons Enjoy and Share Their History

The following is an article that appeared in the *Mendon, Honeoye-Falls, Lima Sentinel*. It is the account, written by a non-Mason of a program presented at Oatka Lodge by Grant Romer. Although it is naively written, it gives you some idea of what the general public took away from that presentation. I have corrected some inaccuracies [Editor].

By Marian Misner

The Freemasons of the Oatka Lodge recently hosted a night of history and discussion as they hosted Grant Romer, Conservator of the George Eastman House. Mr. Romer traveled from the City of Rochester to Scottsville to give a brief talk on the history of Freemasonry in Monroe County.

Mr. Romer noted that the history of Monroe County and the United States are both well entwined with the history of the Masons, a fraternal organization that traces its roots to the 16th Century and the stonemasons who built the magnificent cathedrals in Europe.

The stonemasons formed guilds to organize and train workers in the skills needed for their exacting trade. Mr. Romer said the stonemasons needed to cross country's borders easily as they traveled the world to their various jobs, and belonging to their guilds helped facilitate communication. While the exact origins of the organization are unclear, many believe they go back to the builders of Solomon's Temple... or even the Tower of Babel.

The Masons gradually made a transition from the guild as a workers union to a fraternal organization. Membership in the organization was great in the military, and many founding fathers of the United States, as well as the British Army of the 1770s were Masons.

Masonry was very popular in "anti-clerical" countries, or those administered by churches and their leaders. The organization has enjoyed great popularity in England, Scotland, Ireland and

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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Warning

Many of our contributors include bits of poetry with their articles. I do encourage this, however, we must comply with the legalities of publishing other peoples work. If we do not, its called plagiarism. So make sure that if you submit someone else's work for publication that you give them credit. Even anonymous works should site the source.

Degree help

Last month I offered a suggestion for consideration by our readers. As yet I have not heard any comment on this idea. Just to review, I suggested a source list of people proficient in any part of the Ritual. This list could be of assistance to Masters who, at the last minute, need help in conferring a Degree. How about some comments?

By-lines

I recently received a question about By-lines and thought it might be a good time to clarify our policy on that subject.

It is the responsibility of the Presiding Officer of any subscribing organization to submit articles for publication. Therefore, we do not By-line articles written by that person (if the P.O.'s name and phone number are in the Logo) and no information to the contrary is included.

The Organization's name, the name of the author and his phone number should always appear at the top of the first page of any submitted article. Lacking information to the contrary we will credit the person's name so appearing. Otherwise we will assume the Presiding Officer is the author.

I hope this will clear up any question on that issue. I would add that the P.O. can delegate this job to anyone he chooses. The most important point here is that we communicate with the membership by submitting an article for every issue of the Times.

And again...

We received an article which I assumed, from clues in the text, belonged to a particular Lodge. Several days later we received an article from that Lodge. Please, identify each article submitted with your organization, author and phone number so that there will be no mysteries to solve! ☐

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Make the light of Masonry shine

As we begin the new year, let us all remember the basic philosophy of Masonry: faith, hope and charity. A faith which binds us one to the other and automatically elevates us to a moral way of life; hope that our present way of life will create a future better than the past; charity, that our love for our Brothers and Sisters will extend beyond the grave to help make a better life for all.

Let us reflect upon the obligations we have all sworn to as Masons and the amiable character we have all represented. Help make the light of Masonry shine its beneficent influence on all who are around us.

For those who are ill and of troubled spirit, may His grace and love that passes all understanding, abide with each of you and give you comfort, peace, guidance and understanding.

Thanks

To all those volunteers this past year who helped make me look good, my heartfelt thanks. Accepting the possibility that I might forget someone-shame on me if I did-I thank the following: Anthony Vanaman, Dave Gorall, Dick Vaughn, Gary Burke, John Kanz, Rene VanDeVeire, Richard Snyder, Ron Weber, William Hook, Dorothy Gabb, Dorothy Snodgrass, June Forest, Lois Strohmayr, Mary Jane Ulrop, Mary Wright, Thelma Seuffert, Karl-Heinz Reich, James Weick, David Zegas, Don Darrohn, Edward Gillott, Emil Schirano, G. Thomas Grape, Gene Brendel, George Pfeiffer, Kevin Fisher, Lewis Perna, Peter Fallone, Phillip Hurwitz, Ruel Lovett, Jay McCullough, Joane McCullough, Mike McCullough, Ramona Dimino, Jean Brugger, Don Brugger, Mat Gingold, Harold Bollotin, Tom Paglia and Terry Wihlen.

"He makes all things beautiful-in His time". Diane Ball ☐

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

Al Sigi Center Walkabout

The total amount of money raised has not yet been determined. Donations are still being received. The Center estimates the amount will reach \$100,000.

Future events

At this time there are no events scheduled. ☐



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Masters & Wardens Association Help with Loan Equipment Maintenance



The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester Inc. Loan Closet

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

Equip. Type	On loan
Bathtub equip.	89
Bed (Acces.)	2
Canes	91
Commodore	81
Crutches	209
Walkers	167
Wheelchairs	110
Miscellaneous	8
Total	757

By Don Brugger

On the 11th of December the Monroe Masters and Wardens Association volunteered to help clean up the Service Bureau's Home-Loan equipment. The cleaning began after the M&W monthly meeting at the Downtown Temple. We appreciate this effort and again invite anyone with a couple of hours to spare to give us a call; you will feel better for it. We can accommodate almost any reasonable time you can spare. ☐

Karl-Heinz Reich - JW, Etolian, W.: James Weick - Northfield, W.: Gerald Spero - Flower City, R.-W.: Don Darrohn - DDGM, W.: Kevin Fisher - Oatka, W.: Phillip Hurwitz - Towpath, Louis Perna - SW, ERAC, Peter Fallone - SW, Oatka. (Not pictured) - W.: Tom Grape - Char/Cor, W.: Emil Schirano - SW, Webster, Dave Zegas - JW, ERAC, W.: George Pfeiffer - Churchville

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Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Medical Insurance

You or a loved one is in need of medical care. Like most folks, you have medical insurance. With the advent of managed care, the phrase, "medical insurance" sounds analogous to auto insurance or homeowner's insurance. If your property is damaged, you file a claim with your insurer. If the claim adjuster values your loss for less than you believe it should be, then you negotiate or mediate the dispute.

Medical insurance touches and concerns a completely different set of issues. If a case manager within your HMO disagrees with your doctor's decisions, then you have a disagreement of potentially tragic proportions. Since July, 1999, New Yorkers have the right to an external appeal of the HMO decisions denying coverage. This is different than any in-house appeal that may already be provided. This external right of appeal goes to a neutral third party who isn't employed by the HMO.

A right to an external appeal exists if your HMO makes a final determination which denies coverage on the grounds that: the treatment prescribed isn't medically necessary; or the prescribed treatment is experimental.

In order to file an external appeal, you must first have exhausted all in-house appeals provided for in your medical plan. If you and your HMO have waived the internal appeal process, then you can file an external appeal. Another requirement is that your physician certify that your medical condition is life threatening, or a disabling condition or disease: (a) for which standard health services or procedures have been ineffective or would be medically inappropriate, or (b) for which there does not exist a more beneficial standard health service or procedure covered by the health care plan, or (c) for which there exists a clinical trial. The external appeal must be filed within 45 days after receiving the HMO's final decision concerning treatment. The appeal itself is filed with the HMO; who in turn can charge you up to \$50. This fee is refundable if the HMO's decision is overturned. The fee itself can be waived if financial hardship is shown.

The external appeal is referred to a licensed external appeal agent. This agent must be certified by the State. This certification requires agents maintain financial independence from medical insurers, HMO's, and hospitals. Independence is necessary since the agent is responsible for reviewing a decision concerning a denial of medical care.

The agent in turn employs a panel of 3 or more individuals to review (reviewers) the decision being disputed. The number of reviewers has to be an odd number to avoid deadlock.

The reviewers must be licensed physicians who are either board certified in the specialty that encompasses the appeal and has practiced for at least 5 years in that specialty. Reviewers can be non-physicians provided they have practiced in the appropriate specialty for 5 or more years and supported by a licensed physician.

Once an appeal is filed, an agent is assigned. The agent in

turn will convene his/her panel of reviewers to assess the insurer's decision to deny coverage. The agent must determine whether the health plan acted reasonably; with sound medical judgement, and in the best interests of the patient. To come to that decision, the agent must consider: the clinical standards of the plan, the information provided concerning the patient, the attending physician's recommendation, and applicable generally accepted practice guidelines developed by the federal government, national or professional medical societies, boards and associations.

An agent must decide the dispute and notify the patient and HMO within 32 days after the appeal is filed. If the patient's physician states that a delay in treatment would pose an imminent or serious health risk to the patient, then the agent must issue a decision within 3 days.

Decisions by the agent are binding on the HMO and the patient. This decision is admissible in court if the patient decides to sue. A patient has the right to forego seeking an external appeal, and may sue the HMO instead. Currently it is difficult to sue an HMO because of federal law which exempts them under federal pension law. This may soon change. There is a consensus building in Congress to allow lawsuits by consumers against their HMO.

Money Tip\$

By Dave Larson

Get organized!

Here's a great tip for the New Year: resolve to get your investments organized! Do you have too many bank, brokerage and mutual fund accounts? CDs at five different banks? Stock or bond certificates in a desk drawer or safe deposit box? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you should take some time now to pull all the pieces together and simplify your finances. Even if you don't think it's worth it, believe me, if your spouse or children have to go hunting for your certificates and accounts when you become incapacitated or die, they'll certainly wish you had pulled it all together. There's nothing more frustrating than settling an estate when the investments and accounts are scattered hither and yon.

As a first step, consider using a central asset account at a brokerage firm to hold your securities, money market funds and CDs. For a small fee, or sometimes at no cost, you can deposit your stock, bond and mutual fund certificates into the custody of an insured brokerage firm account. This account will keep your securities safe from fire, theft or other hazards. It will credit your account with all dividends and interest payments on the issue date, which means no more trips to the bank to deposit a dividend or interest check or relying on the mail to receive your funds promptly.

Perhaps one of the most important services you'll receive is the monitoring of possible early redemptions, tender offers, mergers, name changes, spin-offs, stock splits, etc. Remember the old American Telephone & Telegraph Company? It's now officially named AT&T and has undergone a drastic change over the past fifteen years, spinning off seven "baby cells" (some of which

have also subsequently merged, had spin-offs and reorganized), Lucent and NCR, and may soon issue a new "tracking stock". All of these changes are taken care of within a brokerage account without the account holder lifting a finger.

The account can also serve as an important record keeping vehicle for all transactions and deposits. At least quarterly, you will receive a statement of valuation and activity. Having all of your securities in one place also makes it easier to sell or change ownership, if you gift shares to charity or family, and will consolidate all dividends and interest paid to the account into one tax statement or 1099 form.

Most brokerage money market funds have competitive interest rates and federally insured CDs available with no commission paid by the account holder (the issuing bank pays the brokerage firm their commission). Check writing privileges are often available as well.

Consolidation and simplification are just a few easy steps away. Ask your friends and family members which firms they recommend to act as your custodian and then interview a representative at each firm to find someone you feel comfortable with. All of the decisions pertaining to the account remain solidly in your court, but then you may get some good advice along the way, too.

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Tall Cedars of Lebanon

Symbolically, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon date back in time to the building of King Solomon's Temple. Traditionally, it deals with his request to King Hiram of Tyre and his Sidonians, for more cedar wood from the forests of Lebanon. ("For thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians", 1 Kings 6).

In 1933 the Tall Cedars embarked on a search for a charitable objective. We supported a Metabolism Research Unit in New York City until they closed in 1953. Tall Cedars were also involved with the Jerry Lewis Day Camps and in 1953 the Muscular Dystrophy Association solicited our support. We readily undertook their program as our national charitable objective. From an initial, modest, first donation of \$35,000.00, we have made increases, reaching an all time high in 1998 of \$1,130,000.00. Overall, in excess of \$11,000,000.00 has been donated to MDA research.

Applicants for membership in the Tall Cedars must be members in good standing in a bona fide Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. They must remain so to retain their Tall Cedar status. In fact, both a current Blue Lodge and Tall Cedar membership card must be shown for admission to Cedar activities.

Anyone interested in more information may contact: Supreme

Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, 2609 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110 or call 717-232-5991. (Courtesy Emessay Notes, June, 1999)

Rochester Forest No. 133 Tall Cedars of Lebanon

4th Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
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Donald C. Bell, Scribe

Welcome to the new millennium! I hope everyone's holidays were festive and that the coming year brings you all much happiness. Speaking of the coming year, it has been my pleasure to serve as your Grand Tall for the past three years. I look forward to working with the new officers who will take this Forest into the year 2000 and beyond.

Party time

I hope everyone had a good time at the Christmas Party. Thanks to the Committee for all their hard work.

Sickness and distress

Brother Fred Nielsen and his wife, Bernice, were involved in a bad auto accident. We are glad to report that they both are doing well. We wish them the very best.

Budget

Our budget was reviewed and passed at the last meeting. I am glad to report that we are still in the black. Speaking of budgets, it's not too early to start paying your Forest dues.

Meetings

Our meeting nights will remain the same, the 4th Wednesday of every month. Dinners will be at 6:00 p.m., locations to be announced. The meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in Penfield. January's dinner will be at the Penfield Tavern, at the meeting we will be installing our new Officers.

E-mail addresses

A quick reminder, if you have an e-mail address please give it to Brother Paul Kober so that he can keep you informed of our activities.

What's Bugging You About the Millennium?

By Don Brugger

What seems to be missing in the thinking about the so-called Millennium is a little logic. Those who were around in the beginning of the Millennium, I sus-

pect, had little concern about whether they were in the first Millennium or not; they were too concerned about where their next meal was coming from or whether they and their families would survive the day. Whether they were, however "in" the first Millennium cannot be disputed. They were "in" it since day one and they were in it until 1000 years had elapsed. That seems to be where the problem hinges, not where it begins, but where it ends.

The Millennium had to start somewhere. Somewhere would seem more explicitly to be where the time changes from the negative to the positive value; (i.e., mathematically zero). There is considerable discussion on exactly where that is, but that is not our concern here. It seems more appropriate to consider where one millennium ends and the next begins.

Logically zero was the beginning. The time elapsed from zero to 1000 includes all the years from the first. The first year includes all the time up to the end of the last day; we will also not argue here about how many days that was. So, on midnight of the last day, the first year ended and the second year began; are you with me here? The next day being the first day of the next year is part of that year; the second year, that is.

Using this infallible logic, I don't think it is too much of a stretch to conclude that the last day of the 99th year of a Century is part of that Century and the first day of the next year is part of the next Century. There are some that would argue that, "but 100 years have not elapsed." To this we could argue that, "did not (in modern chronology) the 365th day end?" It certainly did! Consequently, the last day ended, the Century ended and similarly the Millennium will end.

Of course this is what is called an "argument from analogy." This means we have examined an analogous situation to prove the argument. Anyone who has read Plato (Socrates) knows that these arguments are sometimes flawed.

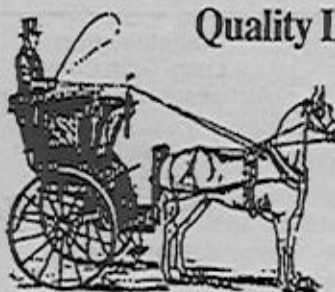
From another source in this publication (John Zabel-AGL's article) is offered the caution that we also consider the the question, was the year 1 BC follow immediately the year 1 AD. He also mentions the C.E. (Current Era) designation. Does that begin after 1B.C. ends? or does it begin 33 years later?

If you are convinced one way or the other, I'd like to know. Of course, you had better have a good argument for your point of view, it may be printed.

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New start?

Congratulations to the six Lodges that have candidates. Let's hope the other Lodges can get new members this year and that this may be the start of a turn-around in membership.

Brotherhood Fund

We have our first Brotherhood Fund report and it looks very good. Keep up the good work.

Looking ahead

We had a dinner meeting in Attica to talk about the May trip to NYC. Not too many showed up. It looks like some of us will be going by train with the Erie District. If you want more information on this, contact R.W. Dennis Turton. If you don't want to do this, you will have to find your own way and lodging.

Degrees

There is Degree work going on in several Lodges. Try to get out and support them and greet our new Brothers.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

"Enthusiasm is contagious. You can start an epidemic!"

Author unknown.

May God be with you throughout this new year.

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



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

By W.. George Springett
Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will take place on January 16, 2000, at Warsaw Lodge at 2:00 p.m. There will be Election of Officers, and discussion on consolidation of the Masters and Wardens Association and Council.



The leaders of your Lodge or Concordant Body and the appropriate secretaries have had notice and background information of the proposed changes forwarded to them in the operating procedures of the Council aimed at the betterment of your organization and the District within which you participate Masonically. It is imperative that you participate in this reorganization of the Council of Masonic Activities to include the changes that will ultimately improve your Concordant Body or Lodge. This meeting is open to all Masons.

Some of the proposed changes will include such things as reports from the various Umbrella Chairmen appointed by the District Deputy, meeting in the Lodge room, monthly meetings, including some with dinner with the ladies on Fridays. If you have any other suggestions for the improvement of these meetings and activities, bring them for discussion and approval.

We will see you in Warsaw.

Batavia Lodge No. 475 F. & A.M.

200 E. Main Street,
Batavia, NY 14020



**2nd & 4th
Tuesdays**

**W.. J. Michael
Willwerth
Master
344-8443
mikewill@eznet.net**

**R..W.. Robert F. Dagen
Sec. (716) 548-7148
rdagen@eznet.net**

It is only appropriate that once again we remind ourselves of a 'newness' as we enter a New Year and according to some, a new millennium. In any event, as we may physically or spiritually commit ourselves to making positive resolutions for the coming year, we need only to read the newspapers or watch the news on TV, to see the need for each of us to commit ourselves in this endeavor. It all begins within our own homes and spreads through those with whom we may come in contact.

During the past month of December, we had a busy, but enjoyable, schedule. It all began on Thursday, December 2nd, when a group of five Brethren from Batavia Lodge traveled to Hesperus Lodge in Bergen with one or more ulterior motives for this visitation. One, to enjoy the fellowship of the Brethren; two, to enjoy the oyster stew during the refreshments, and three, to capture Molly, the Traveling Trophy. It is believed that the latter subject was jeopardized by eight Brethren from West Star Lodge. So guess what? They captured Molly, having had more present than we. In any event, we all had a beautiful evening of fellowship and enjoyment. This is what Masonry is or should be. The present situation will soon be rectified

and Molly will find a new home at another Lodge.

On the 14th of the month, the Brethren conferred the Fellowship Degree in due form and with great enthusiasm.

On December 21st, we rang the bell for the Salvation Army at Top's Market in Batavia, after which we provided some entertainment to the veterans at the VA Medical Center in Batavia playing Bingo, and serving refreshments. So, as you can see, we had a busy month filled with in Masonic events while tending to the traditional obligations of the season.

January

The schedule for the month of January will include the conferral of the Master Mason Degree on the 25th. The first communication to be held by Batavia Lodge on the 11th is also the date of the Installation of Officers of the 29th Capitular District of Royal Arch Masons to be held at the Masonic Temple in Warsaw. This date would have been the normal conferral of the Master Mason Degree, but several of the Brethren who would be involved in the conferral will be attending that Installation. So by necessity it was decided to postpone the conferral until the second communication in January.

The report of the Lodge Brotherhood Chairman indicates that approximately twelve percent of the Brethren have made contributions to the current Fund drive. It is suggested that if you have not as yet made your contribution, please do so at your earliest convenience.

W.. Bill Genagon has undergone some more surgery and is, at present, making a satisfactory recovery.

It becomes our sad duty to report the passing of 'Holley' Fuller on the 7th of December. Our sincerest condolences to his family.

Finally, don't forget Brethren, our communications now convene at 7:30 p.m. during the period of Eastern Standard Time as per the new By-Laws, a copy of which you recently received. It is desirous of the Lodge to have each of you come to the communications and support your Lodge and the Brethren. Together, Masonry can and will prosper.

May God bless us all.

CONSTELLATION Lodge No. 404

21 N. Main Street,
Perry, NY 14530



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

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

Season's greetings, Brethren

The Christmas decorations on the Temple's balcony brought many favorable comments again this year. Now that we have recovered from all that good food and the exercise hiatus, we look forward to a busy year, especially if doomsday year 2000 prognosticators turn out to be wrong, or at least have overstated their case. We, editorially speaking, predict little or no disruptions.

Table Lodge

Set aside Saturday, January 8th, for a Table Lodge at Oakland

in the Village of Castile. Check with Dale Cooley or John Cook for the exact time.

Euchre

The dates for the Annual Euchre Tournament are January 26th, Triluminal Lodge; February 15th, Warsaw Lodge; March 7th, Oakland Lodge; and March 16th, Constellation Lodge.

Damage repair

The moisture which has seeped into and onto the rear wall of the Temple was caused by moist furnace gases; these are now safely escorted from the furnace to the sky above by a newly installed chimney liner. A replastering and repainting are in the works to repair the damage.

Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 F. & A.M.



**W.. Robert Forbes, Secretary
768-2657
8 West Main Street
LeRoy, N. Y. 14482**

**R..W.. Robert
Nicoll
Master
768-7922
1st & 3rd
Wed.**

The Millennium Plan

A little history of Olive Branch Lodge No. 39. A dispensation was granted to Olive Branch Lodge on March 9, 1813.

The number of the Lodge when instituted was 215, which was changed to 39 in 1839. The first communication was held at the house of William Keys of Batavia. The Lodge was removed from Batavia to Bethany in 1821, from Bethany to Attica in 1845, and from Attica to LeRoy in 1847.

In the next 10 years, a historic decade, we will plan to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Olive Branch No. 39. Between the period of March 9, 2011 and May 20, 2013, we can have one celebration after another.

Memorabilia anyone?

We will need historic records, pictures, anecdotes and anything to honor our Lodge. Whether you are in LeRoy or any other state, send whatever you have. It will take all of 10 years to plan for our celebration.

A success

The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner was a great success. We had the privilege of serving 125 meals, including take-outs to shut-ins. There were many young men and women who volunteered. These volunteers were curious of our building and the Lodge room. They said this was their first time helping out. They thought the Masons were doing a fantastic service to the community.

One meeting a month

During January, February and March there will be one communication per month, unless specially convened. The dates are: January 19th, February 16th and March 15th.

We are on hold

The Building Project is on hold. I expect to hear something from the realtor in January. I'll keep you informed.

Gift received

We have received an endowment of \$1,000 from the George and Mary Hartrick Estate. This will be used as a future memorial.

Happy New Year

My Brothers and your ladies, I wish you all a very Happy New Year, with the start of the new millennium.

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



**R..W.. Jerald A.
Brade
Master
344-1808
1st and 3rd
Wednesday
(Jan-Feb-Mar
3rd Wed Only)**

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

Temple news

On November 20th we were honored to have Fenian Council of the Knight Masons dedicated at Attica Temple. The Knight Mason Degrees have their origins in the earliest records of Masonry. There are the three Degrees which are ancient and in essence "Old Testament". Until the mid-Nineteenth Century they were worked in Ireland under the auspices of the Royal Arch Chapters and later the Commandery Preceptories.

In 1923 the Grand Council of Knight Masons was formed in Dublin, Ireland, and assumed responsibility for the Degrees from the preceptories. In 1936 a group of Masons in North Carolina brought the Degrees to the United States under a Provincial Grand Superintendent.

The Councils in the United States formed the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America in 1967. The Grand Council in Dublin recognized this Grand Council in 1969. Today there are over 70 Councils of Knight Masons in the USA with nearly 7000 members. The membership includes many of the leaders of Masonry in the US.

Degree work

Speaking of Degrees, we have one scheduled for January 19th. Mark your calendars accordingly and plan to attend the "1st Degree of the New Millennium". As always, help is needed and your presence will be greatly appreciated.

Dues and Brotherhood Fund

The dues notices for 2000 have been sent out and your response has been very good. Please send them in soon as our Grand Lodge per capita dues have to be paid prior to March 15th.

Brother Paul McCullough, JW, is our Lodge Chairman for the Brotherhood Fund. As you realize, this Fund enables Grand Lodge to operate eight Masonic foundations, including the Masonic Home in Utica, Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, Masonic Youth Foundation, Veterans Hospital Programs, Child ID and the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Programs. Let's help Paul reach his goal by sending in your donation. If every member gave something, no matter how small or large, Attica Lodge would have 100% contribution. Do it now, before you forget.

Happy New Year

Best wishes to you and yours for a happy and prosperous new millennium from the Attica Lodge Officers.

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's latest shunt is holding so far, but his right knee is giving him some trouble. He is not interested in any operations right now.

R.: W.: Ruel Lovett is getting up and around. He is back in the pilot's seat.

Brother Gilbert Ernst was at the December 4th meeting. It sure is good to see him at Lodge.

W.: Ted Paine was in the hospital over night for his transplants and is out now. Ted thought that he would go for a walk and overdid it, so he will be taking it a bit slower.

Neil Specht (John and Nancy's son) had an accident while deep frying at the house where he was living in Georgia and has some 3rd degree burns. John and Nancy went there to be with him and brought him back home while he recovers.

Old news

We had two Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights with W.: Joe Chimino Chairing the Committee. We have three candidates to go through the Degrees.

On October 22nd the Grand Lecturer's Convention was in Perry, at Constellation Lodge. Hesperus Lodge qualified for the Potts Award, (meaning that the following were present: Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons, and the Masters of Ceremony). Hesperus actually had 12 members present.

W.: Ken Barons and I visited the veterans on November 7th, along with other Masons and their families to help hand out supplies to brighten up their day. This annual event has been going on for about 5 years. I always search out Walter Hugh because he was a member of Murray Lodge when I first joined.

Socializing!

For a change, the members of Hesperus Lodge prepared and served the Past Matrons and Patrons of Hesperus Chapter. Thank you, Marty Krause and Garry Hutcherson, for preparing the meal.

Party time

The 20/20 Party is over for another year. Marty Krause was conservative when he had the tickets printed up and had to have more done. I think that everyone had a great time. If "the more the merrier" is true, then we should have had a great time at this year's party.

The dates of the Degrees have all changed. The 1st Degree was on December 16th. The Annual Meeting for the Temple Association was on December 2nd. This was also Oyster Stew night.

Molly!

Has anyone seen Molly? She is missing from the East at Hesperus Lodge. On Thursday, December 2nd, five members from Batavia Lodge came to claim her. On the same night seven Brothers from West Star Lodge visited

Hesperus and went away with Molly. Don't worry, Brothers of Hesperus, a visit to West Star will be made!

As I earlier mentioned, a 1st Degree was on December 16th.

For the future

On January 6, 2000, there will be a Table Lodge. The Table Lodge, itself, will be on the 1st Degree so the Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft will be able to attend. Reservations are a must! Please call Marty Krause for yours. Cost will be \$10.00 each and it will start at 6:00 p.m. at the Lodge.

A Brother Bring-a-Friend Night is scheduled for January 13th at 8:00 p.m.

January 20th will be the 2nd Degree. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the Degree at 7:30 p.m.

January 16th is the Council of Masonic Activities at 2:00 p.m. at the Warsaw Temple.

January 29th for 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. is the Seekers of Truth Program, hosted by the Finger Lakes Chapter, Philalethes, at the Downtown Temple, Rochester.

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

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and will have a happy new millennium!

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



W.: Thomas
Scott
Master
493-2123

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

W.: Richard L. Smith, Secretary
493-5408

134 South Main St.
Castile, N.Y. 14427

Sickness and distress

Once again it saddens me to announce the passing of W.: Clarence Evans. W.: Evans joined the Great Architect of the Universe on November 16th. He was a Past Master. Our prayers go out to his family. I also thank Brothers from LeRoy who helped us with the Masonic Service.

Congratulations

A big congratulations to brother Layton Vogel for his 60 years in Masonry. Brother Layton was raised at Southern Light No. 725 in Breedsport. He also has 50 years in Royal Arch, Commandery and Council. I am very proud to have known him my entire life and am grateful that he is an active member of our Lodge.

Supper time

Come one, come all, to the annual Table Lodge to be held on June 8th, starting at 6:00 p.m. Brother Hoffmeister promises a great meal and I promise you a good time.

Brotherhood Fund

W.: David Beardsley announced at the last meeting that donations started coming in quite nicely and that to date \$95.00 has been donated. Keep the donations coming.

Fundraisers

Fish Fries will be held in the Spring and Fall. In June we are planning a Yard Sale and plans are in the works for a St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

I hope everyone had a nice holiday. God Bless and have a safe new year.

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



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

1st & 3rd
Mondays

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

2473 Route 20A
Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

Widow's Dinner

On December 6th West Star No. 413 held a Widow's Dinner and Pin Presentation. An excellent dinner was held at the Pantry Restaurant in Varysburg. Pins and poinsettias were presented to the ladies present.

Although the turnout was lighter than hoped for, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Like the rest of us, it will get better with age!

Molly

Where's Molly? Molly has not been heard of for a while, but her whereabouts were learned and a few of the Brothers went to Hesperus Lodge and brought her home to West Star. I thank the Brothers who made the trip, as I was unable to attend. I had grandson duties to take care of!

Holidays

Our Annual Christmas Party at West Star was on December 12th. I bet all the children were on their best behavior for the Jolly Old Elf.

Happy New Year to all.

Mount Vernon Lodge No. 263



W.: James
Allan
Master
457-3079

2nd & 4th
Mondays

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

Hello, Brothers

Just a note to our snow bird Brothers; our cold weather has finally come to stay, I think. As I start this article it is only 10° outside! Send a little warm weather up our way, would ya?

Sickness and distress

Our Brother, Les Dawson, is continuing to do well with his recovery and return from Wisconsin.

Activities

Our Pancake Breakfasts are doing well and continue to gain momentum. We can always use a couple of extra hands in either the dining room or the kitchen. Let's don't be bashful guys. Thank you, visiting Brethren, for your patronage and company!

Mt. Vernon history

Our first meeting and date of our petition to establish Mt. Vernon Lodge was on November 17, 1851. The Lodge was chartered on June 17, 1852.

Our first Centennial Celebration was held on September 13, 1951. The Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, M.: W.: Richard A. Rowlands, unveiled a plaque to the founders of the Lodge and delivered the principle address of the day.

Brother Bernard Whaley is heading up the committee for our 150th Anniversary and rededication of Mt. Vernon Lodge in 2001. Any members of our Lodge, especially senior members, who might remember some special anecdotes or history of the Lodge, please pass them along to Brother Whaley and/or myself. It would be greatly appreciated.

Also, we need more members on the committee to assist Brother Whaley in this important undertaking. Let's do this special event up right!! Contact Brother Whaley at 457-9905.

Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161



W.: William
Olsowsky
Master

567-8384

2nd & 4th
Thursdays
8:00 p.m.

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

By SW Ed Law

Seasons Greetings to my Eagle Valley Brothers, their families, and to all others who may read this column! May your holidays be joyous and overflowing with the sweet spirits of familial togetherness, brotherly love and charity.

Take the time

Your correspondent truly hopes that amid the seasonal "hustle and bustle", there will be intervals of time available to us

for meditations upon the Principles of Masonry, and the Judeo-Christian Tradition - together seen by many as the foundation of Western civilization and the stem from which our American Republic blossomed forth. As calendars turn from 1999 to 2000, we would do well to engage in such meditation as we humbly call upon the Grand Architect of the Universe to illuminate our pathways and guide us as we begin our journeys through the coming year.

Give me a call

My phone number is 322-7221. Eagle Valley Brothers and their families are especially encouraged to pick up the phone and call me to give me news items for publication, or just to visit. There's an answering machine for the times when I can't get to the phone. A short message and your phone number will guarantee that I will return your call as expeditiously as I can.

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Reflection

Speculation and gossip have never been encouraged in our Fraternity. We must always deal in fact. Let us pause to gather all the facts in any situation before rushing to judgement. We all received THE instruction that we should stretch forth a hand to aid a falling Brother and bring him back into the fold.

A bit of history

My wife and I had the opportunity to revisit Williamsburg, Virginia, in early December for a family gathering. It was the kickoff of the 300th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of this former Capital of Colonial Virginia. One of the activities I participated in was the recreation of a Colonial trial. The magistrate asked those gathered in front of the Courthouse to volunteer to serve as a Commissioner. The numbers were quickly reduced-only men; 21 years and older; Protestant; regular attendees at church; and property owners. There were four of us left out of 60+ prospects to serve as commissioners.

This was the scenario that existed in the Virginia Colony in 1774-that's only 225 years ago. We know that Freemasonry has encouraged each of its votaries to be steadfast in the faith of their acceptance, and met each other on the level for in excess of 275 years.

A new resolution?

This is January. Januarys come and Januarys go. But, because of our acceptance of the Gregorian calendar, we all have the unique experience of bringing in a new millennium. Will you make New Year's resolutions? Before you do, please consider the following: Freemasonry has a recorded history dating back 600+ years.

Our nation and the freedoms we cherish so dearly were significantly influenced through the efforts of our Masonic forefathers.

The Founding Father-George Washington-passed to the Grand Architect of the Universe just 200 years ago on December 14, 1799.

Nine Masons signed the Declaration of Independence, among them were Benjamin Franklin and John Hancock.

Thirteen Masons signed the Constitution of the United States, among them were John Blair, Benjamin Franklin and George Washington.

Thirty-three Masons served as General Officers of the Continental Army; eight Masons served as Aides and Military Secretaries to George Washington.

We, as Freemasons, have much to be proud of. We need to share the story. Make a resolution to tell your children and grandchildren of the Masonic

heritage and the sacrifices made so that we might enjoy our unique freedoms!

Grand Lodge Fund

I wrote about this Fund last month and will continue to speak out about it as opportunities arise. A brief refresher-Grand Lodge has created a new Grand Lodge Fund. Its purpose will be to provide assistance to distressed Brethren, Lodges, and/or Masonic families. Grand Lodge does NOT have the resources to do this now. Brethren are being encouraged to make bequests to this effort. More immediate results may be accomplished by all members of the Fraternity supporting the year 2000 calendar. All proceeds from these calendars will go to this Fund.

After an Official Visit a Brother approached me. He stated he was sure the Grand Master could use the money designated for his allocation in the Masonic Brotherhood Fund for the distressed cases I'd outlined. I indicated that to the best of my knowledge this was not possible. Some research was pursued on the subject with Grand Lodge Brotherhood Chairman Robert Stack. He stated all funds donated to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund must, by law, be used for charitable work and only to recognized charities. Therefore, all money donated to the Grand Master's allocation will be distributed to a registered charity.

When your Grand Lodge calendar arrives, please remember your contribution will support this new initiative of aiding our distressed Brethren and Lodges.

Seekers of Truth Forum

The Philaethes Society is sponsoring this special event on January 29th at the Downtown Temple. What an opportunity! An entire morning of Masonic Light, and then lunch. All for ten dollars. Call R.W. Rich Friedman at 377-6175 or 271-2771 to make your reservation. ☐

Grand Lodge Staff Officer

Monroe District



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

Being in retirement is great, but my cousin Vinnie convinced me that I should keep busy. I want to travel to Aruba and the Virgin Islands and other great stops in the Caribbean. Cousin Vinnie said, "Not to worry. I'll get you a job on the Staten Island Ferry for only a thousand dollars". Well, I jumped at that. What a deal!

Now I'm working on the Ferry taking tickets. What a great job! I get to travel free and I get paid, too. Then it dawned on me. This ferry doesn't visit the Virgin Islands. I'll bet Cuba isn't on the agenda either. Bummer.

If you don't know the program, you can't be a good part of it. You certainly can't direct it. You must be on the same page. No problem. Cousin Vinnie says he has another idea, just for me.

Know the program

Get with the program of your Lodge and your Grand Lodge. Help your Master and the Line Officers to implement their programs to a level of high success. The Masters and Wardens should know what the Grand Master expects of them. If we are on the same page and have the conviction to succeed, we will.

Class act!

The Leadership Development Course went off as expected-with good results. I congratulate those who completed the Course. Thank you, John and Dan, for putting the Course together and presenting it. Your work is a class act, as usual.

The Road to the East Program is underway. We expect to have equally good results. We have the finest instructors available, and the material is top notch. I hope the Lodges will consider sponsoring those who take our two Courses. The Bureau of Masonic Education again subsidized the Program to keep the prices down to a minimum. It is not known if we can do this next year, but the Programs will be presented again as usual.

Do you ...?

Is your Lodge involved with the Knights of the North Program? Do you greet your Brothers in Lodge? Do you know where all of your widows are? Do you know how they are doing? Do you call or visit your Brothers who are sick? Do you call or visit your Brothers who have not been to Lodge in some time? Are you extending the hand of brotherly love at every opportunity? Join with your Knights of the North. Your Brothers are not likely to leave an organization that cares about them. Don't forget about your Brothers who have not paid their dues. There must be a good reason why. Often it's too late to help when it reaches this point. Now you ask R.W. Joe Privitera to help. It's much better to do those little things ahead of time. Then you don't have to resort to seeing Joe.

We talk about doing the Ritual better, we talk about better training for the officers of the Lodge, we talk about showing interest in our Brothers, and we talk about caring about all of our Brothers and widows. My Brothers, our Ritual and our obligations set us apart from every other organization in the world. It's time for us to show the pride that was ours from the beginning. It's still there. Don't hide it.

Masonic Education and Membership Retention. Doesn't it all fit together? Our present Grand Master talks about quality. He

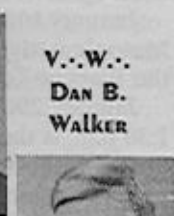
means quality in the candidates who are brought into the Lodge. He means quality of the Ritual in the Degrees that he receives. He means quality in our membership. Do we attend Lodge? Do we support the Master and of officers of the Lodge? In this year of the "quality" Grand Master, I believe it's time to pause and give some thought to the above items.

May the New Year bring all the best for you and your family. ☐

Assistant Grand Lecturers MONROE DISTRICT



V.W.
John
Zabel



V.W.
Dan B.
Walker

By V.W. John Zabel

This is the first article of the last year of the century and millennium, unless you consider that the year after 1 BC was 0 CE, or AD for the less politically correct. I am of the opinion that 1 AD followed 1 BC which makes this year, 2000, the one hundredth year of the century. Now that I either have your interest, or do not, let's go on to something Masonic.

There is no Y2K bug in our Masonic Ritual. There are, however, some misunderstandings. Recently at the Opening and Closing of a Lodge the fourth word spoken by the Junior Deacon was wrong. When asked the great care of Masons at Opening and Closing, he referred to Masons as "we". This is incorrect. Since the Junior Deacon was not asked what care Masons take in his Lodge, but what all Masons take, he should refer to them as "they". This makes correct reference to all Masons. He is then told to do what he said in his answer, but now just for his Lodge. If this is confusing to you, then you haven't been paying attention at the Opening and Closing of your Lodge, or you are new to the Craft. For anyone who is confused, Dan or I will be happy to discuss this with you, either in person, on the phone, or e-mail.

The last School of Ritual was well attended with 51 Brothers in attendance. This was a good

showing, but there were only 10 Lodges represented. The Lodge showing was not very good. If you know the Ritual cold, why come to the Schools of Ritual? To help teach other Brothers, of course. Otherwise, come to learn and share experiences. The next opportunity to attend a School is Wednesday, January 19th. It will be held at the Downtown Temple starting at 7:30 p.m. The host Lodge is Valley/Simes No. 109. The participating Lodges are Flower City and Craftsman/Robertson. The work will be the 1st section of the 2nd Degree.

Your AGL's are planning a 3rd Degree Fest for Saturday, April 15th, at the Downtown Temple. The plans are not completed, but if your Lodge is having a Spring Class, plan to bring your Fellowcraft members for their raising. More information will be available in the near future. We will be looking for Brethren to participate in the dramatic section of the Degree. If you are interested in participating, call Dan or me and volunteer.

In closing, the Closing Ritual for a Lodge should be the "long" form unless the hour is late, well past, say 9:30 p.m. An AGL in the OSY District timed both the "long" and "short" form of closing. The difference was less than three minutes. We encourage all the Lodges to use the full form as often as possible.

I mentioned e-mail as a method of contacting us, but I did not give the addresses: mine is j.zabel@computer.org, and Dan Walker is danlinw@aol.com. If you have a problem with these, our phone numbers are located on page 2 of this publication. ☐

Brotherhood Fund

David Jones
527-8210

The sky is falling!!! The sky is falling!!! Or is it about the little boy who cried wolf? For whatever reason many people have worked themselves into an awful state about this Y2K stuff. No doubt the biggest non-event to be perpetrated on the general public since the Cardiff giant.

It would be funny except that this or some similar distraction may have directed our attention away from other, more serious matters. The commitments of our Grand Lodge to the Masonic Home in Utica, the Medical Research Laboratory, our youth and veterans programs require your participation in the Brotherhood Fund Campaign this and every year. Do not be mis-directed or have your vision and priorities led down an unproductive false path. Stay the course, remember your obligations and gain strength and peace of mind by keeping faith with the principles and tenets of our Fraternity into its third century.

The pride we feel for being Masons, the historical continuity, the community service we provide at the local, state and national level all demand from each of us time, effort and financial support. The time and effort is expended locally through programs like our "Have-a-Heart" Campaign in February, and the very successful Child ID Program. In the larger context, we rely on our Grand Lodge Programs to carry the banner. For while we are crusaders for our moral and civil vision locally, there are battles to

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be waged in other places that require our financial support as well.

If you haven't been contacted by your Lodge Chairman yet, find out who he is and give him a call. Ask how you can participate in this year's Campaign. I have no doubt he can get you the proper information. He will even be a little surprised that you called him. □

Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County

President:
V.: W.: John Zabel

By V.: W.: John Zabel

Chaos!!!

"Brother Ames, I can't agree with you less!", shouted Brother Horvath.

"Yea, and I don't agree with you!", replied Brother Ames.

George was visiting Friendship Lodge as one of his good friends was the Senior Warden. The meeting was going on and on and an argument was erupting. The topic seems rather unimportant to George and he was getting rather perturbed about the length and level of it. In addition, since the Lodge was opened, the comments were not being directed to the Master.

"Worshipful Master", said Brother Bob.

"Yes, what do you have to say?", asked the Master.

"I will volunteer to form a committee and look into this question and report back at the next meeting. After we close, I will ask some of the Brothers to work with me. I won't forget Brothers Ames and Horvath."

"OK, you do that. Now can we get to the closing of the Lodge?", asked the Master.

There was a grumbled consent from the members and the Master proceeded with the closing.

During refreshment George's friend, John, came up to George. "Boy, that was getting really dicey in there tonight. I hope that doesn't happen when I'm Master."

George replied, "It shouldn't have gotten as far as it did. I've learned that the Master should really rule and govern the Lodge. By that I mean that he should use the gavel wisely and judiciously to cut off discussion before it gets heated. Bob did a good thing by volunteering to head a committee to investigate the question. However, the Master should have done that sooner. I'm willing to bet that some of the Brothers here tonight may not be at the next meeting if they think another argument might occur."

"You're probably right. I was just thinking that I should have done something sooner than Bob since one of my duties as Senior Warden is to keep harmony in the Lodge", said John.

"That's also true. Remember, you and the other officers should be working with the Brethren and the Master in keeping harmony in the Lodge. Then you and the Brethren have the responsibility to be civil in Lodge, but the Master has the means and authority to keep the peace", replied George.

What's happening

The Bureau reminds all Brethren that the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philalethes Society is sponsoring a day of Masonic Education on Saturday, January 29th, in the Rochester Masonic

Temple. The speakers for this event are some of the best Masonic speakers in New York State and the country. Every Brother is encouraged to attend this special event.

Your Bureau of Masonic Education exists to serve the Lodges and Brethren of Monroe District. If you have any suggestions for programs or other events that the Bureau should consider undertaking, please contact one of the officers. See the Masonic Directory for addresses and phone numbers. □

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



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

We will meet on January 15, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge.

Think Spring!

Our Annual Spring Dinner is coming together. It will take place on May 13th at the Mapledale Party House. I am working on obtaining a guest speaker for the evening. We will have musical entertainment for your enjoyment. Details will follow in future articles.

Every year our Fraternity raises money for the Ronald McDonald House by selling paper hearts in our local malls. This year is no different. Our Annual Have-a-Heart Campaign solicitation will take place at the following malls on these dates:

The Mall at Greece Ridge Center, February 5th-13th.

Market Place Mall, February 5, 6, 12, and 13th.

Eastview Mall, February 5, 6, 12, and 13th.

Every Lodge is expected to help out in this effort by staffing the malls. I'm asking every Lodge to assume an entire day at the malls of its choice. Segmenting the day into 3 shifts (early afternoon, afternoon and evening) works best. This year we will have mall coordinators to schedule and supervise each mall. Your mall site coordinators are:

The Mall at Greece Ridge Center, Phil Hurwitz at 581-1831 or phurwitz@frontiernet.net.

Market Place Mall, Lew Perna at 334-8265 or per@prhs.ima-net.com.

Eastview Mall, Gordon Ball at (315) 986-2964 or wydler@frontiernet.net.

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.

Added benefit

Thanks to all who came out to Flower City Lodge for our December Masters and Wardens meeting to help out the Service Bureau. Cleaning medical equipment is an unpleasant, but necessary task. Pitching in to help the Fraternity has the added benefit of helping the community at large.

Further Light in Masonry

A program entitled "The Seekers of Truth" will be presented at the Downtown Temple on January 29th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is an educational pro-

gram designed to provide further light in Masonry. It is being sponsored by the Philalethes Society, Finger Lakes Chapter. Topics include: A Vision for Freemasonry; Destructive Diversions Detailed; The Ancient Landmarks; and Masonic Research on the Internet. It promises to be enjoyable. The cost is only \$10 and includes lunch. Reservations must be made by January 22nd by contacting R.: W.: Rich Friedman at 377-6175, 271-2775, 271-8916 (fax) or Richddgm@aol.com. □

Past Master's Supper Club

President
R.: W.: F. Jay McCullough
494-2546
Secretary
R.: W.: Robert Sanford
292-6383

We are looking for a new home since we appear to have lost our base of operations at the Red Men's Club. If you have any ideas, please call me or the Secretary. We are hoping to meet on Jan. 28th. □

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

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

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



C. William Flemming, Secretary
723-0083
4550 Lake Avenue
Rochester, New York 14612

Thanks

Our Lodge owes a special thank you to W.: Charles Strickland and the Brothers of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge for raising our 2nd Degree candidate with their class when he was unable to attend our planned Degree night. This allowed our candidate to position himself for our planned 3rd Degree. Congratulations to Gunnery Sergeant Charles G. Harwell on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by our Past Masters Degree Team. After a great dinner of roast pork tenderloin, prepared by JW Bill King, the team flawlessly executed the work of the 3rd Degree. All those Schools of Ritual shine forth when this team hits the floor and demonstrates that those banners which are proudly displayed in our East are no fluke.

Official Visit

The District Deputy emphasized the importance of our Ritual and doing it well during his Official Visit. He also promulgated the theme that the quality demonstrated in our Ritual should carry over into our dress and charitable activities. Our support for the Grand Master's new unallocated fund is an opportunity to assist the less fortunate in their pursuit of excellence.

Party time

Our Lodge Christmas Party was a panoply of beverages, snacks and gifts, along with clowns (2), balloons, and the most magnificently clad and bearded Santa Claus you ever saw. SW Ken Ratliff, JW Bill King, and Brother Al Ritter outdid themselves in organizing and servicing this party and we and our

children owe them several big hugs for their efforts. The only downer was that so few attended this affair. Next year's Officers will have to rethink the who, where and why of this holiday affair.

Bring-a-Friend

PM Cliff Short has masterminded our Bring-a-Brother Night on December 21st.

January

January promises to be an exciting Masonic month. Our first meeting will be reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees and our Membership Investigating Team led by SW Ken Ratliff.

We will ballot on candidates at our 2nd meeting on January 18th. That meeting is also planned to be a joint dinner and fellowship event with Clio Lodge as our guests (paying ones with a Ham and Bean Dinner estimated to cost \$9/head). Mr. Dan Clark of Acacia Village in Utica will (weather permitting) put on a 20 minute video of the Masonic Home facilities and then answer any and all questions. We hope to have a big turnout from both Lodges for this affair. Call me at 621-5282 or Bill King at 266-5676 leaving a name and phone no. for each dinner reservation

Coming events

January 19th is the School of Ritual at Valley/Simes Lodge at the Downtown Temple. I hope no one experiences burnout and makes both affairs. The Philalethes Society is hosting a "Seekers of Truth" seminar on January 29th at the Downtown Temple. The cost is \$10/head and gives you coffee plus to start the day at 8:00 a.m., six speakers, lunch, and a roundtable question and answer period. Brothers, this is an opportunity that is too good to pass up and I intend to make every effort to be there. I hope to see a lot of you there as well.

We will be hosting Etolian Lodge in a Fellowship Dinner meeting on February 15th. As a warmup to that evening, our Brothers to the West have invited us to a Euchre Tournament to be held in Etolian at 7:00 p.m. on January 31st. I encourage all our members to take advantage of the hospitality being extended to us. □

Craftsman/ Robertson Lodge No. 969

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

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



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

By Robert Ogden

From the Master

W.: Chuck Strickland remarked that Craftsman/Robertson Lodge is on the move in initi-

ating 4 new Brothers and acquiring 2 affiliated Brothers. This entailed considerable effort and is most gratifying.

Brotherhood Fund

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund is moving along very nicely with 82 donors totaling \$2600.00, resulting in approximately 45% of our membership contributing. Brothers, keep up the good work-you'll be hearing more from me.

From the Secretary

W.: Tom Kendig stated that the first issue of our e-mail letter went out on December 7th to all Brothers who replied to his request. Anyone interested in receiving the latest news from the Lodge, please send him your e-mail address. Thank you.

Christmas Party

A surprise visit by airplane by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus on December 12th at the Shrine Mosque, got the attention of several excited children resulting in a good turnout. We tip our hat to W.: Bill Hook for again arranging this festive event.

Christmas cheer

W.: Bill Hook and I recently conveyed Christmas greetings with poinsettias to several Brothers who have been unable to get to Lodge. It was nice to see the surprise on their faces as they greeted us at their door.

3rd Degree

The Shrine Past Masters Degree Team conferred the 3rd Degree on four of our Brothers on December 21st. This tends to be a memorable event as they do such a wonderful job.

Birthdays in January

Pleasant greetings to the following Brothers born in January: Jim Clark, Al Connon, Sam Eleoff, Roy Guess, Oran Kissinger, Frank Morse, Bob Ogden, Dirk Oukes, John Sanna, Ken Skidmore, Lloyd Walker, Jasper (Bill) Kennedy and Chuck Zicari.

January meetings

On January 4th there will be a Dinner Meeting with wives and friends invited.

Fellowcraft Club will meet on January 11th, and there will be a regular meeting on January 18th.

A happy and peaceful holiday season to everyone. □

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14534

Well, this is it. Months of planning, decorating and endless days of run around now conclude with the holidays. Don't forget to stop and pause to remember what it's all about. Enjoy it for the splendor it has to offer.

Great meetings!

The word from the benches has been, great meetings! First we enjoyed the Official Visit of DDGM, R. W. Don Darrohn, on November 18th. The Message was well instilled to those attending. It was very informative.

On this occasion we took the opportunity to present a few special, well-deserved aprons. W. Bill Fraser and W. Don Smith received their Past Masters Aprons and V. W. Dan Walker was presented his Assistant Grand Lecturer's Apron.

Our meeting of December 2nd was unusually informative, when we honored Brother George Washington. This is the occasion of the 200th Anniversary of his death, December 14, 1799. The half-hour presentation covered his youth, early business years, military service, political life and retirement. Everyone learned all kinds of new information. We read his words of the battle where he had four shots go through his coat and had two horses shot out from under him. We also discussed the sealed letter that the Lodge has of his. We have identified now that it's a copy. We're 98% sure and know how to confirm.

Great meals

A lot of the enjoyment for these meetings is a result of the meals prepared by Linda Zahn (Washington night) and JW Jim Knapp (Official Visit). Sorry some of you missed Jim's ribs, wings and greens. Linda's chicken was outstanding, as usual. Thank you, Jim and Linda.

Ho Ho Ho

The Genesee Country Museum Tour was a wonderful holiday event. We took the 2 hour walking tour of the old homes and shops and enjoyed a sunny, mild afternoon in yesteryear. After the event we ventured back to W. Don Smith's home for a fine reception that he and his wife, Billie, provided with the attendee's dishes to pass. Over a dozen Brothers and their wives took advantage of this memorable event.

We are also appreciative of Beverly Place for the splendid job decorating our building for the season. Thank you from all the Brothers, near and far, for your thoughtfulness on our behalf. It's the best I've seen in 23 years.

A little business...

By the time you have read this your dues notice will have been in your hands for two weeks. If you have not received one (with a copy of the "Northfield News") call the Secretary at 716-248-

5170. A special thank you to those who have remitted immediately. It means a lot.

Don't forget the volunteering for the Winter shoveling at the Lodge. Fifteen members can make no work of the effort. No volunteers means money down the drain and a burden on the Trustees. Call me to schedule your week.

Only a meeting or two remain for each member to make a difference in this term's membership. I hope each of you have been able to offer to another the most of what you have to give. Remember our 10 two letter words: If It Is To Be, It Is Up To Me.

Before parting

I think back now of how this world has changed with the passing of each of its 1,000 years of history. Imagine what it might be in another 1,000 years. Will our Fraternity survive? Will man? Will any life on this small planet in a remote universe exist? While we may never know the answer to these contemplations in life, I do know that our Fraternity has made this difference within our time. It is with considerable pride that we, having set the standard of life, can pass it on to our future generations. May God bless all in the new Millennium.

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

It is hard to believe that January is already upon us. Welcome to the new millennium. If you are reading this, the world has obviously not come to an end. We have successfully conferred the 2nd Degree and are busily preparing for the 3rd in February. The Christmas festivities are behind us, but not the caring and concern that we should have for others.

Truth

If you haven't signed up the "Seekers of Truth" Program on January 29th, please do so soon. This should be a very good educational program. We don't often have opportunities like this.

Have-a-Heart

Our time is February 10th, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center. We may possibly have a weekend day at Eastview.

Historical Lecture

All our local Brothers are encouraged to attend this month's meeting. R. W. Stephen R. Whittaker will be doing the 1st Degree Historical Lecture which explains the nature and principles of our Constitution. Remember to call Brother Walthour for a dinner reservation if you are not on the permanent list.

Memo from God

As I pondered what message to write this month, I guess I received a message from God. I was walking through the office and found the following hanging on a message board. I do not know who to credit it to as it did not

contain any reference to an author other than the following:

MEMO FROM GOD

To: You
Date: Today
From: The boss
Subject: Yourself
Reference: Life
I am God

Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help.

If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. It will be addressed in my time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it.

If you find yourself stuck in traffic; don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work; think of the person who has been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad; think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend; think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance; think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror; think of the cancer patient in chemotherapy who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and wondering what life is all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; remember, things could be worse. You could be them!

An Open Invitation

Seneca Lodge cordially invites all Brothers in the area to attend a presentation of the Entered Apprentice Degree Part I Historical Lecture on January 11th. R. W. Stephen R. Whittaker will present the Lecture. Seneca Lodge meets at Webster Masonic Temple. You may join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m. or for the Lecture at 8:00 p.m. Please make dinner reservations with Brother Stuart Walthour, 321-1948, e-mail dittos@rochester.infi.net.

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

I hope everyone has survived the holidays and we are all Y2K compliant in our doings! In the month of December we had the Annual Meeting with a great Chili and Corn Bread Dinner, made by our Treasurer, Daryl Bentley, who has been helping this year with the food.

2nd Degree

Our January meeting will be our 2nd Degree with our JW, Larry Bright, being in the East. V. W. Robert Strang is doing the Middle Chamber Lecture and Chet Boniak is coming over from Hesperus Lodge to play the organ. We have four candidates, so we have been doing very well this year.

We hope that all our snowbirds who came home for Christmas have a safe trip back down South.

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

Have-a-Heart time!

The time is approaching when most all of the Lodges in the Monroe District will be participating in the Have-a-Heart Campaign to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. It will take place the first couple of weeks in February. The District will be covering several of the area malls. This Campaign generates contributions directly for the benefit of the Ronald McDonald House. A sign-up sheet will be available at the January meeting for those who will be able to serve in the booth for our Lodge. We will be at Marketplace Mall on Sunday, February 6th. The usual shifts are from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. We will need four or five of our members for each of these time periods. Our booth distributes red hearts to the visitors of the Mall and they write a name or greeting on the heart and hopefully, make a donation for the Ronald McDonald House. The House provides a home away from home for families of children who are under care at our many area hospitals.

Annual Meeting

Our January 10th meeting will be the Annual Meeting with officer reports, committee reports and review of the Budget for the year 2000. We will also be considering various improvements and projects that should help our Lodge. Both of the restrooms will need quite a bit of work and new fixtures to restore them to serviceable condition. We will also need approval for some supplies that we need from Grand Lodge. Another item that will need consideration is the replacement of our public address system, especially since we now have better security systems in place. We also are in need of upholstering the seats in the Lodge room and will be looking for your suggestions.

Fellowcraft Club

Our Fellowcraft Club will be meeting on January 24th at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is usually held on the fourth Monday of the month. At these gatherings we try to find ways to improve our Lodge and participate in community activities. Give Brother Gary Sanford a call at 425-4240 and let him know if you are interested in coming. We will also be having a rehearsal for the 1st Degree at this meeting. All officers should

bestudying the Ritual so that they will be prepared.

The Brotherhood Fund Committee Chairman, Brother Jim Nersinger, has been contacting all of our members. We hope to increase the number of participants and that most of you will return your envelopes with a generous donation.

Dues

It is time to submit your dues for the year 2000. Reminders have been sent out to all of our members. Some of our members have not yet sent in their dues for 1999. Be sure you are up to date.

GERMANIA

Lodge No. 722
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W. Nelson
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671-4792

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

Secretary

W. John H. Foster 467-1677

Welcome to the year 2000!

Whether you are one of the people who sees this as the first year of the 21st Century or the last year of the 20th Century, one thing is clear. Masonry continues to be an important part of our lives. Not many institutions can claim the longevity of our honorable Fraternity - or the good works it still accomplishes. When you reflect on the significance of the arrival of Y2K, I hope you will renew your commitment to the principles of Masonry and to your Lodge.

January meeting

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, January 18th and will be a regular business meeting. We have received additional paperwork from Grand Lodge that we will have processed and have reviewed with the Fame Lodge Merger Committee. We will need to review this information in Lodge before sending it on to Grand Lodge. You should plan to be there so that you are fully up to date on the merger. Prior to Lodge, starting at 6:30 p.m., we will have our Pot Luck Dinner, as usual.

Brotherhood Fund

If you haven't made this one of your New Year's resolutions, please make giving a donation to the Brotherhood Fund one of them! Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Dave Foster, is hoping that everyone will make a contribution this year, even if it is only \$1.00. Let's shoot for 100% participation. The Lodge thanks Brothers Nelson Bertch, Robert McBride and Tom Soanes for their contributions. 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.

Let's hear from you

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

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

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



Seasons greetings to all! As the poet once said, "The best laid plans of mice and men oft go awry" he certainly had my November in mind. On Monday, November 15th I was admitted into Park Ridge Hospital suffering from chest pain. After extensive testing, I was sent home with a diagnosis of esophageal spasm, and ordered to return at a later date for further examination.

More complications

To further complicate the situation, I had committed to put on the Middle Chamber Lecture at Clio Lodge on November 16th. Thank you, W. Dennis Tianello (Chaplain) who removed a huge load from my mind by volunteering to go to Clio in my place (with 24 hours to prepare). SW John Dyer and Secretary, R. W. Jay McCullough, also stepped up to the challenge by preparing for the November 22nd meeting without yours truly in the East. This allowed me to recuperate without having to worry about the upcoming meeting or program. A hearty thank you for these special favors and to all of you for the cards, prayers, visits and gifts!

Sickness and distress

These Brothers are in need of our thoughts and prayers: W. Len Perlmutter is on the mend after undergoing successful bypass and open heart surgery. Brother Ron LaDue gave us a real scare after having had pacemaker problems and being rushed to the hospital. He is now recuperating at home. W. Bill Becker has moved from Westgate Nursing Home to one near his brother in Claremont, CA. R. W. Ruel Lovett is back bowling and has returned to taking his flying lessons. It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Brother Earl W. Cowie, a 54 year Etolian member who resided in Churchill.

Other news and events

A Santa, named Brother Howard Gleffe, assisted by Etolian elves, entertained some 90 senior residents at the 2nd Annual Westwood Commons Christmas Party on December 23rd. SD Jim Toogood coordinated the Poinsettia - Happy Holiday distribution.

Congratulations to R. W. Jay McCullough who has been elected President of the Masonic Service Bureau, and to R. W. Gene Brendel who has been elected a Director. My thanks to both of you for continuing to show us the way to serve this, the greatest Fraternity in the world!

Looking ahead

On December 27th a social get-together is planned for the Brothers and their ladies. There will be music, bring your favorite CD's. There will be refreshments, punch will be provided, bring your favorite munchies. The goal of the evening is to say good-bye to the 1900's. Reminiscing is in

order, come prepared to share memories and an evening of relaxing, no pressure, laid-back fellowship. The attire is casual, and if you feel so moved, dress for your favorite era.

The first meeting of the new year, January 10th, is a Brother Bring-a-Brother Night. Please contact and bring along a Brother we haven't seen in a while. It will certainly be a joy to fill the sidelines.

Etolian will be hosting a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on January 20th. We will be serving dinner at 5:30 p.m., present the program, and have dessert. I have one name so far, please forward the names of potential candidates to me as soon as possible so that I may personally invite them.

May the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe be upon you and your families during this holiday season. May you feel his love and receive His peace. So Mote It Be.

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
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By W. Donald Tubman

Greetings from the East

I was in the East on November 10th and Grant Romer, a speaker on Masonic history, addressed the Lodge on the History of Masonry in Monroe County. The Wheatland Historical Society was invited and we all had a great night. Mr. Romer is a wonderful speaker and is the Conservator of the George Eastman House.

I have been told by all in attendance that they had never had such a frank and clear talk on Masonry. Our visitors from the Wheatland Historical Society were spellbound! We were indeed blessed to have Grant Romer and the accurate reporting by Mrs. Misner of the Sentinel Staff. A truly wonderful night!!

DeWitt Clinton Award

On December 1st, with Peter Fallone officiating, the DeWitt Clinton Award was presented to Sister Diana Dolce, SSJ, founder, director and Principal of Hope Hall, on Buffalo Road in Gates.

Sister Dolce has successfully run a program for educationally at risk children for six years at Hope Hall. The program has been in existence since 1977. Sister Dolce wrote and copyrighted the program at that time. There are presently 110 children there. Hope Hall has graduated 173 youths with a phenomenal success rate. Sister Dolce's first class had 12 students. Ten of those students are in college programs at this time.

Sister Dolce was pleased to be the recipient of this most prestigious Award and spoke passionately of her own program and of what the Scottish Rite's program for learning disabled and dyslexic persons had accomplished in such a short time.

Sister Dolce completed her undergraduate and Master's Degrees in Special Education at Nazareth College.

Eighty men!

That what was needed on December 8th, but we canceled the Degree for my old favorite... "a multitude of reasons."

The 2nd Degree has been rescheduled for January 26, 2000, and barring an ice storm, you are all expected to attend!

Please join us

We have altered our schedule to accommodate necessary changes and on January 12th, R. W. Larry Dunn will be in the East. V. W. John Zabel will talk about his coin collecting hobby. (My wife and children have a hobby of collecting all of my coins). This will be an open meeting with a Chili repast following.

We are discussing having the 3rd Degree in March so that our Canadian Brothers can join us. They claim to be enjoying Winter too much to travel to our warm climate before this time and it could correspond with our St. Patty's celebration so that we could enjoy a Degree, dinner and a dance.

W. Kevin Fisher hopes everyone had happy holidays and reminds and urges attendance at the Philalethes Society's meeting on January 29, 2000. This should be an interesting day. Oatka's Winter Campout to follow in Varysburg.

WEBSTER**Lodge No. 538**

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Webster, N.Y. 14580



W. Bernard
Russell,
Master
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1st & 3rd
Thursdays
7:30 p.m.

W. Paul Sobtchick, Sec.
671-8980

I hope that everyone's holiday was filled with great cheer and joy.

Thanks

Webster Lodge was treated to a surprise guest speaker during the first meeting in December. V. W. John Zabel delivered a wonderful lecture on antique coins that had the Brothers reaching into their pockets for money!

I thank Grant Romer for his presentation of Masonic Aspects of Ancient Architecture. The Brothers thoroughly enjoyed the lecture as he captured our imaginations with fact and history as it related to Masonic architecture.

My thanks to the Brothers for helping make the December 24th Breakfast/Holiday Visitation a great success. Mark Fenton put on a delicious breakfast and it was great to see the fellowship and excitement before we set out to deliver poinsettias to the Brothers who have not been able to get out like they used to in time past.

A 'thank you' goes to Peter Bowers for setting up a Blood Drive during the Holiday Visitation and to the Brothers who donated their blood. Thanks, also, to Bruce Chilton for his help in coordinating the event. He spread a lot of holiday cheer.

January

The January schedule for Webster Lodge will be as follows: the first meeting will be regular business and at the second meeting the Lodge will be conferring the 1st Degree. The 1st Degree is an important step in the Masonic life of a Brother. The Lodge needs

all the support the members can give, and I would like to see a full Lodge room for that night.

Please make plans to attend Lodge, especially January 20th. John Merz will be in the East.

Spaghetti Dinner

The first Spaghetti Dinner of the new millennium will be in January. If the demand for these dinners keeps up we will need more help from any Brother who can spare some time to help in the kitchen or serve in the dining room. Please contact Brother Doug Koenig if you are able to help out.

The Officers and I are here because of you. Please make it a point to attend the meetings. If there is any Brother who needs help getting to Lodge, please let me know and I will help make arrangements for travel. I can be reached at 872-1353. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Wakan/Hubbard**Lodge No. 154**

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

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Excitement ahead

The New Year is upon us again. It seems like this one just began a very short while ago and already it has come and gone. This New Year however, is not just any New Year. It is the start of the new millennium. A new beginning. A new century. The first year of the next thousand years comprising the 3rd millennium. These are exciting times.

You have only to read the newspaper or listen to all the media hype to know of all the wonderful things that are going to be available, and all the wonderful news of things to come. There is also the gloom and doom predictions that usually follow. The pending Y2K computer disaster creating everything from food shortages to unleashing

wars, the second coming of Christ, or the end of the world, and the list goes on.

Look ahead

My Brothers, we can look to the future and speculate as much as we want, but remember, all of our individual futures are predestined by none other than the Great Architect of the Universe. It is in Him, that we place our Trust.

Remember others!

During this wonderful holiday season, when so much emphasis is placed upon the gathering of family and friends, let us not forget those less fortunate.

May your New Year be filled with all the joys and goodness that can possibly be attained.

Coming events

We will have a meeting on January 10th. The Euchre Tournament is on Friday, January 14th. January 19th - School of Ritual, Valley/Simes, Downtown Temple at 7:30 p.m.

Past Masters Night and Concordant Bodies Night is on January 24th. This will be a dinner for men only. Past Masters will fill the chairs.

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Happy New Year!

It's going to take some getting used to writing 2000 or 00!

We will not meet at the Lodge on January 4th. Instead, we will meet at the Monroe Country Club for our Appreciation Night. Cocktails will be at 5:30 p.m., dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m. Each Brother is to order off the menu (Dutch Treat). The Club is located on Golf Avenue in Pittsford. Call me at 581-1831 or e-mail at phurwitz@frontier.net for directions.

On Monday, January 10th, we will meet at the Lodge to join ERAC in conferring the 2nd Degree upon our candidates. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., the Degree will begin at 7:30 p.m.

We will have our regular business meeting on January 18th, at 7:30 p.m.

CLIO

LODGE No. 779



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Greetings

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season and that Santa was good to all of you.

December events

December 7th was an evening of history and reflections of years gone by. Our Secretary, Charles Tucker, DSA, read a bit of history and some of the members joined in and shared some of their memories and knowledge of the past. It was rather ironic that some of our Past Masters filled in for some ailing and working officers, including me. Without our Past Masters Clio Lodge would be lost. Thank you, Brothers, "Grand Honors"!

On December 21st we played a game of sorts. SW Bob Pedersen approached me with a program he had heard about and we tried it. Bob and I moved aprons, staves and all sorts of Lodge paraphernalia to different positions in the room. We gave each Brother a piece of paper and they attempted to find the items. The Brothers were scored and a small prize was awarded to our winning Brother. A good time was had by all.

Sickness and distress

It is my sad duty to announce the death of Brother Bruce Godfrey on November 20th. Our

condolences to his friends and family.

JW Gordie Smith is home recuperating from knee surgery. Brother Carl Doell if feeling under the weather. Les Merritt has recently had angioplasty. Eric Betteridge is in traction for a bad disc in his neck and is awaiting surgery. His wife is also recovering from surgery.

Let's pray that these Brothers and their families all feel better soon. One thing we are thankful for is that our Tiler, Denny Wright, is back in Lodge.

Birthdays

Those enjoying birthdays in January are: Walter Garrett, Gary Wahl, John Lewis, Gerald Webster, Albert Bird, Bob Pedersen, Ralph Shaw, Don Gala, and Scott Gresko. Happy Birthday to you all!

Coming events

Our Spaghetti Dinners this month will be on January 12th and 26th. The only meeting this month is on January 18th, our Annual Communications.

Flower City Lodge No. 910



W. Jerry Sporo,
Master
334-7616

2nd
Thursday
7:30 P.M.

R. W. Phillip Averbach,
Secretary 458-1817

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

I hope all of you had a happy holiday season, and of course, I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Where are we headed?

I have been sitting here at my desk wondering about Y2K and our Lodge. While many other groups have been certified clean regarding Y2K, Flower City No. 910 has not done a thing to check it out. This is a serious situation. This is important. What will become of us in the new millennium? I, as Master, am very much concerned that we may be yet another Lodge heading for disaster. We have dozens less members than we had just 5 years ago. We are running short of people to put on Degrees, not to mention the candidates needed to have Degrees in the first place. Yes, the problems facing Flower City Lodge in Y2K that need our attention are growing.

Thank you

I thank Valley/Simes Lodge for sharing the load in conferring a joint 2nd Degree on Monday, November 29th. We both had a candidate. Our 3rd Degree is scheduled for Thursday, January 13th at 7:30 p.m. with dinner scheduled for 6:15 p.m. This will be our regular meeting night and I ask all to be there!

A night out

The officers decided on the Kam Wah Restaurant in Penfield for dinner at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11th. This will be with our ladies. Contact R. W. Phillip Averbach at 458-1817 or me at 334-7616 for reservations for both the Lodge meeting on the 13th and the dinner with our ladies on January 11th.

Looking ahead

There will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on Friday, January 21st. Flower City has agreed

to present the 1st half of the 2nd Degree at the School of Instruction on January 19th.

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Brethren

Isn't it nice that the New Year starts in the dead of Winter when the primitive in each of us believes that we'll never see Spring again? Right in mid-gloom, here comes the New Year with all its hopefulness untarnished. Isn't it wonderful? I mean, who would care about the New Year if it were in mid-July?

Doris and I hope you all had a Merry Christmas, and will have the happiest of New Years. The New Year's Celebration looks to be most unusual. Dick Clark will be ringing in the New Year at Times Square in New York City. It seems like only yesterday that he was announcing "the next dance will be a snowball". Now he is the Baby Boomer's Guy Lombardo. (I preferred Carmen, especially on "Boo Hoo").

Merger news

The business of the merger is moving along. More about that will be available after the first of the year.

Official Visit

Our Official Visit will take place at the first meeting in February, the 8th. I am hoping for a large turnout. It will be tuxedos or dark suits for all Officers.

Don't forget to call distressed Brothers. Drive carefully. Keep away from bootleg booze, when you're on a spree: boop boop e doo!

FAIRPORT

Lodge No. 476



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

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I hope this issue of the *Masonic Times* finds all of our Brothers not unduly burdened either by any Y2K problems or additional pounds from holiday festivities. I trust that the New Year will bring our Fraternity much good fortune. This month's column will be short, since I am writing it just before the Christmas holidays.

Upcoming events

For January I am looking forward to a presentation by Brother Fred Osborne on the topic of preparing your finances for long-term care. Brother Fred has tentatively scheduled this for our January 24th meeting. I would appreciate input from the Lodge

as to whether this should be a dinner meeting with a Dish-to-Pass meal before the program. Brother Fred has indicated that this will be a good program for spouses and families, also.

At our meeting on January 10th, the Committee investigating the elder help idea will be reporting on their progress.



FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

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George Springett, Secretary
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By William Lindsay

Conventional wisdom holds that creating a high quality and potentially satisfying experience will entice people to want to participate. One has only to notice the overwhelming success of the movie industry, sporting events, chic restaurants and Summer fests, to concur with that observation. Some itch is being scratched.

But it is also true that numerous events are planned which are of high quality and hold great potential to be a satisfying experience which generate minimal participation. But the itch isn't (wasn't) there. That causes us all to think about the question of where do our itches come from, anyway?

Reflecting on my own life experience, I recognize that during the formative years of my youth, much of what I began to value was encouraged and reinforced by the adults in my life. As I grew older, I began to explore beyond my core set of values and reshaped my thinking based on my participation in events that went beyond those favored by my adult mentors earlier. I am now at a place in my life where I make choices based on who I am and what I know to be consistent with my own set of "itches".

These understandings point to the vital role that "adult" Masons can and should play in the Masonic life of young Brothers. This is mentoring, shepherding, guidance, leadership. If we are to survive as a Craft, every Mason must take responsibility to fulfill that role. Encouraging young Brothers to participate is an adult responsibility.

On January 29, 2000, a major Masonic event, "Seekers of Truth", will be held at the Downtown Masonic Temple and will feature outstanding scholars and presenters-it's the Super Bowl of Masonic Light-right here in Western New York. Nowhere else in America, or the world, will a better program be available to Masons in this area. Making a reservation is a sure sign that our actions are consistent with our beliefs and obligation. None of the "you go" stuff. "Let's do it together" always worked better with my kids. After all, "together we build" is the only way to build.

Truth Seekers Forum to present Internet Workshop

By Bill Edwards

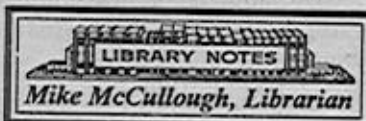
One of the popular buzzwords in today's world is the "Internet"; a series of worldwide connected

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computers that can be a useful tool for research, communication by e-mail, electronic shopping and entertainment. This dynamic environment can be very exciting and at the same time, confusing and frustrating. The amount of information available on the web is growing dramatically every month and with that volume of data so increases the noise distracting people from finding useful information. A common question asked by Internet users is, "How do I find the good stuff?"

Karl Kabelac, Rare Books Librarian at the University of Rochester and I, as Past President of the Finger Lakes Chapter and Masonic Research aficionado, want to help you get more useful information and enjoyment from your travels on the information highway. At the "Truth Seekers Forum" we will be presenting a program on "Using the Internet for Masonic and Bibliographical Research".

The Program will include live demonstrations (technology permitting) of doing book searches on the internet, exploring library electronic card catalogs, searching manuscript holdings and visiting some interesting Masonic related websites. I will share some of my personal experiences using the internet for Masonic related research. A handout of all websites and resources discussed will be given to each attendee. If you have a specific website you would like to recommend to have included with the handout or have a question or topic you would like to submit to be covered during the program, please e-mail me at wedward2@rochester.rr.com or call me at 872-3993. Look forward to seeing you there.



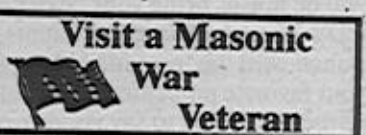
Anyone for Community Service?


There are several hundred books, periodicals and magazines on Freemasonry on shelves in the Sarachan Library. There are hundreds more at the Grand Lodge Livingston Library Branch in Utica and main unit in New York City, in local Lodge libraries, private collections, and even a few in public libraries. The Sarachan Library needs a person, perhaps a library intern, who needs some public service time for course credit, or just wants to be of service. A library computer software program needs to be installed on our "Dox" computer and the materials on hand need to be catalogued into it. Any leads from readers will be appreciated.

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

Masonic encyclopedias

We have a couple of two volume sets of Mackey and McClanahan encyclopedias remaining. Individuals of Lodges may wish a set for their own. For a small donation to the Herman Sarachan Library, your set can be reserved. Call the Service Bureau Office to set yours aside.





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Winter Fest-Huge Success!

No Snow... Well, it didn't make any difference....

Again, for the second year, the 60° weather, campus wagon rides, brass music and hundreds of flickering lights made the Winter Fest at the Masonic Home an event to remember! The 2nd Annual Winter Fest, held Sunday, December 5th, brought hundreds of families to the Campus of the Masonic Home to enjoy an old fashioned holiday. This premier holiday event provided a way to re-visit holiday traditions and reminded us of the basics-friendship, family and community.

During this old fashioned Christmas, the Utica Optimist served free hot cocoa and coffee outside to all the families who strolled from building to building. While the lines were long for the campus wagon ride to Acacia Village to see Santa Claus, people took advantage of Scotty's Express Train, which was a big hit, not only for the children, but for Mom and Dad, as well. Children also enjoyed petting the oxen that were provided by Paul Credle. Entertainment was provided in all the major buildings on the campus.

The sounds of brass music from the Utica College Concert Band filled the Chapel, along with the marvelous sounds of the Valley Voices. Between the sets of entertainers, Jack Ovitt provided magnificent organ music. As you entered the Administration Building you were able to stroll through the halls visiting the many artisans and crafters who displayed their saleable gifts in such a festive way. In the Auditorium, the Tonettes and Meltones, the New Hartford Chorale and the Show Stoppers provided holiday music that put smiles on all the visitor's faces.

The aroma of pizza fritte brought people down to Fellowship Hall to enjoy refreshments. In the Master Mason Activity Room and in the Wiley Hall Dining Room, residents enjoyed the magnificent performance of the St. Mary's Episcopal Church Choir, the Mohawk Valley New Chorus, as well as the Girl Scout Troop caroling throughout the halls of the Health Facility.

As families rode the campus wagon to Acacia Village they were able to sing along with "Frosty the Snowman" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer". They were greeted at Acacia Village by Mr. and Mrs. Claus next to a cozy fireplace, where a free photo was provided. The beautiful decorations on Acacia's Main Street, the entertainment provided by Wes Donaldson on the piano, the Belles and Beaus, the wonderful story telling by Harland Lewis and the arts and crafts activities provided in the arts and crafts room added to the festivities of the day.

At 5:30 p.m., a glow of light was created from the 200 glow sticks that were donated by the Utica Optimist. They were handed out to the children so they

could enjoy the lighting of the Christmas Tree, located in front of the Chapel. It was a great holiday feeling as everyone sang Christmas carols, led by "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer".

As a result of the generosity of the community, over 500 pounds of food were donated to the Utica Community Food Bank. □



Acacia Village
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Acacia Village is privileged to be the host site of the Young Artists mini-concerts sponsored by Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute. This Fall we enjoyed two performances: The first, on October 18th by cellist Hai-Ye Ni, one of the most accomplished young cellists of our time. Hai-Ye is the youngest artist to receive first prize at the distinguished Naumberg International Cello competition. With Yo-Yo Ma as a mentor, Ni has risen to prominence through critically acclaimed performances in New York City, Chicago, London and Vienna.

The second mini-concert, featuring pianist Stewart Goodyear, took place on November 5th. Stewart is known for his incredible talent, blended with an adventurous, innovative and intelligent approach to music. Performing with flawless technique, 21 year old Goodyear brings music to life. He is a multi-talented individual who possesses an impressive recital repertoire which allows him to showcase his acclaimed talents as a composer.

On December 1st, with the move-in of newest residents, Don Bellefeuille and Jennifer Smith, Acacia Village again boasts full occupancy. Our waiting list continues to grow as the word spreads throughout the Masonic community of the exceptional life-style offered.

The Sir Knights of Zone 6 of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, held their regional meeting, followed by lunch on Saturday, November 20th. Approximately 25 Sir Knights attended. The activities included Ritual discussions, as well as ideas for after meeting programs. Acacia Village is a favorite choice for holding Masonic functions, not only because of our beautiful facility, and convenient meeting accommodations, but also because the food is great.

Local school choruses and community groups will fill our halls with beautiful music this Holiday Season. The line-up includes, but is not limited to, the Floyd Community Instrumental Ensemble, piano music and sing-along by Wes Donaldson, the MVCC Vocal Ensemble, Acacia Village's own "Belles and Beaus", the Merry Minstrels, the MVCC Concert Band, Tabernacle Singers and many more.

From the residents and staff of Acacia Village, we hope all had a joyous Holiday season and healthy New Year. To receive information or to arrange for a tour, please contact Cindy Dardano, Retirement Counselor at 800-593-3353 or dardanoc@masonichomeny.org. □



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Harold Bollotin, Reporter

Ward visits

The final two visits of 1999 were scheduled as follows:

1. The Annual Gift Wrapping Session was held on Tuesday afternoon, December 14th in the Building 5 Auditorium.

2. The Annual Gift Distribution to the wards was held on Sunday, December 19th.

Future ward visits are scheduled for January 9th, February 13th and March 12th.

Veterans Day

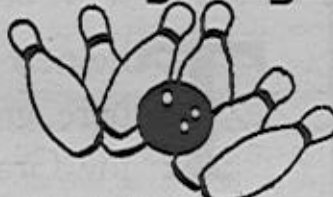
On Thursday morning, November 11th, the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony was held in the lobby of the War Memorial. The room was filled with a large number of vets from the various organizations. It was an impressive and meaningful event.

Following the Ceremony a luncheon was held at The Party House on Beahan Road. The building was filled to capacity with people.

Masonic participation

At both of these events was a number of members of the James A. Hard Post No. 12, wearing their Post caps, and Damascus Temple of Legion of Honor members. It was a wonderful turnout. □

Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

This season we will have a split season. After completing the first 13 weeks, we were able to add two teams for the remainder of the season.

The first round final standings were as follows:

Wolf Pack	66-38
Alley Gators	62-42
Big Balls	50-54
Hubbard	48-56
Maiden Lanes	44-60
Northfield	42-62

Bill Rubert came within 3 pins of a 300 game on October 20th. It was the middle game of a 196-297-179, 672 series. He will receive an ABC eleven strikes in a row plaque and a watch for a game 100 pins over his average.

Jack Thibaut received a Senior Award patch for his 258 game that was 86 pins over his average.

Since my last column, league bowlers have rolled 16 - 600+ series and 80 - 200+ games. 600 series were rolled by Don Weis - 671 (246, 255), 635 (235), 615 (228), 611 (231) and 603 (258), Rick Flanagan - 656 (265), 653 (235), 646 (226), 635 (238), 617 (234) and 605, Rich P. Ehrne - 652 (224, 252) and 635 (245),

Scott Weis - 615 (246, 222), and Dave Mawhiney - 603 (224).

Other notable games were rolled by Jeremy Fromm - 236, Rob Goodyear - 225, Bill Rubert - 224, Len Mack 222, Gary Bonisteel - 220, Scott Sultar - 218, Derek Masi - 211, and Bud Crane - 206. □

What's Bugging You About the Millennium?

By Don Brugger

What seems to be missing in the thinking about the so-called Millennium is a little logic. Those who were around in the beginning of the Millennium, I suspect, had little concern about whether they were in the first Millennium or not; they were too concerned about where their next meal was coming from or whether they and their families would survive the day. Whether they were, however "in" the first Millennium cannot be disputed. They were "in" it since day one and they were in it until 1000 years had elapsed. That seems to be where the problem hinges, not where it begins, but where it ends.

The Millennium had to start somewhere. Somewhere would seem more explicitly to be where the time changes from the negative to the positive value; (i.e., mathematically zero). There is considerable discussion on exactly where that is, but that is not our concern here. It seems more appropriate to consider where one millennium ends and the next begins.

Logically zero was the beginning. The time elapsed from zero to 1000 includes all the years from the first. The first year includes all the time up to the end of the last day; we will also not argue here about how many days that was. So, on midnight of the last day, the first year ended and the second year began; are you with me here? The next day being the first day of the next year is part of that year; the second year, that is.

Using this infallible logic, I don't think it is too much of a stretch to conclude that the last day of the 99th year of a Century is part of that Century and the first day of the next year is part of the next Century. There are some that would argue that, "but 100 years have not elapsed." To this we could argue that, "did not (in modern chronology) the 365th day end?" It certainly did! Consequently, the last day ended, the Century ended and similarly the Millennium will end.

Of course this is what is called an "argument from analogy." This means we have examined an analogous situation to prove the argument. Anyone who has read Plato (Socrates) knows that these arguments are sometimes flawed.

From another source in this publication (John Zabel-AGL's article) is offered the caution that we also consider the the question, was the year 1 BC followed immediately by the year 1 AD. He also mentions the C.E. (Current Era) designation. Does that begin after 1 B.C. ends, or does it begin 33 years later?

If you are convinced one way or the other, I'd like to know. Of course, you had better have a good argument for your point of view, it may be printed. □

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Pray for guidance

We are advised to seek the aid of Deity when starting any great undertaking. Since assuming the mantle of command, I have done that and I ask you to do the same. I request that you extend your Fraternal prayers to include the distressed Brother Master Mason and his family; the Valley of Rochester and your fellow Sublime Princes; and the leaders of the Valley. Pray for healing to begin and for guidance as we all move forward in the new year and the new millennium.

In addition to your prayers, I request your participation in the activities of the Valley of Rochester. I ask this on your behalf. Do yourself a favor and begin to get out of your membership all that you possibly can. As we enter the new millennium we have a number of exciting new programs which will provide you with unique experiences as a Scottish Rite Mason.

By now you should have received a copy of the "Northern Light". You will note two very interesting announcements in the November, 1999 issue.

The 32° Millennium Passport

The first concerns the new Millennium Passport Program. You will receive your 32° Passport in January as part of the Scottish Rite Millennium 2000 Program. This passport will be similar in size to a government passport. It will contain a separate page for a Valley stamp for each Degree. The page for the Degree will be stamped by the Valley where the member witnesses a particular Degree, along with the date.

Those who view all 29 Scottish Rite Degrees in full form will receive special recognition from the Supreme Council. Only Degrees witnessed after January 1, 2000, will be eligible for the stamping of the passport. To help members achieve the goal of witnessing all Degrees, we have been encouraged by the Supreme Council over a six year period to present all of the Degrees. To do so we are going to need your help. We will be contacting you for your participation, either in the cast or on the sidelines.

Jurisdiction-wide Class

On April 29th there is scheduled a once-in-a-lifetime Northern Masonic Jurisdiction wide conferral of the 32° Degree. All Valleys throughout the Jurisdiction will gather at the same time in some 50 locations to confer the Degree on a class of candidates.

For the Grand Finale on Saturday afternoon, April 29th, the Millennium Committee is putting together a unique 32 minute program that will be witnessed at the same time at each site.

Promptly at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight time, a live audio message from the Sovereign Grand Commander will be broadcast to each location. Immediately following the message, a special video production will be presented.

Frank T. Jansson, 32° MSA, Class Reunion Banquet

On January 8th the Fall Class Reunion of the Frank T. Jansson, 32° MSA, Class will be held at the Thruway Marriott. Cocktails will be available on a cash basis starting at 6:00 p.m. Dinner choices are: Tenderloin of Beef; Pistachio Chicken; or Baked Orange Roughy, all for \$20.00 per person. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Please send your reservation slip and check to the Scottish Rite Office at 875 Main St. E, Rochester, NY 14605, not later than January 3rd.

Valley of Rochester Meeting, January 20th

We have scheduled an All Bodies meeting for this night at 7:30 p.m. to be followed by a special program starting at 8:00 p.m. Your attendance is requested. Come on down for an interesting and informative evening.

Contributions to the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children

There have been questions on how contributions from Scottish Rite members, as well as non-Scottish Rite members, should be made on behalf of the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children.

All contributions should be made out to the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children and

mailed to John S. Curtis, 405 Edgerton St., Minoa, NY 13116. In turn, he will acknowledge to the sender that he has received his/her contribution and has forwarded it to the appropriate Learning Center Treasurer, who will send the tax form to the contributor.

Thank you!

Your participation as a member of the cast in the 2nd Section of the 32° on Saturday afternoon, November 20th, was greatly appreciated. It is dedication and participation by Brothers like you that add to this meaningful experience for the members of the Class. This recent portrayal was, in fact, one of the best in recent times.

Thank you kindly for your support!

Fraternally,
John E. Zabel, 33° and
Stephen R. Whittaker, 32° MSA
Co-Directors, 32°

Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Future

How often do you stop and think about the most important times of your past? Do you recollect to reconnect with people and places long gone? And do you share those thoughts with your nearest and dearest?

Maybe you feel that looking back is mere nostalgia, just a sentimental exercise with little interest for anyone else.

Think again!

It's easy to get bogged down in the day-to-day. Some people can't

even eat lunch or get a haircut unless they have written it down in their calendars two weeks in advance.

We all need to keep some perspective in our lives, the perspective the past gives us, and we need to share that perspective with others.

It's especially important to share our experiences and outlook on the past with the younger members of our families. An understanding of the past will form a crucial part of their foundation when they face future challenges we can't imagine.

You can help history come alive for younger generations by giving them a sense of what life was like "way back when". You can even pass along the stories of your own parents and grandparents, if you are lucky enough to have heard them talk about their old times.

Talk about your favorite moments and important events in your own past and your family's. If you're shy, write the stories down.

Of course, writing gives you a chance to select just the right words to convey your impressions and also preserves your stories.

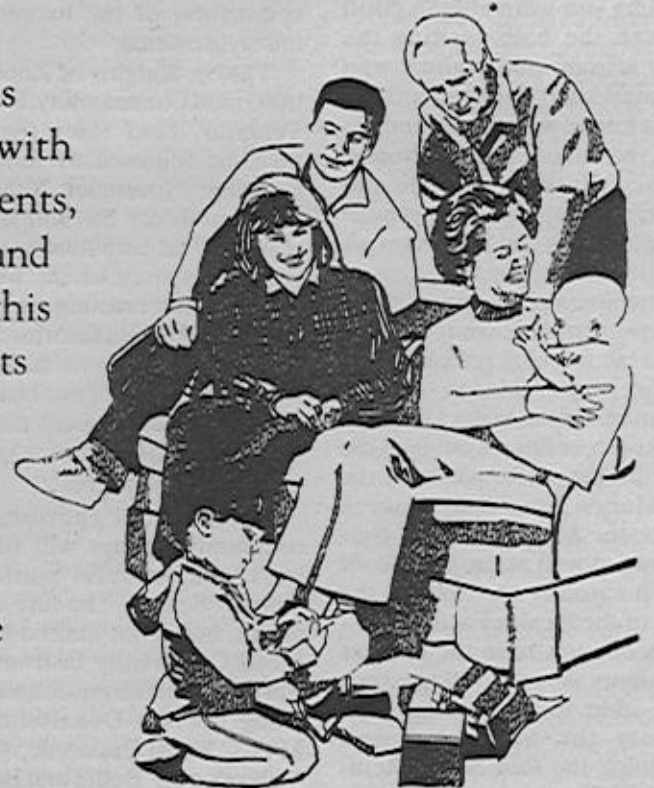
If you aren't a writer, try jotting down a few notes and tape them into your family photo album here and there. ("This was my favorite uncle, Joe, a Spanish-American War Veteran. Lived in Woodville and loved to fish in the Harper River.")

Don't have the patience to write notes? Talk into a tape recorder or point the video camera

Welcome the Future

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

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



Family Life
2000

Honor the past - Celebrate the future

SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM

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

Some people
come into our lives
and quickly go.

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and leave footprints
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at yourself. Inspire yourself by thinking how much you would enjoy being able to hear your grandfather's voice telling his favorite tale one more time.

If you're more into action than reflection, plan a visit to a place important to your family's history and take your children or grandchildren along. The younger they are, the closer in time and place these trips might be. Younger ones will probably find your old school building more interesting than your great-grandfather's Civil War battlefield. With older children, take a trip to historic sites in your community or to a history museum.

In this year 2000, we can prepare ourselves and our families for a brighter future in part by considering the lessons of the past.

For many years, the Scottish Rite Masons have sponsored family-centered activities during Family Life Week and at other times throughout the year. The Scottish Rite Masonic Family Life Program is intended to strengthen all families within our community. This year's program urges you to honor the past and celebrate the future through your family life.

How far can you see?

By Wayne A. Loble, 32°, Director of Development at the Supreme Council

Not long ago, it was discovered that the 40 foot long solid oak beams in one of the halls at Oxford University's New College had deteriorated and needed to be replaced.

New College was founded in 1379, and the beams in this building were now more than 500 years old. The architects set out to locate giant oaks so exact duplicates could be hewn. To the amazement of everyone, a grove of stately, tall oaks were found adjacent to the campus. An investigation revealed that the builders had planted tiny oak trees in anticipation of the time when new beams would be needed.

Masons have always thought ahead. Working masons built for the centuries, and Symbolic Masonry reminds us of the enduring quality of character. We build for today...and tomorrow.

That is why so many of our members are choosing to make a mark on the future by making a planned gift or bequest to a Supreme Council Scottish Rite Masonic Charity. They know that their gift will be helping others for decades to come. What they give today will be working 50 and 100 years from now. Those who come after them will see them as builders who had the vision to provide for the future.

The four Supreme Council Scottish Rite Masonic Charities offer unique opportunities for planned giving. For those who are interested in helping kids with dyslexia, a gift to the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children is particularly satisfying.

If you're concerned about maintaining the spirit of patriotism, you will want to think about helping the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage. Those who want to make sure young people from Masonic families receive financial aid for a college education will take pride in supporting the Leon M. Abbott Scottish Rite Masonic Scholarships.

The Scottish Rite Masonic Schizophrenia Research Fellowships offer dedicated scientists and doctoral students a way to

find answers to the riddles of mental illness, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Diseases. A planned gift here creates a legacy of knowledge that may improve many, many lives.

You may be surprised to discover that your planned gift or bequest may reach out further and touch more lives than you can possibly imagine. The men building the hall at New College a half a millennium ago had a personal lifespan of perhaps 40 years or less. But their vision was limitless. While our lives are longer, our vision can be just as clear. We, too, can plant trees for the future.

If you would like information about the benefits of making a charitable gift, planned gift, or bequest to one of the Supreme Council Scottish Rite Masonic Charities, please call me at 1-800-814-1432. You can also write me at P.O. Box 519, Lexington, MA 02420.

Bosnia Part II

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My favorite response was written by a young soldier to a family member which arrived in early December, thus:

"Not much is new here. Two weeks ago it started to rain here and instead of stopping it just turned to snow. We have gotten a lot of snow in the past couple of days.

Around here everyone is thinking about the holidays. I don't know if this is good or bad. It makes all miss home, but it also makes it seem like time is actually moving forward instead of the usual stagnant feeling.

Speaking of the holidays, when we were at Coyote Station we actually saw Santa. I know it is weird, but even though I am Jewish, it made me happy to see him. I don't think it had anything to do with Christmas, but simply the fact of how many times you see Santa at home in the mall, plastic lawn statues, flattened on doors, or TV commercials. I know you are probably making a face right now, but we really did see him.

He works for a government contractor at Coyote Station. I figured it is his job for the off season. If it is not him that we saw, this guy must be a relative. He had long white hair that sat on his head like tinsel on a tree. Connected to his hair was a thick white beard that framed rosy cheeks. He was the same body type as the jolly old man, he was so fat he kind of waddled instead of walked. He had a pretty good disguise, too. Instead of a stocking cap he wore a Cat tractors hat.

He tossed aside his usual red pants for jeans that he must have purchased at an American fat-body store, because we are the only country that would have clothes that big. For a shirt he had on a regular button down; I figured he wore it to not seem suspicious. The thing that gave his disguise away was that he was wearing the same wide suspenders he always wears in the pictures of him without his coat.

Well, I am going to get going now.

Love, Adam"

I had posted the addresses on the NYF&AM Listbot on the Internet and received a number of queries and responses from Brothers planning to get some letters out. Those responses were heartwarming, but very consistent with the beliefs we hold as a Craft.

Interfaith Service & Breakfast

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also served through the year as liaison with Logan's to assure a professional end result. Tom Paglia, during the past couple of years, has provided the stock and cut the tickets which he and Don Brugger designed.

The rest of the support group

Service Bureau Director, Linda Zahn, provided the bulletins, flowers and the like. Service Bureau Director, Angelo DiCataldo, served in various roles and provided the tremendous plaque which goes to the Dedicated Service Awardee. Barbara Goodrich produced the programs and bulletin data, made copies and handled distribution. Karen DiCataldo and Norma Gingold helped placing the programs on the tables. Helen Hook, Vern and Barbara Goodrich handled finances. Dan Walker made a valiant effort to get pictures, but equipment malfunction prevented a proper set of exposures for publication.

Al Pulcino, Commander of the James A. Hard-Wayne Charter Post No. 12 of the Masonic War Veterans, and the rest of the Post Color Guard, handled the patriotic ceremonies. Jim Coleman sang at the Breakfast. Paul and Joy Woodley, along with Ray and Hilde DiJames, performed ushering services.

Critique and plan

The Committee reconvenes April 28th in the Sarachan Library at the Downtown Temple. Improvements in programming have already been rendered for follow-up action. A year 2000 distinguished community person will be selected for our Award. Past Award recipients will continue to form the basic group from whom nominations are sought. Readers should feel free, however, to contact them or any committee member with thoughts on programming and nominees for the Award.



Master of Ceremonies, Jerry Flynn looks on as Gabe Dalmath, NBC News-10, 1987 Recipient of the DCSA (center), presents Distinguished Community Service Award to Don Alhart of ABC News-13 at the Service Bureau's Annual Interfaith Service and Breakfast.

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Thank you

First, I thank all the Companions and Brothers that supported me during my mother's illness and passing. That's what Masonry is all about. God bless you all.

I thank R..E.. Larry Dunn for his work this past year and for setting an example for which I shall strive to emulate. His calls to the Companions have been much appreciated by all and has improved attendance at meetings.

Installation

My Installation will be an Open Installation on January 13th at 7:30 p.m. This will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. R..E.. Raymond Beardsley will install the Officers and will be assisted by R..E.. Thomas Paglia, Marshal, and R..E.. Vern Goodrich, Chaplain.

Next meeting

The second meeting, on January 27th, will be a review of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, directed by V..E.. William Zufall, AGL.

Masonic Education Day

I remind the Companions about the Masonic Education Day, "The Seekers of Truth", to be held on Saturday, January 29th, at the Downtown Temple starting at 8:30 a.m. This is an event not to be missed.

Name tags

Please let me know if you need a Hiram Chapter name tag, the cost should be about \$6.00.

Happy New Year and I hope you all survive Y2K.

3x3 Chapter

NO. 333
Royal Arch Masons
(Chartered in 1990)



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7:30 p.m.

E.. Edward Gillott
High Priest - 889-2218
E.. Karl-Heinz Reich
Secretary - 426-6836
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Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

By J. David Goodrich

This is the last time I will be able to write as your High Priest, so I take this opportunity to thank each of you for granting me the privilege of serving as your High Priest and for the support given me.

New regime

I am pleased to announce that our Nominating Committee, un-

der the leadership of Chairman, V..E.. James McConnell, has proposed the following officers for the next year:

High Priest - J. Edward Gillott
King - George Springett
Scribe - E.. David Goodrich
Treasurer - R..E.. Ruel Lovett
Secretary - R..E.. Karl-Heinz Reich

Trustee - Eugene Brendel

By the time you read this article, they will have been elected and installed.

Give them support

I am sure you will support these officers and will cooperate with them as they guide the Chapter through another exciting and challenging year of excellent programs and growth. I am also sure you will support our new High Priest as he appoints officers and committees.

I thank all of you and I'll see you in the quarries.

Doric Council

No. 19
Cryptic Masons
(Chartered in 1861)



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Honored guest

At our January 19th meeting we will be honored by the presence of M..E.. Douglas Swan, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in the State of New York. It is an evening in which every Doric Council member can take pride. I sincerely hope that all will make a special effort to gather around the altar in his honor. Anyone needing a ride should contact me and I will make the arrangement. This meeting will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please make your reservations with Ed Walker at 647-2382 by January 14th.

In February and March we will again be conferring the Royal and Select Degrees. I mention these dates and encourage Companions to get in their petitions to add to those already planned. Remember that Royal Arch membership is a prerequisite to membership in Council. I also encourage our Brethren from other Councils nearby to join us.

Dues

By this time you will have received your dues notices for 2000. You will note that there has been an increase to cover the change in the Grand Council per capita. When Grand Council voted to increase the per capita, they also included in the change abolishing some nonmandated funding in order to keep costs down. I appreciated that consideration.

Proud sponsor

Doric Council will become one of the financial co-sponsors of the "Seekers of Truth" Program which will be held January 29th at the Downtown Temple. I am proud of our Council for sup-

porting this major event. I would be even more proud if Companions would support it by their presence and by bringing younger Masons who need to learn how to support District wide efforts.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our next Council meeting. Let me assure you that Y2K will not interfere with our ability to live and be in the reflection of a time honored message.

Nundawaga Council No. 92

4th Monday
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Master
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Ill.. Vernon Rupert
Recorder
343-8429

Joyous greetings

Companions-heres hoping that each and everyone of you have survived the holidays, that your Christmas was joyous and your New Year is filled with happiness.

We have entered the new millennium. It is now time to resume our labors in the secret vault. I'm also hoping that your New Year's resolutions will include a greater attendance at Masonic meetings.

Table Council

On November 22nd, Nundawaga held a Table Lodge in LeRoy Temple, the first in several years. It was well attended by members of other Councils and their ladies. Also in attendance were several dignitaries, representing other Masonic Bodies. The Right Puissant, Rev. Dr. Don C. Markham, General Grand Chaplain of General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, and his Lady, Helen, were in attendance. R..Ill.. Stephen A. Licht, Grand Marshal, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, and R.. Ill.. Douglas Poole, DD of the 8th Cryptic District and his Lady, Ruth, also attended.

R..W.. Kenneth Kohlhaugen, Deputy Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, also joined us.

Thank you

At this time I convey a special thanks to all who helped make this the success it was. To the Companions who helped serve the meal, also to those who helped with the clean up, to Companion Dick Anderson and his lady, Cathy, for all their extra help. Not to be forgotten, Companions Robert Forbes and Jerold Brade, I thank them for all their help.

Now that we have started, let us continue to make this an annual affair.

Official Visit

On January 24th, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the State of New York, Douglas J. Swan, will make his Official Visit to Nundawaga Council. The meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. Officers are to wear tuxes.

Change of By-Laws

At our January 24th meeting we will also discuss the changing

of our By-Laws. It will pertain to an increase of the dues for the coming year.

Our February meeting will be a Summoned Meeting to vote on the proposal.

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Happy New Year!

Depending on whom you listen to, welcome to the 21st Century. Hope all your electronic equipment is still properly functioning.

First off, I thank Sir Knight John Dudley, Captain General, for all his hard work on putting together our Christmas Toast; our Zone Advisor, Sir Knight and

Rev. Don Markham, for his stirring message, and most of all, to all the Sir Knights and ladies who attended.

Now it is time to work off all the Christmas Cheer we indulged in. Seems that practicing for our Inspection on March 6th may help us sweat off a few pounds. It is very important that as many of the "Old Sir Knights" as possible show up to teach the new members how things should be done. We really need your experience, plus some full lines!

At our first meeting on January 3rd, we will practice the Sword Manual. Also, I would like the Commandery to decide what Ritual parts we will do. The other major question is do we want an open or closed Inspection? The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight David Goodwin, says either is acceptable. So the choice is up to us (maybe we should let the ladies decide?).

After that all we have scheduled is practice, practice, practice! Attendance for the Officers is very important! Please remember if you cannot attend to please let me know ahead of time. That way we can get a replacement for you.

Past High Priests' Association of Western New York

What: Dinner Meeting

When: Saturday, January 26, 2000

Social Hour: 6:00 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Order from the Menu

Where: Cambria's Restaurant

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Poetry Niche

Contributions welcome

Prologue Spoken at the Theater at Dumphries.

No song nor dance I bring from
yon great city
That queens it o'er our taste - the
more's the pity!
Tho' by the bye, abroad why will
you roam?
Good sense and taste are natives
here at home.
But not for panegyric I appear;
I come to wish you all good New
Year!

Old Father Time deposes me here
before ye,
Not for to preach, but tell his
simple story.
The sage, grave, Ancient cough'd,
and bade me say:
'You're one year older this impor-
tant day.'
If wiser too - he hinted some sug-
gestion,
But 't would be rude, you know, to
ask the question,
And with a would-be-roguish leer
and wink
He bade me on you press this one
word - Think!

Ye sprightly youths, quite flush
with hope and spirit,
Who think to storm the world by
 dint of merit,
To you the dotard has a deal to
say,
In his sly, dry, sententious, prov-
erb way!
He bids you mind, amid your
thoughtless rattle,
That the first blow is ever half the
battle;
That, tho' some by the skirt may
try to snatch him;
Yet by forelock is the hold to
catch him;
That, whether doing, suffering,
or forbearing,
You may do miracles by perse-
vering.

Lo, tho' not least in love, ye youth-
ful fair,
Angelic forms, high Heaven's pec-
uliar care!
To you old Bald-Pate smoothes
his wrinkled brow,
And humbly begs you'll mind the
important - Now!
To crown your happiness he asks
your leave,
And offers bliss to give and to
receive.

For our sincere, tho' haply weak
endeavors,
With grateful pride we own your
many favors;
And howsoever our tongues may
ill reveal it,
Believe our glowing bosoms truly
feel it.

Robert Burns

Oatka History

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Wales, as well as France. Those areas' political history supports the anti-clerical bent, from the time of Henry VIII to the French Revolution.

Contrary to popular misconceptions, the Masons are a non-sectarian organization; one that Mr. Romer said leaves religion out of its meetings, but it is undeniably a mostly Christian organization.

Other topics not allowed in Lodges include business and politics, but many of our country's leaders have been Masons, and many current leaders are, as well.

The most famous Mason may be George Washington. Mr. Romer said many of our country's founders were Masons, and the organization helps teach and promote the ideal of working together in a disciplined hierarchy for a common goal. A fellow Mason, Governor Livingston, in a New York City Ceremony, swore in George Washington as President in 1789. The Bible used in the Ceremony in the first Capital of the newly formed country was the Masonic Bible of St. John's Lodge No. 1 in New York City.

In Scottsville, Tompkins Lodge No. 350 was established in 1821. Many of the founder families of Wheatland had members in the local Masonic Lodge, a popular group throughout the world until the infamous "Morgan Incident" of 1826.

Because Freemasonry relies on a great deal of symbolism, and secrecy, with secret rituals and handshakes an accepted part of it, a certain suspicion about the organization reached a head when William Morgan, allegedly a Mason, said he would divulge the secrets of the group by publishing a "tell-all" about them.

Morgan's threats of exposure fueled the flames of suspicion, Mr. Romer said, since there had always been great curiosity about the secret society. While Morgan's motives centered on a monetary reward for his "insider" information, he disappeared from a jail before any revelations were published, fanning public suspicion even more. When a body washed up on the shore of Lake Ontario, his wife was summoned to identify it. Although she denied it was her husband, it still convinced many that Morgan had been silenced by his fellow Masons for threatening to expose them. There is no evidence to support this.

The backlash against Freemasonry led to the closing of many local Lodges. The organization was denounced by the Baptist Church, which heaped a variety of charges against the Freemasons: that they promoted drinking and laziness, since meetings were held in taverns; that the secrecy necessary was to hide illegal and immoral acts and that the society set itself up as a religion, claiming it was formed by God. In the two years after the Morgan Incident, many Lodges did close.

One Lodge that stood firm was located in Lima. But that Lodge and its members were made to suffer for their steadfastness. Mr. Romer said smallpox-infected blankets were set afire and thrown into the Lodge during a meeting, infecting all the members present.

The Scottsville Lodge gave up its Charter, and it wasn't until 1875 that the Oatka Lodge Charter was established. The Oatka Masons, like many other fraternal organizations, have experienced rises and falls in member-

ship, with the highest memberships occurring during war years. Mr. Romer noted this is typical of the society, which has a strong following in the military.

Rochester had two major Masonic buildings, and two Knights Templar units, too. They joined together to build a civic arena, now known as the Auditorium Theater Complex. The Masons no longer own the Auditorium building, [but have retained the 3rd and 4th floors].

The Oatka Lodge features ornate woodcarvings and furnishings, taken from one of the old Rochester Lodges. All Masonic Lodges pay tribute to Solomon's Temple with two column topped by globes.

Mr. Romer shared a few slides of Masonic activities throughout history, pointing out more features that aroused suspicion. At one time, all gentlemen wore swords as part of their everyday dress. When Masons were shown wearing the swords, however, it was thought to have more sinister meanings. The abundance of symbols used made many people suspicious, but Mr. Romer said to a Mason, the symbols are easily decipherable, and occur with regularity at most Lodges. Wearing the symbolic apron also may inspire questions, but it is simply part of the society's origins. To me, it's reminiscent of a carpenter's nail apron, but it is much fancier and decorated. And the hats! Noting that Shriners are part of the Masonic Order, the fez is a traditional part of the Masonic uniform. Other Lodges also use a top hat or tricorner hat [in] their ceremonies.

In later years, the Knights of Columbus and Masons decided to [exchange fraternal relations], or at least collaborate. That organization also sports some eccentric dress, with swords, capes and plumed hats harkening back to earlier origins.

Masonic Lodges tend to hide their glory, though. Many Lodges rent out their lower levels to other businesses and organizations. They reserve the top floors for their own use. The Oatka Lodge is a perfect example. Housed in a former school building, the upper floors contain magnificent furnishings and grandeur not hinted at by the modest rooms downstairs. The soaring ceilings upstairs contain intricately carved richness, while downstairs, a nursery school formerly occupied space. Windows are covered over in much of the old structure, as if to shield it from the elements. The lack of light adds to the richness of the wood and leather upholstery, though, impressing the visitor invited in for a peek.

To become a member of the Masons, a man must seek them out. The Lodges do not recruit members, rather, members ask them to join. The Masons are a holdout against the political correctness push of the late 20th Century; women are not allowed to be members, though they can join the Order of the Eastern Star, a women's auxiliary, an organization sanctioned by the Freemasons.

Members of the Wheatland Historical Association attended Mr. Romer's talk, adding to their knowledge of the area. The Oatka Lodge has published its own history, and has a historian actively gathering information on the Lodge and its activities.

A long line of judges, lawyers, soldiers and other historically famous people have belonged to the Masons. Eli Parker, an aide

de camp with the Union Army, scribed General Lee's surrender at Appomattox. Parker was a famous Seneca Indian from this area. John Wayne was a Mason. Most presidents have been Masons, up until Gerald Ford, who took his role as a Mason very seriously. Both Bob Dole and Jack Kemp are Masons. In the wider world, Dave Thomas of Wendy's fame is a Mason.

Getting back to George Washington, did you know that he was [Master of his Lodge] in Alexandria Virginia, at the time of the Revolutionary War? Or that Harry Truman was Master of his Lodge in Missouri when he was a United States Senator?

As Mr. Romer stated many times, the history of Masons is the history of our country, and of Monroe County. None of the encyclopedias I looked in mentioned this organization's connection to President Washington, and the many people involved in it. The Morgan Incident still haunts the Freemasons today, [giving rise to distrust in the Fraternity]. But, with the beautiful buildings and brotherhood Masons have to offer, those at the Oatka Lodge are hopeful they can attract more and younger men to carry on their traditions. □

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nevolence on an individual basis, quiet and modest, from one heart to another, even if that is the most effective manner. We want the right hand and everyone else to know what the left hand is doing. We want our charity to be well organized with campaigns, slogans, quotas and great hullabaloo. We want super-duper institutions with bronze plaques on the walls to say, like Little Jack Horner, "What a great boy am I!"

Two: When Freemasonry is operating properly, it does things the hard way. We want none of that. We want efficiency. We don't want to be bothered by anything that will require more time and effort than the writing of a check.

Now let no man throw up a smoke screen with a charge that the Grand Secretary is attacking organized Masonic charities. I am doing no such thing. What I am attacking is the laziness, the complacency, the lack of vision with which we pour great sums of money into organized benevolences, and then, with self-righteous congratulations to ourselves, let it go at that.

I

Wherein do we fall short? Let's look in the mirror:

1. Is it worth mentioning? How often do we hear the Master call for reports of sickness at a meeting of the Lodge? In how many Masonic halls is the Box of Fraternal Assistance passed? In how many halls could such a box be found?

2. Do we remember? How often are the members of a Lodge called upon to assist in person, in some act of true Masonic charity? Are they ever asked to visit the sick, or is that assignment turned over to a retired Brother who has nothing else to do? How many years can go by without a Master Mason giving of himself in an act of benevolence, or charity, or brotherhood?

3. Are we interested? In far too many Lodges the payment of the annual per capita tax to the Grand Lodge is looked upon as the full discharge of all obligations pertaining to charity—an act which relieves every individual

member of further concern for the year ending December 31st. When I say that, unfortunately, I am not merely engaging in rhetoric; I am speaking of an actual fact.

4. First things last? In far too many Lodges even the easy expedient of soliciting voluntary contributions for the Masonic Home is pushed aside as something of minor importance if there is a new Temple to build or pay for. Self-indulgence comes at the head of the list.

5. Crumbs from the table? Each Lodge in Indiana is required to have a Relief Fund. But how much? I am ashamed to have the minimum figure seen in print. It is such a paltry sum that it could hardly do more than buy an occasional cup of coffee for a street beggar. The minimum should be twenty times its present amount.

II

There is another side to the coin. Let's look at that side for a moment:

1. Given the challenge to practice Masonic charity in its intimate and personal form, almost any Lodge and almost any individual Mason will respond with enthusiasm. More important, Freemasonry will then come to have a new meaning for them. A few years ago the Grand Master of Missouri, distressed by the perfunctory manner in which the charity obligation is discharged, set out on a campaign to encourage Lodges to perform their own acts of charity—voluntary acts, impulsive acts, without organization, without advance planning and ballyhoo. He asked each Lodge to send him a written report of what it had done. I read many of those reports, but not without a lump in my throat.

2. Any Lodge, large or small, which experiences the joy of giving of itself in a truly personal act of charity discovers that it literally has been born again. Once I heard the Senior Warden of a large Lodge describe the distress in the home of the widow of a deceased Brother who was making a brave struggle to hold her large family together. "It is not often we have calls for relief," he said. "Now this is our opportunity." Significantly, that Lodge is

not losing in membership and has no attendance problems.

A Past Master of a small Lodge which levied an assessment to meet a relief emergency sat in my office and declared, "That incident was the best thing that has happened to our Lodge in the 40 years I have been a Mason, for, until then, most of us had no clear idea of the true meaning of Masonry."

III

What does it all add up to?

Well, for me, it adds up to this: We are missing a golden opportunity for a great Masonic renaissance when we continue to let our American passion for bigness and efficiency dull the spirit of true Masonic charity. There simply is no substitute for the personal touch on the local level where it counts.

Don't tell me how many hundreds of thousands of dollars Freemasons contribute annually to organized benevolent projects. That is not the question at stake. And don't give me the old excuse that Lodges are prohibited from using their funds for purposes not Masonic. That, too, is avoiding the issue. Freemasonry, if it operates as such, is a relationship with individuals, and I insist on talking about the personal efforts of Lodges and individual Master Masons. I want to know what individual Masons are doing to relieve distress in their own communities, by their own effort.

Whenever a Lodge is opened and whenever it is closed, the Senior Warden tells the Master why he was induced to become a Master Mason. One of the reasons he offers is that he might "contribute to the relief of poor distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans."

Lip service? Sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal?

Not unless we make it so. The Brethren are here; they are as generous and kindly and thoughtful as they ever were. It is up to us to give them occasion to do what they have obligated themselves to do. Given that opportunity, Master Masons will respond in such a manner that the revival of Freemasonry will no longer be a fond hope—it will be here and now. □

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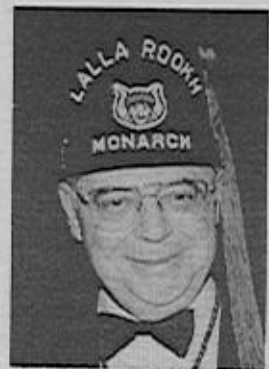
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M.O.V.P.E.R. Monarch



Ronald Morthorst

Monarch's Message

I hope your Christmas was full of joy and happiness. As this year comes to a close, I wish you a happy New Year full of good health and tidings.

I thank all the Prophets for the honor of being your Monarch this year. I'm proud to have served you and one of the finest Grottos in the realm.

I wish Monarch-elect, Leon VanHuben and his officers, a great year and know they will carry on the Lalla Rookh tradition into the year 2000. Come out and support them at the Installation, at our meetings and functions.

Enchanted Lanterns

They are available. Same donation as always, \$50.00. Send

your request to our Enchanted Lantern Ambassador, PM Dick Topel, 949 Bennington Dr., Rochester, NY 14616.

We were involved in Santa's Helpers Program at the Hillside Children's Center this year and it was a very enjoyable time. I thank those of you and the ladies who came out to help and hope they enjoyed it as much as I did.

Sickness and distress

Prophet Bob Bareham is at home. Stop in and say hello. We wish him a speedy recovery. □

From the Monarch-Elect

By Leon VanHuben

Starting in February, Lalla Rookh Grotto will be meeting in Doric Hall on the 3rd floor of the Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m. All Installations, rehearsals, and Ceremonials will be in Cathedral Hall for the year 2000.

I thank all for your support in my election as Monarch for 2000. I wish you all a Happy New Year and a year of good fellowship. □

Cast

By George Knierim, Director

The Grotto Cast Annual Dinner Meeting will be at Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo Road on Thursday, January 13, 2000. The Dinner will be at 5:45 p.m., with a choice of Prime Rib of Beef, Chicken French or Or-

ange Roughy, with dessert, tea or coffee.

Please call me at 865-0494 for your reservation. □

Dates to Remember

Thurs., Jan. 13th - Caldron regular meeting

Wed., Jan. 19th - Board of Governors-Rick's Prime Rib-Buffalo Rd. 5:45 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 20th - Caldron Executive Comm. Home of Doris Bell

Fri., Jan. 21st - Installation rehearsal-7:00 p.m. Cathedral Hall

Sat., Jan. 22nd - Grotto Installation Cocktails, 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. with reservation

Sat., Jan. 29th - Legion of Honor Installation-Dutch Mill Dinner at 6:00 p.m. with reservation

Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Happy New Year, Prophets

We hope you had a great holiday season. Now is the time to be working toward our Membership Drive for the year 2000 Class of new Prophets. Plans are being formulated for our Spring activities and more information will follow in future *Masonic Times* publications.

Please start promoting Lalla Rookh Grotto to a Brother Mason now. We urge all of you to do your best to sign up candidates for the year 2000 Class. □

Master of Ceremonies

By Ken Hutchinson

As my year of MC comes to an end, I would be remiss if I didn't give a very special thanks to the following:

Dick Topel for all the help he gave me through the year:

Frank Murrer for his help before the dinners, and:

Mike Bell for being dining room manager and cooking and serving several dinners.

All will remember the British reinactors, and Chuck White's program on our 25th President, William McKinley.

See you in the next millennium! □

Legion of Honor

By Leon VanHuben

I thank all my Officers and Legion members for their support in the year of 1999. Prophet Al Pulcino III, will be the new Commander-elect, with Installation on January 29, 2000. Installation Dinner will be a Buffet at 6:30 p.m. at the Dutch Mill. The cost per person will be \$14.00, which includes tax and gratuity. Reservations to be made to me at 647-1391 by January 20th. All reservations must be paid for. □

Caldron News

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening? The Past MCO's Christmas Party was held at the Dutch Mill on Sunday, December 12th. A good time was had by all.

We served the Grotto Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 15th.

The Executive Council was at the home of Daughter Beverly Murray on December 16th.

Daughter Arlene Topel and I visited our shut-ins with Christmas cheer.

Great to have Daughter Helen Frances back with us.

The next Caldron meeting will be Thursday, January 13th.

The Executive Council will meet January 20th at the home of Daughter Doris Bell.

A happy New Year to all. □

Take it for What it's Worth

Included here is a collection of expressions that have in one way or another crept into daily usage together with probable sources for them. The acceptance of these explanations is left to the reader's discretion.

Ann Hathaway and William Shakespeare married when she was 24 years of age. This was unusual because in those days most girls married at 11 or 12. Before she married she lived with her parents in a 3 bedroom house. Her parents shared one bedroom. She had one bedroom with a queen sized bed, but didn't sleep alone. She slept with her two sisters and six servant girls. They slept across the bed, not lengthwise; at least they had a bed. Ann's six brothers slept with 30 field hands on the floor of the other bedroom, each with his own blanket. Since there was no heat, the extra bodies kept the place warm. The fact that the average height of people in those days was 4' 8" for women and 5' 6" for men al-

lowed the 27 to occupy the same house comfortably.

Most couples married in the month of June in those days because they took their annual bath in about May, so they still smelled pretty good about that time, but they always carried a bouquet of flowers to hide any B.O.

The bath in May was a pretty big affair with the Master of the manor taking his first followed by the sons and the other men, then the ladies and finally the children with the babies being last; all in the same bath water. It got pretty thick about the time the babies were bathed which gave rise to the expression "don't throw out the baby with the bath water."

The roofs of the houses were thatched; covered with bundles of straw tied to the rafters with no wood underneath. This was a good place for small animals and vermin to accumulate and get warm. When it rained, however, these inhabitants were evicted, along with the collected droppings and filth, thus giving rise to the expression "it rained cats and dogs."

Since there was nothing to

stop the falling of critters into the house, cleaning became a big problem. In the bedrooms this problem was ameliorated by putting four posts on the bed and covering it with a canopy. That's how the beautiful big four posters originated.

Most homes had dirt floors, only the wealthy had something other than dirt, thus the expression "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors, but in the Winter they would get slippery and straw or thresh was spread about to relieve this situation. During the Winter more thresh was added until it got to be pretty thick. To prevent this "thresh" from being kicked out the door, they installed a board at the door to hold it in. From this practice originated the term "thresh hold."

In the kitchen they had a fireplace where all the cooking was done. Fireplaces were also built into the parlor or bedrooms. In the kitchen fireplace hung a large pot. Every day when the fire was lighted or rekindled things were added to the pot, mostly vegetables, they didn't have much meat. They would eat this stew and leave the leftovers in the pot and let it cool overnight for the next day. Sometimes the contents of the pot would get quite old; perhaps a month or more. Thus the rhyme "peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they would get hold of some pork. They really felt special when that happened and when company came over they even had a rack in the parlor where they would hang some bacon to show off. This was a sign of wealth, that a man had really "brought home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and sit around and "chew the fat."

If you had money, your plates

were probably made from pewter. Sometimes owing to the high acid content of the food, some of the lead would leach out into the food. This was really noticeable with tomatoes, leading to the misconception that tomatoes were poisonous. So they stopped eating tomatoes for 400 years. Most people, however did not have pewter plates, they used trenchers, a piece of wood slightly hollowed out, like a bowl, to hold their food. They never washed these boards and they would become infested with worms and

lead to contracting "trench mouth." If they were traveling and wanted to stay at an inn they usually were furnished the bed but not the board.

Bread, being scarce, was divided according to status. Workers would get the burnt bottom of the loaf. The family got the middle and guests would get the "upper crust". They also used lead cups and when they drank a lot of ale or whiskey the combination would knock them out for quite a

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Reflections

As 1999 comes to a close, I reflect back to some of the activities that we had during the year. I thank all those who participated. The credit for those functions belongs to the Divan and Nobles who put together and executed those events. My thanks to Jim Pray, Bill Hook, Dick Lippincott, Earl Pearce, and all who worked in the kitchen. A great job well done. We all enjoyed the delicious meals, not to mention the few added pounds!

Helping the children

My Brother Nobles, you should be proud of your efforts at the Hot Sands to create 69 new Nobles. Our work is not done.

We must continue to recruit new members. Only in this way will we grow and become stronger. This will enable us to carry on our work of making the children whole again.

Congratulations!

We congratulate Ill. Charles R. Frear on being elected Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army. This is a great honor for Charlie and we are all very proud of him. Further congratulations are due Ill. Cyrus Kloner for being appointed Chairman of the Annual Golf Tournament for the Salvation Army. Not only do they give freely of themselves to our great Fraternity, but also find the time to be active in the Salvation Army, which is a major community organization.

It has been a memorable year for Lady Lula and myself. My thanks go out to the Divan and ladies for their patience and support during the past year.

By now most of the holiday parties are over. However, do not forget the New Year's Party, our last party of 1999 and our first of 2000.

I wish each and every one a safe, prosperous and healthy New Year.

As I Am

This day, all unexplored belongs to me, to pattern as I choose. The end results shall all be mine No matter if I win or lose.

The trifles that come crowding in
Can neither vex nor irritate
So long as I have cognizance
That I am master of my fate.

I find no satisfaction in
Pretense behind a fulgent sham,
The mirror in my heart gives me
A true reflection as I am.

But this is balm, that I, far less
Than just a tiny grain of sand,
Can list my heart to Him for help
And know that He will lend a hand.

Esther Nilsson

This is dedicated to the memory of our departed Divan members, Donald Leisten and William Baldwin, and Past Potentate Norman H. Selke, as well as our Nobles who have been taken by the Black Camel:

Jack H. Braman, John L. Sunderland, Freiderich Griesmeier, William H. Carmon, John C. Landuyt, James A. Patterson, William A. Craib, Bruce Newman, A. Jack Lavine, Stanley E. Andrews, James E. Russell, Arthur D. Hauck, Elton O. Perrine, William Goldman, E. Harvey Rose, Michael N. Baroody, W. John Cameron, Edward R. Shaw, Arthur W. LaBaie, William H. Short, Basil L. Gillam, Everett C. Merritt, Wallace E. Fearnley, Allan E. Lowe, J. Kenneth Wright, James W. Hall, Sr., William D. Singer, Jr., H. Arthur Loomis, T. Kenneth Plain, Duane E. Gansz,

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By Joseph Minas

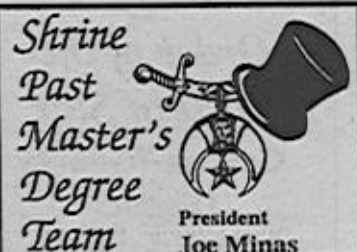
Nobles, as memories of the Holiday parties fade into the past, and the New Year is upon us, I wish you a seasonal greeting. I thank the members who attended the meeting in November. Everyone that attended the Geneva and Director's Staff Christmas Party had a wonderful time. A hearty welcome to the novices that became Nobles in the November Class.

Shrine enemy No. 1

I am more deadly than bullets.
I am acknowledged to be the
worst enemy of the Order.
I lurk in the unseen corners and
do my work with confidence.
You are warned against me, but I
heed it not.

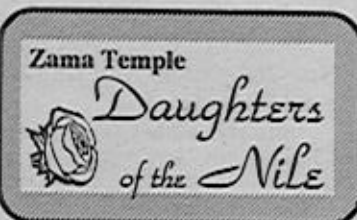
I am the personification spirit.
I am the member who's slogan is:
"What do I get out of the Order?"

Nobles, as we stated before, take the new members by the hand and lead them to the different Clubs and Units in the Shrine.



President
Joe Minas

Nobles we had a wonderful year, the time has passed by so fast. The Past Masters Degree Team portrayed the drama of the 3rd Degree at eight Lodges and we thank you very much for your help. Without your help, it could not have been done. Nobles, find out from your Masters if they want our Degree Team to portray the 3rd Degree for them, tell them to notify us. In the coming year the only Degree on our schedule is at Mt. Morris Lodge No. 122 on February 17th. Happy Holidays to all, may you have a joyful new year.

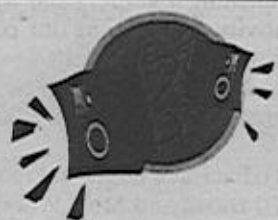


By Jean R. Friedrich, PQ

We hope you have had a joyful holiday season and are anticipating the advent of the next millennium with family and friends. This will be a truly landmark New Year-how fortunate we are to be here to celebrate it!

This is a good time to begin renewing your Nile activities and friendships. Call one other member and plan to attend our January 8th Session or February 12th Ceremonial with her. Your bright faces on the sidelines will light up the day. We look forward to welcoming you back again.

Another way to perk up your Winter days is to join one of our Units or Clubs. Their activities are many and getting involved is a wonderful way to make new friends. They all meet at Fairport Masonic Lodge.



Internet Chat Sessions and Radio Tour

Shrine CEO helps turn up volume on organization's visibility

The Shrine of North America employs a very dynamic and proactive public relations strategy. And this year, with the leadership of the Shrine's President and CEO Ralph W. Semb, the volume has been turned up even higher, resulting in an all-out communications blitz.

On August 30, 1999, Shrine history was made with the first live Internet Chat Session on the Shrine Web site, www.shriner-shq.org. Another Chat Session was held the evening of September 20.

The Chat Sessions are an opportunity for Shriners (or any interested individual) to participate and interact in real-time with the Imperial Potentate, via an easy-to-use Web-based interface. People who log on for a Session can "chat" with the Imperial Potentate by typing their question and viewing his response, as well as the questions asked by others, almost immediately. All that is needed is Internet access and a Java-enabled Web browser (i.e., one of the newer versions of Netscape Navigator or Internet Explorer).

Each of the first two Chat Sessions had between 25 and 30 people logged on at any given time, and

lasted at least two hours. Some of the topics addressed by "chatters" included the decline in Shrine membership, involvement of wives and

Divan.

"I think most people regard the Imperial Divan as untouchable," said Semb. "I'm trying to let everyone know that you



CAN communicate with your leaders, and participating in a Chat Session is an excellent opportunity to do just that!"

For more information on upcoming Chat Sessions, visit the Shrine Web site.

Another innovative communication activity recently coordinated by the Imperial Public Relations Department was a national Radio Tour. On August 31, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, Imperial Sir Semb conducted 20 telephone interviews — 12 taped and eight live — with radio stations throughout the United States.

Interviews were pre-arranged to discuss the topic, "Bringing back volunteerism in America and

how one volunteer-based organization is going about it." Ralph answered questions like: "What are the Shriners doing to recruit new members?" and "How do the Shriners maintain one of the largest charities in America?"

The interviews were aired at least 86 times by 68 radio stations and network affiliates around the country. Not only did our message reach a vast number of people, but it was done at a tremendous cost saving to the Shrine, as all interviews were conducted via telephone from the Public Relations Department at International Shrine Headquarters in Tampa.

Communication and public awareness are key to the success of any organization. Throughout the next Imperial Year, many creative communication tools, like the Radio Tour and Chat Sessions, will be utilized — improving communication lines and turning up the volume on the visibility of the Shrine and Shriners Hospitals.



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Happy New Year from the Times Staff!

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HiLights
Order of the Eastern Star
GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT
Rt. Wthy. L. JANET LEE
DDGM
Rt. Wthy TIMOTHY L. BUCKNAM
DGL

With the coming New Year and the new century come new officers in our Chapters. The Installation of these officers for 2000 will be held as follows:

January 4th—Thorpe Chapter No. 462—8:00 p.m., Masonic Temple, Attica; Perry Chapter No. 497—7:30 p.m., Perry.

January 10th—Hesperus Chapter No. 823—7:30 p.m., Bergen

January 14th—Vernon Chapter No. 611—8:00 p.m., Java Village.

January 15th—Batavia Chapter No. 267—Open Meeting—8:00 p.m., Batavia.

January 17th—Olive Branch Chapter No. 509—7:30 p.m., LeRoy.

No date is available for Arcade Chapter No. 337. Please call the Secretary at 492-2490 for details.

Installations have already been held in Stebbins Court Chapter No. 503 on December 1st and Centennial Chapter No. 299 on December 6th.

This year the District Study Club will be called the Y2K Study Club. The next meeting will be January 15, 2000. It will be held at Perry Chapter No. 497 in Perry at 10:00 a.m. The members of Perry Chapter will serve lunch after the meeting, and a small fee will be charged.

Once again the members of the District are saving canceled postage stamps, soup labels and pull-tabs from pop cans. All donations are gratefully accepted and can be given to any District Chapter member or sent to me at my school address:

Miss Janet Lee, John Kennedy School 166 Vine Street, Batavia, NY 14020.

May the joyous sounds of the holidays bring happiness to your hearts and homes.

Order of the Eastern Star HiLights

MONROE DISTRICT
STATE OF NEW YORK

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Doris
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DGL
Rt. Wthy.
Michael
Bell

Another month has flown by. The Monroe District Christmas Party on December 5th, was quite the festive occasion. Congratulations to the winners of the share baskets, and thanks to all for the goodies, especially the trifle!

We were stunned to hear of Rt. Wthy. Ron Merten's accident. Ron, we send you good thoughts and prayers for a very speedy recovery.

Kudos to Chapters in the District for completing a successful 1999. 2000 is upon us, bringing challenge and opportunity. The Organizational Meeting for the newly elected Line Officers is to be on January 15th at the Downtown Temple, 875 Main Street East. Bring your appetites (we're lunching together) and your creativity. I have sent out personal notes with the details.

I will leave the New Year's greeting to Rt. Wthy. Michael...

To Pat Buchanan and Jane Fonda
To David and Most Worthy Wanda

To Long John Silver and his parrot
To Debbie L. and Norman Barrett

To Charlotte's new Matron, Judy
To Clarabelle and Howdy Doody

To Stephen Wright, to Penn and Teller
To George Bundoc and Evie Heller

To Buffalo where Doug Flutie roams
To Mary Jane and Sherlock Holmes

To Leah, Germania, and Oatka
To Taxi's Reverend Jim and Latka

The Cherry Pies guys Skip and Flip
To all Corinthian-Fellowship

To Etolian and the Monroe crowd
To Georgia Schutt and Alida Doud

To Fernando and Lorenzo La mas
To all the millennium Mamas

To Fairport and ER's George Clooney
To Rochester and Andy Rooney

To Irondequoit and to Lea Court
To Chevy Chase and Martin Short

To Vince Carter, Toronto Raptor
To all in Henrietta Chapter

To Frosty, Rudolph and the Grinch
To Nancy and Roger Lynch

To Samsung, Yamaha and Sony
To Allen Jeerings and to Toni

To Dorothy Wolfe and Felicia Clark
To Jabberjaws, the cartoon shark

To Homer Simpson, to Burn's louse
To Jean Howlett, to Mickey Mouse

Now the rhymes are getting harder
To Joe Montana, to Jimmy Carter

Words escape me...in a quandry
To Worthy Neil and Donna Laundry

To Johnny Rotten, ex-sex Pistol
To Norrairie Voegtler, to old Bob Crystal

To Pappy Yokum, to Evil-eye Fleegel
To Ann Marie Walczyk and Chuck Spiegel

As Strauss' Zarathustra Spake
To Charlotte, way up on the lake

To Webster and to 5-0's Dano
To Jim Coleman and Barbara Spano

To Michael Jordan and Larry Bird
To George W. Bush and Mortimer Snerd

To Tiny Tim and Ebenezer
To Barbra S (he calls her Beezer)

Niagara to the Tappan Zee
Hudson to the Genesee
Tigris to the Irawaddy
Happy New Year Everybody!

South Dakota

By Alida Doud, Representative to the State of South Dakota

In October, with Rt. Wthy. Cecil Losinger as my traveling companion, I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Sessions in the State of South Dakota as their Representative from New York. It was held in the city of Pierre, the Capital of that State.

The theme of the Sessions was the "Tree of Life". Upon registering, each person signed a "leaf", some yellow, some green, and then each leaf was attached to an almost life-sized drawing of a

tree, which was in the East. During the three day Sessions, some of the leaves fell, which made the tree almost seem real.

My counterpart, their Representative to the State of New York, Marvin Hoffer and his wife, Carol, were a delightful couple. We took a mini-tour, with Carol as our guide, seeing the Capital Building and the Statue of the Raging Horses, a tribute to seven men who were killed in an airplane crash. Among the group was their Mayor and his staff.

The meetings were very interesting, although different in presentation than in New York. The floor work was very well done. I believe that attendance was about 600.

Membership is also a problem in their Chapters.

I am anticipating a return trip in the year 2000 and renewing acquaintances.

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
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By Wthy. Avis Theis
2000

We are quite privileged to be here to welcome a new century. I'm sure it will take some getting used to writing a new number! If only our prayers could be answered and there be no wars to mar the new century.

Concerns

Wthy. Bernie Riley has been in and out of the hospital and hasn't been a bit good. We pray the new year will be brighter for her and her family.

Thanks

I will be retiring with this issue of the *Masonic Times*. It has been a nice experience. I enjoyed hearing from many of you and hope you will keep in touch with the Chapter and me. I hope for you and yours a healthy and happy New Year.

News from Alice Hassett

Our Annual Meeting was held December 7th, featuring Annual Reports and Election of Officers. We always appreciate hearing from our Sisters who are unable

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St. Joseph House of Hospitality
We will be serving Lunch in March.



to attend our meetings. At this meeting, notes were read from Sister Doris Ray (Fl), Wthy. Eleanor Dick (Fl), and Worthy Alta Smith (Ca). We had a brief note from Sister Pat Cork, here in Rochester.

A rehearsal for Installation will take place in the Lodge meeting rooms at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 2nd.

On January 4th, the following officers will be installed at an Open Meeting:

Matron-Antoinette (Toni)

Jeerings

Patron-Brother Alan Jeerings
Assoc. Matron-Wthy. MaryAnn Sovocool

Assoc. Patron-Rt. Wthy. Bill Baxter

Conductress-Alice Hassett

Secretary-Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings

Treasurer-Wthy. Vickie Gross

Please wear long colored formals.

Our regular meeting will be January 18th at 7:30 p.m.

The Committee for January is: Sister Dee Maxfield, Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings and Wthy. Jean Stuart.

Christmas Party

On December 14th, Wthy. Kim and Santo Morici were honored at dinner at Rohrbach's on Buffalo Road. Our thanks to them for a most successful year.

Attendees also enjoyed a gift exchange of wrapped Christmas ornaments.

January birthdays

Best wishes to Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings, Sister Doris Daycock, Sister Alice Hassett, Wthy. Brenda Riley, Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi and Wthy. Mary Shakeshaft.

Rochester Chapter No. 314

Order of the Eastern Star

Matron

Wthy. Linda Zahn 381-4241

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By Wthy. Evelyn Ann Heller

Rochester Chapter's Installation will be January 15th at 8:00 p.m. This will be an Open Installation. There will be a closed meeting prior to Installation to finish up some reports that could not be given at the Annual Meeting. If you are going to be an officer for 2000, rehearsal will be on January 9th at 2:00 p.m.

I hope that everyone had happy holidays. Let's start the new year off with a great Installation. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Sickness and distress

Keep Rt. Wthy. Ron Mertens in your prayers as he was hit by a car early in December. I am sure cards would be greatly appreciated. Keep Sister Georgia Coates in your prayers, also. She is still undergoing dialysis. I am sure she would like to get some cards, too. At this time I know of no other sickness or distress. Please keep me informed.

I look forward to an exciting and enjoyable year as Matron. We are going to be trying some new and different things in the coming year. I hope that you will all enjoy them. Start thinking now about hats. There will be a hat show with 100 years of hats.

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The Grotto and DeMolay

This year there are four outstanding DeMolays receiving scholarships sponsored by the Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm (the Grotto) through their Humanitarian Foundation. The Grottoes of North America have made available, for many years, these scholarships to assist the young men of DeMolay seeking careers in the field of medicine. The four selected recipients this year are:

William Juan Calvo, Ph.D., of Buffalo, New York. Dr. Calvo has a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering and is in his second year at SUNY at Buffalo, School of Medicine. As a Past Master Councilor of Nathan Hale Chapter in Flushing, choosing to major in engineering first, did not put off aspirations of becoming a physician for Dr. Calvo. With his interest in biomedical engineering and medicine, Dr. Calvo is involved with the study of blood vessel behavior under various flow conditions, coupling both physiology and engineering. The valuable lessons he learned through DeMolay of leadership and service, have nourished Dr. Calvo while pursuing his many and lengthy academic goals.

Michael Keller, of San Antonio, Texas, is a Pre. Med. sophomore at Creighton University. Michael is a member of Albert Pike Chapter of DeMolay. He is a Past Master Councilor and a Chevalier. Michael is a Residence Hall Council member, serving as Resident Advisor orienting incoming freshmen students to life at Creighton. He also volunteers for Habitat for Humanity. He is a dedicated student, committed to serving his fellow man and his community.

Christopher Leichter, currently of Ogden, Utah, an exceptional DeMolay from Idaho's Twin Falls Chapter, is a Past Master Councilor, a Chevalier and was awarded the Founder's Membership Award, the Meritorious Service Award and the Distinguished Service Award. Christopher is in his second year at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He received an undergraduate degree in Chemistry from Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois, in 1998, graduating Summa Cum Laude with a cumulative GPA of 3.91, receiving only grades of A or A-, an outstanding academic record.

Christopher was involved in many other activities while at Lake Forest, some of which were the Dramatic Society, three year varsity cross country and assistant in the Chemistry and the Library Departments. Professor of Chemistry, William B. Martin at Lake Forest College says of Chris, "he is an exceptionally fine, mature, bright young man with great passion and commitment to medicine. He will be an outstanding, productive physician."

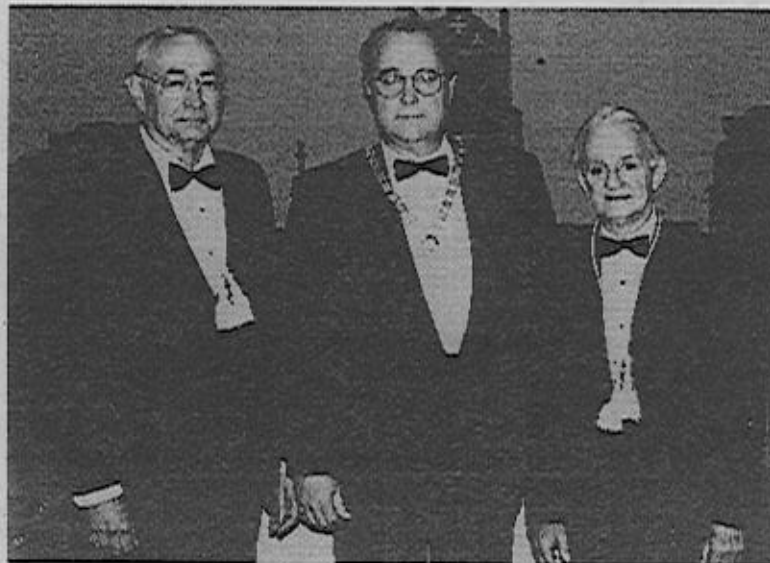
Sergio Dering, a member of Fidelity Chapter in Glenshaw, Pennsylvania, will be a freshman with emphasis in Pre. Med. studies at Haverford College in Haverford, Pennsylvania. Robert T. Matasich, District Deputy of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, says of Sergio, "he is an outstanding member of the Order of DeMolay, displaying all of the Order's values of good citizenship, leadership, fraternalism and charity." Anne C. Frazier, who teaches Honors American Literature at Pittsburgh's Shaler Area High School says Sergio's passion for humanitarian causes and his belief in the power of the inherent goodness of mankind, are prevalent in his everyday actions, and often his perceptions were key to everyone else's discovering new insights.

DeMolay Legion of Honor



Hadi-Ya-Daga Preceptory

Two Local DeMolay Leaders are Recognized by the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay
By Stephen R. Whittaker, Active DeMolay LOH, Past Dean Hadi-Ya-Daga Preceptory, DeMolay



John R Fuller, Paul R. Chisholm - E.O. New York Order of DeMolay, Kenneth Rhodes.

Legion of Honor, Rochester, NY.

On Sunday, November 14, 1999, a local Masonic Brother was recognized by the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay, by being knighted with the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor. This special event took place in Syracuse. Local Mason, Kenneth Rhodes, along with noted Syracuse Mason, John R. Fuller, were knighted by the New York DeMolay Executive Officer, Paul Chisholm, and an accompanying team of officers.

Brother Michael Staub was unable to attend because of medical situations. This investiture was a joint effort between the Hadi-Ya-Saga Preceptory of Rochester and the Central New York Preceptory of Syracuse. This investiture took place in the Memorial Masonic Center in North Syracuse, the new home of Masonry in the Syracuse area.

Also in attendance were the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Duncan Bellinger, the Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Ralph Bailey, and the Grand Treasurer, R.W. John R. "Bud" Prout. The Investiture Team of 13 Masons had two Past Grand Masters, a Past Grand Warden, two Past Grand High Priests, several Past and current Grand Lodge Officers, four 33° Scottish Rite Masons, as well as members who had achieved a number of other special accomplishments.

The Legion of Honor is the highest Degree and honor conferred by the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. It is awarded in recognition of outstanding adult leadership in some field of endeavor that serves God, country and humanity. The Active Legion of Honor is awarded to a Senior DeMolay over 30 years of age. The Honorary Legion of Honor is awarded to a Mason who has not been a DeMolay, for unusual and meritorious service on behalf of DeMolay. A Red Cordon distinguishes an Active Legionnaire while a White Cordon distinguishes an Honorary Legionnaire.

In Memoriam

November

Brink, Harvey F., Sr.

Harvey entered Eternal Rest on November 12th. He was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 and is survived by his wife of 52 years, June, 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Uthe, Otto H.

Otto was 84 years old when he passed away on November 12th. He was a member of Fame Lodge No. 945, Rochester Consistory, and Damascus Temple Shrine. He is survived by 2 children and one granddaughter.

Benedict, Rick B.

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 lost a member with the death of Rick on November 16th. He is survived by his wife, Carol, and 2 sons.

Amdursky, Harry S.

Death claimed Harry on November 17th. He was a 55 year member of Flower City Lodge No. 910, and also belonged to Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine.

Tomer, Clifford W. II

Clifford was called Home on November 19th. His wife, Muriel, died on November 4th. He was a member of Churchville Lodge No. 667 and is survived by 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

Godfrey, Bruce

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Bruce on November 20th. He was a member of Clio Lodge No. 779 and is survived by his wife, Jane, daughter and grandson.

Kurkowski, Rev. Braynard E.

A Life Member of Towpath Lodge No. 163 and other Concordant Bodies outside the Rochester area, Braynard went to be with the Lord on November 20th at the age of 93. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary, 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Cowie, Earl W.

Earl was a 54 year member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 at the time of his passing on November 22nd. He is survived by one son and grandson.

Martin, Clarence J.

Clarence passed away on November 25th. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Edyth, 2 sons and 5 grandsons.

December

Fuller, Hollenden, Jr.

Batavia Lodge No. 475 lost a 52 year member with the death of Hollenden on December 7th. He is survived by 1 son.

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

DuBois, Leonard L.

Leonard was a Past Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and died in Florida on June 13th.

Kingdon, Gerald L.

Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 lost a member with the passing of Gerald on December 6th. He was a resident of Florida.



Bruce Widger - HLOH, Henry J. Fisher - LOH, Calvin G. Bond - HLOH, Eugene C. Ellis - HLOH, Gary L. Burke - LOH, Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr. - LOH, Paul R. Chisholm - E.O. LOH, Ronald D. Mertens - LOH, Robert H. Marble - LOH, Keith B. Rung - LOH, Richard E. Rosenberger - LOH, James D. Swan, Jr. - LOH, Stephen R. Whittaker - LOH.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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2000

- Feb. 5 "Road to the East", 8 a.m., DDT
- Mar. 18 Widows Luncheon, Logan's Party House
- Apr. 18, 20 Scottish Rite Reunion, Downtown Temple
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For What its Worth

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while, sometimes for days. So the families, thinking they were dead, would pick them up and bring them home to get them ready for burial. They realized, from experience that sometimes they might wake up, maybe not. So, they would lay the body out on the kitchen table for a couple of days, of course the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait to see what happened. That's where the custom of the "wake" comes from.

England being a rather small place, ran out of places to bury people so they started to dig up old coffins, take out the bones and reuse the graves. When this practice started they found scratch marks on the inside of the coffin lids, indicating that the person may have been buried alive. From this came the custom of attaching a rope to the persons wrist before burial which was extended up above the surface. The other end of this rope was attached to a bell. A person would be assigned to watch in the graveyard through the night, the "graveyard shift". So if the deceased woke up and started moving, the bell would ring and hopefully they could be dug up in time and be "saved by the bell" or he would be a "dead ringer".

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By George Bracht

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

The Deadline for the February issue is:
Jan. 10, 1999



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Calendar January 2000

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9 ERAC - E. Rochester - 2nd Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	10 Batavia Craftsman/Robertson-F Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3x3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah	11 Churchville Oakka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Service Bureau Luncheon Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner OES - Batavia, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship	12 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City - 3rd RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery Lalla Rookh Caldron	13 Wakan/Hubbard District Euchre Tournament Penfield Temple RT. 441 & 5 Mile Line Rd.	14 Monroe M&W ERAC 10 a.m. Eastern Star Grand Officers 10 a.m. OES - Rochester Chapter Installation	15 Lalla Rookh Grotto Installation of Officers Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Installation - 7:00 p.m. Downtown Temple
16 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner - 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Jan. 12 & 26 East Ave. Hilton G/W Council Masonic Acts. Warsaw - 2 p.m.	17 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club Martin Luther King's Birthday	18 Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton Germania Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Fairport, Nola, Perry, Webster	19 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Monroe School of Ritual Doric Council - RSM OES - Lea Court, Oakka	20 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster - 1st Scottish Rite Meeting and Program RAM - Western Star OES - Lea Court, Oakka	21 Flower City Lodge Bring-A-Friend Night	22 Past Masters Supper Club
23/30 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RSM - Nundawaga OES - Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club	24/31 Arcade Batavia - 3rd Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport	25 Churchville Oakka - Scottsville - 2nd Past High Priests' Assoc. Cambria Rest. Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship	26 Eagle Valley - Bliss RAM - Hiram	27 Past Masters Supper Club	28 Fingerlakes Chapter Philaethes Society "Seekers of Truth" 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Downtown Temple	29